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DEATH OF ARTHUR MASON KNAPP.

The death of Mr. Arthur Mason Knapp, Custodian of Bates Hall, in the Boston Public Library, occurred on Tuesday, December 27, at his home, 52 Montgomery street.

Mr. Knapp was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., August 3, 1839. He became identified with the Boston Public Library in 1875, and in 1878 was placed in charge of Bates Hall. In this position he remained up to the time of his death. The funeral services were held on Friday, December 30, 1898.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW SOUTHERN TERMINAL STATION.

At noon on Friday, December 30, 1898, the new Southern Terminal Station, at the foot of Summer street, was opened for inspection to a large number of invited guests. The building was open to the public throughout Saturday, and on Sunday, the first instant, it was put in service for purposes of traffic.

Formal dedicatory exercises were held at 1 P.M., on Friday, the thirtieth ultimo, in

the spacious waiting-room of the station. Mr. Charles P. Clark, President of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, who is also President of the Boston Terminal Company, presided, and spoke as follows:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: On the fourth of January, 1896, less than three years ago, I was invited to meet the Hon. Josiah Quincy for the first time. During the evening, Mr. Quincy, elected but not yet installed as Mayor, insisted that the interests of the city required the establishment of a single passenger station upon the south side of Boston, and announced that, if possible, he intended to bring it about during his official term.

Representing in some sense three of the four railroads entering Boston on the south, and appreciating the benefits to them if the stations could be consolidated, I replied to Mr. Quincy frankly that it seemed desirable, also, from the railroad standpoint, and suggested that he confer with the Boston and Albany Railroad officials, believing that they would acquiesce, provided a suitable site could be found and equitable arrangements made.

Within the next six months this site was selected, a large proportion of the land acquired, the approval of the directors of the five railroad companies secured, this location approved by the Mayor and his counsellors, an agreement made that while the railroads should construct the station at their sole expense, the city itself should widen and make such changes in its streets as the situation demanded, and upon this basis Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1896, chartering the Boston Terminal Company, was passed by the Legislature and approved by Governor Wolcott, the Terminal Company itself organized, and five Trustees appointed.

These Trustees—Samuel Hoar, representing the Boston and Albany Railroad; Royal C. Taft, the Boston and Providence; Charles L. Lovering, the Old Colony; Francis L. Higginson, the New England, and Charles P. Clark, the New York, New Haven and Hartford—present for your inspection and approval to-day this station as the result of their best judgment, formed after one hundred meetings.

The first of July, 1896, found us under the excitements and anxieties of the last national campaign, but during the remainder of that year much land was acquired, many buildings occupying the site were demolished, and our resident engineer, Mr. George B. Francis, and our architects, Messrs. Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge, were devising the plans of what you see to-day. To these plans, which were approved by Mayor Quincy December 22, 1896, and by the Railroad Commissioners January 4, 1897, the Trustees gave personal supervision, and were materially assisted by the chief engineers of the interested railroads, Messrs. Shepard, Curtis and Bidwell.

The provisions of the terminal charter are such that its bonds have commended themselves to trustees and guardians. In fact, the greater part of the cost of this building, and of this land has been furnished by the depositors of Massachusetts savings banks, and the structure, therefore, stands for the property of the wage-earners of this Commonwealth.

The necessary funds being thus provided, and the plans approved, the actual work of erection commenced early in January, 1897, a little less than two years ago. That it has been diligently prosecuted must be evident to you all; that the contractors have done their work well must be apparent. And now the Trustees, engineers, architects and contractors unite in the hope that this Southern Terminal Station, fashioned as best we know, may, in the years to come, commend itself in all its arrangements to the judgment and approval of those to whose use it is to-day dedicated.

President Clark concluded his remarks by introducing His Honor Mayor Quincy, who spoke as follows:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: We meet here to-day at the formal opening and dedication of a great building, unique in many respects, not only by far the largest structure in this city, but one of the greatest in the area which it covers ever erected by the hand of man anywhere in the world. This building, although under corporate ownership, is essentially of a public character and dedicated to the service of the people; it is appropriate

for this reason, as well as on account of her necessary connection with the undertaking from its very inception, and of her financial contribution to the street changes which made it possible, that the City of Boston should be represented at these brief exercises. It is no small satisfaction to me, both personally and officially, that I am able to see to-day the substantial completion of the project of a Southern Union Station, which I advocated on assuming office just three years ago—with small expectation, to tell the truth, that conditions would permit its accomplishment—and to show to the citizens of Boston the great tangible result of the somewhat unusual official responsibilities which I have had to bear, as their representative, in connection with the planning and carrying out of this work. This great terminal station, laid out upon such a comprehensive scale, so liberal in its accommodations and so complete in its equipments, will hereafter rank as one of the great public buildings of this city—a source of pride to its citizens, an object of admiration to strangers.

The progress of civilization itself has been based very largely upon improvements in transportation, and the stage of development which a community has reached can be very closely measured by the facilities which it possesses for the movement of passengers and goods. Within the century, just drawing to a close, Boston has developed from a small town, with a stage line ending at a tavern, to a great municipal community, the centre of one of the most populous districts of the world contained within a radius of fifty miles, with this magnificent station to serve as a terminus of travel. Public buildings afford the most concrete expression of the life and character of a community and of its degree of advancement. The opening of such a structure as this will raise to a distinctly higher level the impression which Boston will hereafter make upon the traveller who visits our city, to compare it with others, for he will here find one of the very finest examples of a great passenger terminal to be found anywhere in the world, and the impression will be created upon his mind from the moment of his arrival that it must be no mean city which receives the stranger in such ample and dignified surroundings. Surely also some stronger impression of the importance of the metropolitan district in which they live, and of the magnitude of its interests, will be made upon the minds of those who will make up the great tide of travel which will daily pass to and fro through this station.

If this undertaking, now largely completed for use, is not wholly a Boston, or even a Massachusetts, one, it at any rate belongs distinctively to New England; and to my mind it will stand as a conspicuous monument

of many of the qualities characteristic of New Englanders, which have enabled them and their children to play such a large part in the wonderful development of this great country to its present point. This has not been an easy enterprise at any stage, and it has only been the clear conception of a great opportunity, and an unfailing determination to grasp it, joined with financial courage and engineering ability of the highest order, which have enabled us to dedicate this station to-day. Narrow-minded men would not have been able to comprehend the problem, timid men would not have dared to assume the necessary responsibilities, weak men would not have been strong enough to carry them, corrupt men would have abused their trust. It is because those connected with this enterprise, in so many different capacities, were types of New England character, of her enterprise and courage, of her solid strength and rugged honesty, that this station stands completed here to-day. The voice of the detractor and calumniator, of the small man who is unable to do any constructive work himself, and whose largest conception is that of obstructing the work of others, can indeed never be wholly silenced; but his feeble note will soon be drowned by the noise of the trains which will daily enter and leave this station, with their tens of thousands of passengers, and he cannot tear down what other hands have built.

This terminal station may well be regarded as a striking example of the great results which can be brought about through the force of co-operation. It represents, first, the co-operation of five distinct corporations, and then co-operation between them as an association, and the public, represented by the City and the State. Without the voluntary union of the railroads concerned, this enterprise would never have had its inception; without the support of the City, represented by its executive, and the State, through its Legislature, it could never have been carried to completion. In looking back, it seems extraordinary that all the conditions essential to success could be realized, that all these necessary interests and authorities could be induced to co-operate and work in harmony. Yet the visible result is before us, and tells us that this has been accomplished. The work is done, and with the beginning of the new year this building will begin to serve the public purposes for which it was conceived to which we now dedicate it.

In ancient and mediæval times the city was surrounded by a wall, to keep out enemies and unwelcome visitors, and strangers could only enter through a gate; from which it arose that the freedom of the city was bestowed with formality, and

received as a privilege, or as a mark of honor. In this age the old spirit of exclusiveness has been largely broken down, and a modern city, instead of fortifying itself behind walls, throws open every avenue of approach, and invites everyone in the world to enter its limits. In place of the old city-gate, through which the stranger could pass only by permission, we open to-day in Boston this wide and spacious gateway of unrestricted travel, and we invite all the world to pass freely through it, and to enjoy the full freedom of the City of Boston.

MINORS' LICENSES.

"School Document No. 13, 1898," contains the annual report of the Committee on Truant Officers. The Committee deems it unnecessary to carry out its original intention of preparing a report containing a summary of the Acts of the Legislature of 1898, concerning the employment of children and their attendance at school, inasmuch as the State Board of Education has recently issued a circular, which substantially covers the ground. Therefore the present report is devoted to the consideration of minors' licenses.

Following is a summary of the report:

On May 2, 1898, the following order was passed by the Board of Aldermen:

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered by this Board, no license shall be required for the sale of newspapers by minors, and the provisions of Chapter 2 of the Revised Regulations of 1892 are hereby suspended, so far as they relate to the selling of newspapers.

On September 6 an order was passed, "providing that the suspension of said regulation (as above) shall apply only during active hostilities in the present war."

In reply to an inquiry as to the effect of such unrestricted opportunity upon school-boys engaged in the sale of newspapers, Mr. Webster, Master of the Eliot School in North Bennet street, reported that he was of the opinion "that the epidemic of juvenile crime prevailing for the past few months in this district is largely the outgrowth of the order passed last May by the Board of Aldermen, whereby minors were allowed, without restriction, to sell papers. During my experience for a period of twenty-eight years in this school, I have never known a time when so many cases of theft, burglary and pocket-picking by pupils of the school occurred as have come to my notice during the past few months."

The Revised Regulations of 1892, in respect to minors' licenses, provide that no minor shall, in any street or public place in the City of Boston, work as a bootblack, or

sell or expose for sale any newspapers, etc., unless he has a minor's license, granted to him by the Mayor and Aldermen, and issued to him by the Clerk of Committees, nor unless he complies with the terms of said license.

If the minor is under fourteen years of age, his application shall be accompanied by the certificate of the principal of one of the public schools, or of some regularly established school in the City of Boston, approved by the Committee on Licenses of said city, that such minor is an attendant at such school.

Every such license granted to a minor shall be issued and accepted on the condition that the minor shall comply with the terms inserted in the license, and if any minor violates any of said terms his license and badge shall be taken away, and he shall be fined.

It is set forth in the minors' license that he shall, so long as he continues under the age of fourteen years, attend during every session thereof one of the public schools, or some regularly established school in the City of Boston, approved by the Committee on Licenses of said city; shall surrender his license and badge to the Clerk of Committees of said city, when notified that his license has been revoked; shall not transfer or lend his license or badge, nor furnish any unlicensed minor with newspapers or other articles to sell; shall not sell newspapers in or on a street car or any part of a street other than the sidewalk; shall not work as a bootblack, or sell newspapers unless he is over ten years of age; shall not allow any unlicensed minor to assist or accompany him, nor at any time while so working or selling fail to wear conspicuously in sight the badge furnished to him by the Clerk of Committees, nor fail to exhibit his license to any police or other officer of said city, if requested by him so to do.

In order to determine to what extent the law is complied with by pupils in the public schools, the Superintendent sent out a circular of inquiry to the principals of grammar schools where boys attend.

The replies received in response to this circular show that in forty-six grammar schools there were 1,489 holders of minors' licenses, of whom 967 were under fourteen years of age; that there were 212 under ten years of age engaged in selling newspapers, and that the number of bootblacks and newsboys without a license was 945.

If the question, "How many of these licenses are valid?" that is, issued within the year, had been added to the circular, it would have been found that many more than 945 boys are so engaged. The answer to this question, with regard to the number of valid licenses, by one school alone, swells the number of boys in school who are working as bootblacks and newsboys without a license from 945 to 1,023, as shown by the following reply from Mr. Webster, Master of the Eliot School:

"In addition to the foregoing, permit me to say that my canvass shows that of the boys now attending school, 375 are engaged in paper-selling and bootblackening, and of this number only 253 have a license. Further investigation shows that not more than seventy-five licenses are valid; that is, not more than that number have been issued during the past year; the balance were

issued two, three or more years ago, and have not been called in or renewed."

Attention is called to the alarming increase of gambling by newsboys. It is not an infrequent sight to see groups of them in alleys and side streets engaged in "shooting craps." The money they make by selling papers or blacking boots furnishes the resources of the "bank."

A strong effort was made some years ago to have the regulations enforced, but with little or no result. True, the "police or other officers" of the city are authorized to enforce them; it is only fair to them that the difficulties of enforcement shall be reduced to a minimum.

It is provided that the badge, given with a license, shall be worn "conspicuously in sight." The same shape and style of badge has been given out for years, until there are, as variously estimated, from three to five thousand of them in circulation to-day, so that a badge has come to be but the flimsiest evidence that the owner of it has a license, and the police know it. When the badge becomes valid evidence that its possessor has a license behind it then there will be no trouble in enforcing the law.

The remedy is simple—change the style of badge every year. Let it bear some distinctive mark to identify the occupation, as "N" for newsboy, or "B" for bootblack, together with the year of issue and number of license.

So intimately is the work in the public school connected with the issuing of licenses that there seems to be no good reason why these licenses should not be under the control of the School Board, in order that they may keep a careful watch over the holders of them and safeguard them from any danger which these licenses may involve. The School Board issues "working certificates," why not minors' licenses, so far as they relate to children of school age?

The following statistics are appended to the report:

Number of cases investigated by the several truant officers during the year ended August 31, 1898	22,256
Found to be truants	6,700
Complained of as incorrigible	270
Put on probation	86
Sentenced	184
Transfer cards investigated	6,725
New pupils put into school	448
Neglected children placed in home	7
Stubborn children complained of	3
Stubborn children sentenced to the Lyman School	3
Complained of for breaking and entering	8
Put on probation	6
Sentenced	2
Disturbing school	1
Sentenced	1
Larceny	1
Sentenced	1

The Massachusetts Legislature for 1899 organized on January 4. Hon. George E. Smith was re-elected President of the Senate and Hon. John L. Bates was re-elected Speaker of the House. Mr. Henry D. Coolidge and Mr. James W. Kimball were re-elected Clerks of the Senate and House, respectively, as were also Rev. Edmund Dowse and Rev. D. W. Waldron re-elected Chaplains. Captain John G. B. Adams was chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of both bodies.

INVESTIGATION OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

The following letter was sent by His Honor the Mayor to the secretaries of the Boston Society of Architects, the Boston Real Estate Exchange, the Master Builders' Association, and the Boston Board of Fire Underwriters:

December 29, 1898.

DEAR SIR: I desire to invite your body to join in the organization of a Commission of four persons to examine into the organization, administration, system and methods of the Building Department, with the purpose of ascertaining whether deficiencies exist in it which should be remedied, and whether its service can be in any manner improved or perfected, whether by changes in the laws or ordinances or without such changes. I propose to form this Commission by inviting the Real Estate Exchange to recommend to me three lawyers, the Boston Society of Architects to recommend three architects, the Master Builders' Association to recommend three builders, and the Boston Board of Fire Underwriters to recommend three of its members, from each of which lists of three I will select one name, so that the Commission will consist of a lawyer, an architect, a builder and an underwriter. This method of forming the proposed Commission is similar to that now established by the law governing the appointment of the Art Commission, so far as the selection by the Mayor of one of three names submitted by an organization is concerned. Will you please inform me, when the matter can be conveniently acted upon, whether your body is willing to join in the formation of a Commission of this character in the manner proposed?

The members of the Commission probably could not be paid for their work, but the necessary expenses incurred in conducting their inquiry could doubtless be provided for by the city.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

CITY OF BOSTON PAYMENTS.

City Treasurer Turner made the following payments for the City of Boston on January 1, 1899, amounting in the total to \$3,316,729.21:

On Mayor's Draft:	
General expenses,	\$309,692 11
City debt becoming due January 1, 1899	2,185,000 00
	\$2,494,692 11
Interest on all classes of debt	673,098 15
County Draft:	
General expenses,	\$84,938 95
County debt becoming due January 1, 1899	64,000 00
	\$148,938 95
	\$3,316,729 21

There was remitted to London on the fifteenth instant the sum £28,200 to meet the payment of interest and sinking-fund requirements due there on January 1, 1899.

QUARTERLY INSTITUTIONS CONFERENCE.

The regular quarterly conference of the Institutions Departments was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, December 28, at 3 o'clock.

The following were present:

Mr. Horatio A. Lamb and Mr. John O'Hare, of the Trustees for Children; Dr. Henry C. Baldwin, of the Insane Hospital Trustees; Miss Frances R. Morse, of the Pauper Institutions Trustees; Mr. William P. Fowler, of the Overseers of the Poor; Mr. Ernest C. Marshall, of the Penal Institutions Department. Mayor Quincy was also present.

Mr. Fowler, for the Overseers of the Poor, reported that sixty-four more orders for groceries were given out last month than during the same month last year, which he considered a good showing for the Department; the increase being only normal.

Miss Morse, for the Pauper Institutions Trustees, submitted the following report:

The Pauper Institutions Trustees have no new subject to present to the current meeting, but only desire to report general progress and, on the whole, a satisfactory state of affairs in the institutions under their care. In particular the condition of the Charlestown Almshouse has been much improved of late. Repairs long needed have been made, especially in the laundry and the kitchen, new floors have been laid in some of the corridors and the men's meeting-room, and the Superintendent, physician and other officers seem to be efficient and successful in their administration of Charlestown as an almshouse for women and aged couples. The inmates appear cheerful and well cared for.

The soldiers have all gone from the hospital on Long Island, and the almshouse there is now receiving its usual autumn increment of population. By the employment of an executive agent it has been possible to scrutinize, more carefully than hitherto, the character of this increment which consists in part of "rounders," well deserving of careful investigation. Some of these cases have been studied in detail by Mr. Field, whose results are interesting and important, and when completed may be presented in detail at some future conference. Mr. Field has also done much to further the business part of the work of the Trustees, and his appointment has relieved them of much exacting detail, thus leaving them freer than before to attend to the larger problems of their Department. Extensive alterations and repairs have been made during the quarter in the office of the Board and also in and about the buildings at Long Island. The great storm of November 27-29 damaged the wharf on Long Island, blew down a number of trees—which will be missed—and injured somewhat roofs, chimneys and other parts of buildings. But on the whole the damages were relatively moderate.

Mr. Marshall, for the Penal Institutions Department, reported that everything was going along quietly—that the institutions sustained some damage from the storm of November 27—and that on last Saturday the lowest point in the year was reached in respect to population.

For the Institutions Registration Department he reported that that Department had been preparing a series of charts, showing the population of the institutions under the care of the city and county, and a comparison of their population with the mean temperature, and also with the condition of business as shown by the report of weekly failures, furnished by Bradstreet, which charts are placed on the walls of the Department. These charts it is proposed to photograph at the end of the year and have them printed in THE CITY RECORD for permanent preservation. It is proposed also to extend this work to the Overseers of the Poor Department in order that the number of people who have been aided by that Department may be shown weekly.

Mr. Lamb, for the Trustees for Children, reported that since the last meeting of the Conference Marcella-street Home had been closed and there were now no children there. The property is in charge of a former engineer, who lives in a cottage adjoining it. The number of applications has fallen off a great deal. The change from the placing out of the children in Marcella-street Home has worked remarkably well, and the Board is very much pleased with the condition of the children who have been taken out and placed in the country. Mr. John C. Anthony has been chosen as the new Superintendent at Rainsford Island, and he will begin his work on January 2. At the Parental School a number of changes in the teachers have been made. Six teachers are now employed; they are all of the public school grade, and the same salaries are paid as in the Boston public schools. The new Superintendent at the Parental School is doing well.

There are many families applying for children for whom board is to be paid, both Protestant and Catholic. More than half the children in the care of the Department are paid for at a regular rate of \$2 a week. In the case of difficult children the sum of \$2.50 a week is paid, and in one or two instances even more than that, where the children are extremely difficult to manage. The population has run down, and, on the whole, the placing out of children is actually an economy.

Dr. Baldwin, for the Insane Hospital Trustees, reported as follows:

For the three months just passed the Insane Hospital Department has had no history. There are to-day 561 patients at the Boston Insane Hospital, and about 165 patients with Boston settlements boarded in the State institutions.

At Austin Farm an old wooden building, originally the almshouse for female paupers, which has always been regarded by the Trustees as an unsafe and unsuitable structure, was absolutely condemned by the State Board of Insanity.

The City Council has granted permission to close the building, and about 100 patients will be transferred to State institutions as soon as the State Board of Insanity can arrange for their transfer. The Insane Hospital Trustees entirely concur in the statement of the State Board of Insanity that "the general conditions of the buildings, both at the Austin and Pierce Farms, were found to be below the standard of modern attainment in similar institutions." That such a criticism can justly be made of

one of the most important city institutions is the strongest argument in favor of immediate and adequate provision for the proper development of that institution. With a view to this development, studies of the land available for hospital purposes have been made by a competent landscape gardener and the City Engineer, and plans prepared upon the basis of these studies for a hospital which can accommodate all the insane of the city.

An Advisory Committee, consisting of Drs. Edward Cowles of the McLean Hospital, Charles P. Bancroft of the New Hampshire Insane Hospital, W. A. Gorton of the Butler Hospital, Rhode Island, H. B. Howard of the Massachusetts General Hospital, and Owen Copp of the Hospital for Epileptics, Palmer, Mass., kindly visited the Boston Insane Hospital and inspected the plans. These gentlemen believe that there should be a metropolitan hospital in which all the insane of Boston can be cared for. They approve of the present location of the hospital and of the plans submitted for its further development.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, December 27, 1898. President Huggan occupied the chair. All the members were present except Mr. Anderson.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointments, confirmations and transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, with the exception of that of Augustine L. Rafter as Master of the Martin School, which appointment required approval by ballot.

It was ordered that the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Augustine L. Rafter was chosen Master of the Martin School, and F. A. Fernald was elected Master of the Evening High School, with rank of Head Master.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were passed:

(1.) That the salary of the janitor of the Aberdeen District Primary School be fixed at the rate of \$480 per annum, from January 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(2.) That there be paid to Wallace C. Boyden the sum of \$37.50 per month, from October 1, 1898, to September 1, 1899, in addition to his regular salary as Master of the Normal School for extra services occasioned by the absence of the Head Master.

(3.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, in

the sum of \$3,989, for installing a heating and ventilating system in the Munroe-street Primary School-house; said concern being the lowest bidder.

(4.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, in the sum of \$2,982, for installing a heating and ventilating system in the Webster-avenue Primary School-house.

(5.) That from the amount granted to the School Committee, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following appropriation be made:

New primary school-house, Munroe street, additional, \$1,888.95.

(6.) That from the sums appropriated for purposes named out of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, and Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the sums specified be transferred to new grammar school-house, Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, the same being unexpended balances not required for the purposes for which they were originally appropriated:

High School, South Boston site . . .	\$26,106 14
Quincy-street School-house, addition	55,149 74

(7.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with James Fagan, in the sum of \$81,670, for erecting a grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, said Fagan being the lowest bidder.

The Superintendent of Schools reported the resignation of one teacher, which was accepted; and the honorable discharges of two teachers from the Marcella-street Home, which were laid over under the rule.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved, under suspension of the rules, the appointments of two temporary teachers, the re-appointments of seven temporary teachers, the appointments of three teachers on probation, the transfer of one teacher, and confirmed the permanent appointments of four teachers. Seven teachers were granted leave of absence; the Superintendent recommended nine temporary teachers for re-appointment, and two teachers for appointment on probation,—his recommendation accompanied by a written statement of his request for suspension of the regulations. Under a suspension of the rules the employment of the teachers named was approved by the Board.

The Superintendent reported the following recommendations in relation to the Normal School.

1. That the number of pupils admitted to the Normal School in September, 1899, and thereafter, be limited to seventy-five, these to be selected from properly qualified applicants by means of a competitive examination.

2. That applicants, in order to be admitted to the competitive examination, must show—

(a) That they are residents of Boston.

(b) That they have completed a four years' course of study in a Boston High School or an equivalent course of study elsewhere.

(c) That their scholarship marks during the last year of their High School course have not averaged below the standard of "good" as recognized by the Board of Supervisors.

(d) That they are physically well and strong.

3. That all these seventy-five pupils, or as many of them as satisfactorily complete the two years' course of the Normal School in June, be placed the following September in the grammar, primary or kindergarten schools of the city, there to serve three months; then, all changing districts, three months longer; and then, all again changing districts, for the remainder of the year.

4. That for this first year's service a moderate salary, say \$300, be paid.

5. That Supervisors and Principals be required to observe and report upon this first year's service; these reports together with the records made in the Normal School, to be the basis for forming a merit list from which permanent appointments shall be made during the second year and thereafter.

On motion of Mr. Strange, it was ordered that the communication be printed and referred to the next School Board.

It was ordered (1) that the Superintendent of Streets be requested to asphalt the street in front of the Dudley School-house.

(2.) That there be paid to H. S. Dudley for the Denison House Association the sum of \$25 for cleaning and heating the Denison House Kindergarten from September 6, 1898, to December 23, 1898.

(3.) That 2,000 copies of the Report of the Committee on the Annual Report for 1898 be printed.

(4.) That His Honor the Mayor be requested to take such action as shall cause licensed minors to receive badges which shall show the year of issue, the number of the corresponding license, a letter or device indicating the nature of the occupation in which the licensee is engaged, and to also cause the shape or style of such badges to be changed from year to year in order that it may be determined by casual inspection whether or not the wearers possess valid, unexpired licenses.

(5.) That Gardner P. Balch, Sub-Master in the Eliot District, be placed upon the second year of service in his rank, to date from September 6, 1898.

Mr. Eaton, for the Committee on New Buildings, submitted a report, of which the following is a summary:

Number of children excluded from school because of lack of room:

Grammar	8	Total.
Primary	238	
Kindergarten	282	
	528	

Number of pupils in hired rooms:

Grammar	576	
Primary	855	
Kindergarten	817	
	2,248	

Number of pupils in halls, corridors, etc., not intended for use as class-rooms (Normal, Latin and High Schools not included) 1,267

In a report presented to the Board at the meeting of November 8, your Committee

included a statement showing all the appropriations made from the various amounts granted by the Legislature for new school buildings and sites, and called attention to the fact that no additional funds are available after the current year for the building of new grammar or primary school-houses. Your Committee also stated that the amount paid this year for hired rooms and buildings will approximate \$30,000 or 4 per cent. on \$750,000, and recommend that application be made to the Legislature for authority to expend \$500,000 annually during the ensuing five years for additional grammar and primary school accommodations. The average annual increase in the number of children in school during the five years 1892-97 has been 2,002, and for the past year the total increase in the number belonging has been 3,445, of whom 1,323 belonged to the grammar, 1,250 to the primary schools, and 510 to the kindergartens, a total of 3,083 for these schools. To accommodate these pupils would take, as stated in the latest report of the Superintendent, two grammar school-houses, and enough primary school-houses of various sizes to contain thirty-five rooms.

During the five years 1890-95 the average expenditure for school accommodations for each additional pupil belonging was \$266.86. For 3,083 additional pupils at this rate, the expenditure would be \$822,729.38. For the three years 1895-98, during which time all new buildings with the exception of those already begun under the administration of the former City Architect, have been built under the direction of the School Committee from funds granted by the Legislature, the cost for each additional pupil has averaged \$234.46, or a decrease in the rate per pupil of \$32.40 from that of the preceding five years, but the rental paid for hired buildings has increased. The expenditure for 3,083 additional pupils at this rate would amount to \$722,840.18. Should the annual increase in the number of pupils during the succeeding five years average but 2,000, as was the case during the five years 1892-97, the expenditure for new buildings to provide for that number at the rate which has prevailed since 1895, would amount to nearly \$470,000 annually.

Your Committee, therefore, believe that their estimate that \$500,000 should be annually expended during the following five years for new grammar and primary accommodations has been made on a conservative basis, and that at least that amount is needed for such purposes.

Mr. Allen, for the Committee on Accounts, presented to the Board the estimates as approved under date of December 28, 1897, together with a statement of the expenses incurred for the financial year 1898-99. (See page 6.)

Accepted.

Mr. Hubbard, for the Committee on Truant Officers, presented a printed report which was accepted. (See page 2.)

On motion of Mr. Lowell, the Board took from the table the order contemplating the establishment of a school faculty. The order was defeated on a yeas and nays vote:

Yeas—Ames, Bassett, Burrill, Fifield, Fleischer, Hubbard, Lowell—7.

Nays—Aldrich, Allen, Bateman, Bowdler, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Eaton, Gallivan, Huggan, Keller, McDonald, Nichols, Paul, Strange—16.

On motion of Mr. Allen an additional sub-master was allowed to the Emerson District.

Mr. Seaver's nomination of Brennan E. Sinclair for the position was confirmed under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Paul, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Ordered, That the operation of the provisions of Section 332 of the Regulations, so far as they require the holding of a general exhibition of the work of the Evening Drawing Schools, be suspended, and that there be substituted this year for such general exhibition local exhibitions in each of the five Evening Drawing Schools, the dates thereof to be fixed by the Master of the Evening Drawing Schools.

The following order, offered by Mr. Calderwood, was adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

Ordered, That the thanks of the Board be presented to Mr. Henry D. Huggan, the President of the Board, for the able, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Board.

The Board adjourned without day.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF 1899.

The City Government of 1899 met for organization on Monday, January 2, 1899.

The members-elect of the Board of Aldermen met in the Aldermanic Chamber at 10 A.M., Alderman-elect Presho, senior member, in the chair.

The members-elect of the Common Council assembled in the Common Council Chamber, and were called to order at 10.17 A.M., by Mr. Nangle of Ward 19, senior member-elect.

The Board of Aldermen-elect, escorted by the City Messenger, proceeded to the Common Council Chamber at 10.30 A.M., and took seats with the Common Councilmen-elect. Alderman-elect Presho, senior member, took the chair.

A committee of five was appointed to notify the Mayor that the Board of Aldermen-elect and the Common Council-elect were assembled in the Common Council Chamber for the purpose of being qualified.

His Honor the Mayor, Josiah Quincy, accompanied by Rev. Peter Ronan, Chaplain of the day, the members-elect of the Board of Apportionment, and others, entered the Common Council Chamber, escorted by the City Messenger, at 10.41 A.M., and took seats with the convention.

After prayer by the Chaplain a message was received from the Board of Election Commissioners certifying the names of the members-elect of the Board of Apportionment and of the City Council.

The oath of office was administered by Mayor Quincy to the members-elect of the Board of Apportionment, the Aldermen-

elect and Councilmen-elect, all being present except Councilmen Thomas J. Collins, of Ward 13, Frank S. Atwood of Ward 16 and Samuel H. Mildram of Ward 24, and taking the oaths as follows:

BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT.

For two years, John Henry Sullivan; for one year, Laurence Minot.

ALDERMEN.

Wilbur Fiske Adams, David Franklin Barry, William Berwin, Michael William Brick, Franklin Lincoln Codman, John Henry Colby, Edward William Dixon, Frederick William Day, James Henry Doyle, Patrick Francis McDonald, Frank John O'Toole, Edward Webb Presho.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Ward 1—A. Dudley Bagley, George H. Battis, David W. Simpson.

Ward 2—Joseph F. Hickey, Frank J. Johnson, Thomas F. Rice.

Ward 3—Henry B. Carroll, Francis J. Doherty, Charles A. Horrigan.

Ward 4—Thomas A. Kelly, John P. Sullivan, Joseph A. Turnbull.

Ward 5—William E. Bennett, John F. Gibbons, Edward H. Madden.

Ward 6—Andrew A. Badaracco, Patrick H. Bradley, William J. O'Brien.

Ward 7—John L. Donovan, James H. Stone, James A. Sweeney.

Ward 8—William H. Cuddy, Daniel J. Kiley, Martin Leftovith.

Ward 9—Samuel Kasanof, Michael Leonard, John J. Tobin.

Ward 10—John Bordman, jr., Walter R. Mansfield, George H. Moore.

Ward 11—Edward A. Armistead, William S. B. Stevens, Lawrence M. Stockton.

Ward 12—David B. Chamberlain, Donald N. MacDonald, Arthur K. Peck.

Ward 13—*Thomas J. Collins, Frank J. Linehan, Michael J. Lydon.

Ward 14—George A. Donahoe, Edward L. Logan, James F. Mulcahy.

Ward 15—John D. Fenton, John H. Giblin, William Martin.

Ward 16—*Frank S. Atwood, Charles E. Eddy, Erank E. Wells.

Ward 17—Patrick H. Brennan, Timothy L. Connolly, George A. Flynn.

Ward 18—James J. Casey, John J. Curley, James A. Watson.

Ward 19—William H. Doyle, James McInerney, Charles P. Nangle.

Ward 20—Louis T. Howard, George R. Miller, George O. Wood.

Ward 21—Fred A. Emery, Frederick W. Klemm, Temple A. Winsloe.

Ward 22—Abram Jordan, George W. Lorey, William G. Roemer.

Ward 23—Andrew Brauer, John H. Broderick, Guy F. Newhall.

Ward 24—William E. Harvey, Willard W. Hibbard, *Samuel H. Mildram.

Ward 25—Ezra N. Rolland, Clarence W. Sanderson, Harvey W. Walker.

After the members-elect of the City Council had qualified, His Honor Mayor Quincy delivered his annual message. At the conclusion of his address His Honor the Mayor retired, and the joint convention of the City Council was dissolved.

* Absent and did not qualify.

In Board of Aldermen.

The Board of Aldermen reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 12.14 P.M., Alderman Presho, senior member, in the chair.

The Board voted to adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 3, 1899, at 11 A.M.

At the adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on Tuesday, January 3, 1899, at 11 A.M., Alderman Presho, senior member, in the Chair, Alderman Barry was elected permanent Chairman of the Board by the following vote:

Whole number of ballots	12
Necessary for a choice	7
David F. Barry had	7
Frank J. O'Toole had	5

and David F. Barry was declared elected Chairman for 1899.

The following officers of the City Council were unanimously elected on the part of the Board of Aldermen:

City Clerk, J. Mitchel Galvin; Clerk of Committees, John F. Dever; City Messenger, Edward J. Leary.

The Board adjourned to meet on Monday, January 9, at 3 P.M.

In Common Council.

After the retirement of the members of the Board of Aldermen, the Council was called to order by Mr. Nangle of Ward 19, senior member. Mr. Daniel J. Kiley of Ward 8 was elected Chairman of the Common Council for 1899, by the following vote:

For Daniel J. Kiley—Armistead, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Horrigan, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Miller, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—41.

For Timothy L. Connolly—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Hickey, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull—28.

Absent or not voting—Atwood, Collins, Donahoe, Giblin, Lydon, Mildram—6.

The Council adjourned to meet on Thursday, January 5, 1899, at 7.45 P.M.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Following is the report presented by the Committee on Accounts, at the meeting of the School Committee, on Tuesday, December 27, 1898:

Mason Street, December 27, 1898.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the estimates as approved under date of December 28, 1897, together with

the expenses incurred for the financial year 1898-99. The estimates and expenses herein given are exclusive of the cost for repairs and the expenditures incurred for new school-houses:

Object of Appropriation.	Estimate for Year.	Expenses for Year.	Balance Unexpended.
Salaries instructors,	\$1,964,000	\$1,963,255 18	\$744 82
Salaries officers . .	71,300	70,645 28	654 72
Salaries janitors . .	148,000	147,777 48	222 52
Fuel, gas and water,	103,000	102,935 86	64 14
Supplies and incidental expenses .	153,700	138,332 93	15,367 07
Totals	\$2,440,000	\$2,422,946 73	\$17,053 27

As compared with last year:

Salaries of instructors increased . .	\$146,037 18
Salaries of officers increased . .	1,260 28
Salaries of janitors increased . .	8,557 19
Fuel, gas and water increased . .	6,919 57
Supplies and incidentals increased,	7,571 31

Increase for the year \$170,345 53

Under the recent law limiting the expenditures of the School Committee, the sum of \$2,450,589 (being \$2,700,589 less \$250,000 allowed for repairs, etc.) was granted for the items above enumerated, being \$10,589 more than the amount estimated by the School Committee as needed. This amount added to the unexpended balance, as shown above, leaves a surplus of \$27,642.27 to be carried forward to next year's expenses.

The income estimated for the year was \$36,000. This amount may be slightly increased, which will add still further to this year's balance available for expenditure the coming year.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WILLARD S. ALLEN, Chairman.

Examinations of candidates for certificates of qualification to teach in the Boston public schools will be held as follows: Candidates for kindergarten certificates will be examined on Thursday, January 26, in the hall of the School Committee, Mason street, and on Friday and Saturday, January 27 and 28, in the Girls' High School-house, West Newton street. Candidates for grammar school certificates, classes A and B, and for wood-working, cookery and sewing certificates, will be examined on Friday and Saturday, January 27 and 28, in the Girls' High School-house, West Newton street.

The examination will begin at 9 o'clock A.M. Attendance will be required each day.

An examination of candidates for certificates of qualification to teach in the public high schools and to teach special subjects will be held April 14 and 15.

Circulars containing full information concerning the subjects and requirements of these examinations may be obtained by personal or written application to the undersigned.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary of the School Committee.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The final meeting of the year of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 P.M., on Thursday, December 29, 1898, President Connolly in the chair.

The following message from the Mayor was received:

Sale of School Lots.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 29, 1898.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The School Committee recently appropriated a sum sufficient to erect a new school-house on Munroe street, and has made a contract for a new school building to replace the present antiquated wooden building. Not having legal authority to dispose of the old building and of 1,250 square feet of the school-house lot, for which it has no further use, the Committee has voted that these be surrendered for sale, the proceeds of such sale to be applied to the cost of the new building. I accordingly recommend the passage of the following order, prepared by the Corporation Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the present buildings upon the Munroe-street (Roxbury) Primary School lot, together with that portion of said lot fronting on Comins terrace, and containing 1,250 square feet, purchased in 1892, be placed in the charge of the Board of Street Commissioners to be sold, subject to temporary occupancy, during the construction of a new school-house on Munroe street, on such terms as may be approved by the Mayor.

The order was passed, and the message and order sent up.

BOARD OF POLICE.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

December 28, 1898.

General Order No. 560.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Edwin A. Newton, of Division 10, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit, neglect of duty and intoxication, the Board finds the said Patrolman Newton guilty, and sentences him to be dismissed from the police force of the City of Boston.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman William Nixon, of Police Headquarters, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit, conduct unbecoming an officer, in conspiring to induce a certain person to pay a sum of money to secure his appointment on the police force of the City of Boston, the Board finds the said Patrolman Nixon guilty, and sentences him to be dismissed from the police force of the City of Boston.

December 31, 1898.

General Order No. 561.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman David Monney, of Division 11, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, in that he neglected to pull in his "on duty" calls on divers days and times between the twelfth of May and sixth of December, current, the Board finds the said Patrolman Monney guilty, and sentences him to be dismissed from the police force of the City of Boston.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Eldorous A. Carney, of Division 7, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, in that he failed to pull in his "on duty" calls on the nineteenth of December, current, the Board finds the said Patrolman Carney guilty, and sentences him to a forfeiture of five days' pay.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that applicants for the positions of assistant custodian-janitor, elevator conductor, engineer (second and third class), fireman, janitor and watchman, and other similar minor positions in the Federal Building, in this city, should apply for application blank (Form 1032), which may be obtained of E. E. Stebbins, Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Post Office and Sub-Treasury Building, or from the Commission at Washington, D.C.

These applications, after being properly executed, should be forwarded direct to the Commission at Washington. No educational test will be given for the positions mentioned above, but applicants will be graded upon the elements of, first, physical ability as determined by age and physical condition; second, ability and character as workmen; and third, experience, based upon the information brought out in the answers made to the questions in the applications and vouchers, and the medical certificate.

Applicants must be between twenty-one and sixty years of age. It will not be necessary for them to appear at any place for examination.

The Commission also announces that commencing February 7, 1899, at 9 A.M., an examination will be held at any city in the United States (including Boston) where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, for the position of assistant inspector of hull material, Bureau of Construction and Repairs (Navy Department), for duty at the works of Allen Wood Company, Censko-hocken, Pa., at a salary of \$5 per diem.

Two days of seven hours each will be allowed for this examination.

Applicants will be required to submit testimonials from former employers and others, tending to show their previous experience.

Persons desiring to enter the examination should at once write to the Commission for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375) and special forms.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved December 24, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer apply the interest, reckoned at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum, upon the money paid by the Commonwealth on account of damages caused by the taking of lands, waters and other property by the Metropolitan Water Board, as income from the water-works of the city.

Ordered, That all sums received by the city from the government of the United States, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or otherwise, for the care of soldiers in the City Hospital, be credited to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

Ordered, That the Insane Hospital Trustees be authorized to discontinue the use of the building designated as "A" building, at Austin Farm, the same having been condemned by the State Board of Insanity as dangerous and unfit for use.

Ordered, That the sum of \$2,500 be appropriated, to be charged to City Council Incidental Expenses, to defray the expense of Free Lectures for the People to be given in school-rooms and other public buildings, under the direction of His Honor the Mayor.

Ordered, That the land and buildings on Canterbury street, formerly used by the Health Department as a small-pox hospital and now in the custody of the Street Commissioners, be transferred to the care and control of the Insane Hospital Department.

Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be authorized, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to sell to the town of Brookline for park purposes the reservoir, and the lands surrounding the same, owned by this city in connection with its water-works and lying within the limits of said town, on such terms as said Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, may deem proper; the conveyance of such property to reserve the right to continue the use of such reservoir and lands for water purposes during such period as may be fixed by said Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to Marshall S. Shedd, executor and trustee of the estate of William A. Holmes, the sum \$414.68, being the balance returnable from the sum of \$600, paid by said Holmes for a fourth-class liquor license, which expired upon his death, August 21, 1897.

Order authorizing a permit to William L. Henry to build a wooden building, corner of Furbush court and Rutherford avenue, Ward 4, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall, etc., to be used for manufacturing purposes.

The following was approved December 27, 1898:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to R. A. Malone the sum of \$500, being the amount of a check deposited with a bid for sewer-work in the Street Department, and forfeited through no fault of said Malone; the said sum to be charged to the reserve fund.

The following were approved December 28, 1898:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer repay to parties who have paid the sewerage charges assessed for the year 1898 such part thereof as shall be abated by the Street Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, upon presentation to him of a copy of the vote making such abatement, attested by the Secretary of said Board.

Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be authorized to lease the old school building on Thomas street, now in their charge, for a period not exceeding five years, at a nominal rent, to be used as a temporary home for destitute Jewish children.

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to cause a sufficient number of the City Council minutes of 1898 to be bound in the usual manner, and to furnish each member of the City Council of 1898, each new member of the City Council of 1899, and each head of the principal departments, with one copy of the same; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, City Council Proceedings.

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to furnish each member of the City Council of 1898, and each of the heads of the principal departments, with one set each of the City Documents for 1898, when completed and bound.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved December 29, 1898:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Andrea Pollio, two barber-poles, 144 Eliot street.

Joseph Ferreiri, sign, 24 Portland street, Ward 6.

B. A. Clements, illuminated sign, 12 La Grange street, Ward 7.

M. Flauzbaum, sign, 136½ Main street, Ward 5.

The Richardson Company, two signs, 335 Washington street, Ward 7.

Adolph Polonetzki, pole on which to hang clothing, 145½ Dover street, Ward 9.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Strathmore road, Ward 25, between Sutherland and Chiswick roads, during the time necessary for surface drainage construction by the Sewer Division.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on North Harvard street, between Hopedale and Cambridge streets, to public travel, during sewer construction on said street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Centre street, Ward 24, at or near Centre court, to public travel, during construction work by the Sewer Division.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close Bennington

street, westerly of Saratoga street, Ward 1, to public travel, during the construction of a culvert by the Sewer Division.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. K. Ryan to erect, maintain and use, two guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Lehigh street, for use in track construction, Boston and Albany Railroad, Ward 7. The work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Mack & Moore to erect, maintain and use, one guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Elm street, for use in building the new High School, Ward 23. The work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The Superintendent of Streets submitted the following estimate of the cost of constructing gravel sidewalks, with granite edgestone, in front of estates on Centre street, between Corey street and the bridge, amounting to \$2,569.80; Covington street, between East Eighth street and the steps, \$252.88; sundry streets, \$865.32; brick sidewalks, without granite edgestone, on sundry streets, \$351.62; brick sidewalks, with granite edgestone, on sundry streets, \$254.16; and it was

Ordered, That the persons named in the within schedules be, and they hereby are, charged and assessed with one-half the sums set against their respective names, as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing said sidewalks, with edgestones in front of their estates, on said streets, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Boston and Albany Railroad Company be hereby authorized to sell at public auction, and after publication of the time and place of sale according to law, the articles left and remaining unclaimed at the passenger station of said company in the City of Boston.

Ordered, That the orders passed May 10, 1869, July 22, 1872, and June 23, 1874, and all other orders heretofore passed, providing compensation for rent, etc., for District Attorney and his assistants be, and the same are hereby, rescinded.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to lay and maintain underground conduits for electric wires and cables, provided with suitable manholes, in Falmouth street, between Massachusetts avenue and St. Paul street, and Garrison street, between Huntington avenue and alley east of St. Botolph street, Ward 10.

The surface of said streets shall be disturbed for the purpose of laying or repairing cables or conduits therefor only at such times and in such manner and place of opening as the Superintendent of Streets shall indicate and issue permits, therefor; and the surface of said streets shall not be disturbed as above until a plan has been filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets showing the location of said underground conduits and manholes in the aforesaid streets.

All the work of laying said conduits to be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 38, Section 14, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, said pole to be located as follows:

Dorchester avenue, Ward 24, one pole, thirty-five feet by twelve inches; width of sidewalk, ten feet; date of plan, November, 1889.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from Dorchester avenue; said pole being shown by a red dot on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1889, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, said pole to be located as follows:

Houghton street, Ward 24, one pole, thirty-five feet by eleven inches; width of sidewalk, seven feet; date of plan, September 14, 1898.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from Houghton street, said pole being shown by a red dot on plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated September 14, 1897, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at a point designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, said poles to be located as follows:

Greenbrier street, two poles, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches; width of sidewalk, seven feet; date of plan, December 10, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintain-

ing said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use curves, cross-overs, switches and connections at the junction of Broadway, Dorchester avenue and Division street, South Boston, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated November 10, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order, otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Alford street, from Main street to Malden bridge, with necessary curves, cross-covers and switches, and connections with existing tracks of said company at either end and into Arlington avenue, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated October 1, 1898, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used in paving and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order, otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were presented to the Mayor December 13, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Permit to Jacob Castin to maintain a stand in front of the Old Library Building on Boylston street, for thirty days.

Ordered, That, in addition to the sums heretofore allowed for clerical assistance in the office of the Register of Probate and Insolvency for the County of Suffolk, there be allowed from December 1, 1898, and until otherwise ordered, the sum of \$2,600 per annum, to be paid from the treasury of the County of Suffolk, upon the official certificate of said Register, countersigned by a Judge of Probate and Insolvency for said county.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain an electric light at the corner of Barton and Milton streets; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing in front of the building of the Shawmut Real Estate Association, on Norfolk street, Dorchester; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

FREE LECTURES FOR THE PEOPLE.

The Mayor's Advisory Committee on Free Municipal Lectures now numbers ten, Dr. John G. Blake, of 212 Beacon street, and Mr. Herbert Putnam, Librarian of the Public Library, having recently been added to it. The office of the Committee is at 64 Pemberton square.

The central course of lectures, so called, will be given in the old Public Library Building, and will begin in January; the local courses will open probably in February, and will be given in the Lyman School, East Boston; High School, Charlestown; Hancock School, North End; Bowdoin School, West End; ward-room (old Franklin School), South End; Sherwin School, Roxbury; Shurtleff School, South Boston; ward-room, Dorchester; High School, Brighton, and the Lowell School, Jamaica Plain.

WEEKLY MUNICIPAL CONCERT.

Next week's municipal concert will be given on Tuesday evening, January 10, 1899, at 8 o'clock, in Warren Hall, Brighton District. The Municipal String Quartet will be in attendance, assisted by Mr. Thomas E. Clifford, baritone, and Mr. James T. Whelan, accompanist.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has received over \$968,000 during the past year, and \$400,000 more is expected. President Crafts has recently made his annual report.

BOSTON MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Following is a list of the members of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1899, from Boston:

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE.

- District 1—Charles T. Witt, milk-dealer.
 District 2—Peter F. Tague, agent.
 District 3—William J. Donovan, machinist.
 District 4—John A. Keliher, correspondent.
 District 5—Charles H. Innes, lawyer.
 District 6—John E. Baldwin, book-keeper.
 District 7—William H. Lott, cigar-dealer.
 District 8—Arthur A. Maxwell, lawyer.
 District 9—John J. Feneno, salesman.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

- Ward 1—John L. Bates, lawyer; Hugh L. Stalker, grocer.
 Ward 2—James H. Donovan, teamster; John J. Douglass, lawyer.
 Ward 3—Jeremiah F. McCarthy, liquor dealer; John I. Toland, printer.
 Ward 4—Thomas H. Green, liquor dealer; Jeremiah J. McCarthy.
 Ward 5—William J. Miller, lawyer; Edmund J. Twomey, variety store.
 Ward 6—Michael J. Donovan, clerk; Daniel J. Kane, stenographer.
 Ward 7—William T. A. Fitzgerald, lawyer; Thomas Mackey, roofer.
 Ward 8—Edward J. Donovan, manager of brewery; Martin M. Lomasney, real estate.
 Ward 9—John J. Gartland, jr., book-keeper; David A. Mahoney, salesman.
 Ward 10—Charles S. Clerke, manufacturer of cigars; William C. Parker, lawyer.
 Ward 11—Charles R. Saunders, lawyer; George S. Selfridge, lawyer.
 Ward 12—John B. Dumond, consulting engineer; Edward P. Sands, law student.
 Ward 13—Hugh W. Bresnahan, sanitary engineer; *James T. Mahoney, jr., chemist.
 Ward 14—Michael Joseph Sullivan, lawyer; John J. Toomey, reporter.
 Ward 15—William Kells, jr., shirt-cutter; Daniel V. McIsaac, lawyer.
 Ward 16—Frederick W. Farwell, kindling-wood dealer; Arthur P. Russell, clerk.
 Ward 17—John P. Lanergan, bottler; James H. Queeney, produce-dealer.
 Ward 18—Thomas A. Conroy, bartender; Michael E. Gaddis, clerk.
 Ward 19—John J. Flanagan, contractor; Oliver S. Grant, electrician.
 Ward 20—Frank A. Foster, civil engineer; Joseph I. Stewart, real estate.
 Ward 21—Richard F. Andrews, jr., real estate; William E. Skillings.
 Ward 22—John Bleiler, groceries and provisions; Randolph V. King, salesman.
 Ward 23—John M. Minton, lawyer; Albert B. Root, horse-shoeing.
 Ward 24—Fred C. Gilpatric, lawyer; Harry B. Whall, real estate.
 Ward 25—Leonard W. Ross, landscape architect; William D. Wheeler, apothecary.

Awards of Contracts.**Engineering Department.**

Proposals for building the superstructure of the fixed spans of the bridge on Summer-street extension, across Fort Point channel, Congress-street grade crossing, were opened at the office of the City Engineer on December 29, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
A. & P. Roberts Company, Philadelphia	\$47,732
Berlin Iron Bridge Company, East Berlin	48,194
Wrought Iron Bridge Company, Canton	48,900
New Jersey Steel and Iron Company, Boston	48,941
Pennsylvania Steel Company, Boston, Edge Moor Bridge Works, Wilmington,	49,479
Pittsburg Bridge Company, Pittsburg,	50,960
King Bridge Company, Boston	53,550
Vermont Construction Company, St. Albans	53,800
New England Structural Company, Boston	56,000
Massillon Bridge Company, Boston	57,328
Boston Bridge Works, Boston	58,800
Harrington Robinson & Co., Boston,	59,000
	62,850

The contract was awarded to A. & P. Roberts Company.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Hospital Department.

Proposals for furnishing 1,500 tons of coal were opened at the Hospital Department, December 24, 1898, as follows:

	Per ton.
Edward B. Townsend, Philadelphia and Reading Company's Pea coal	\$3 04
J. A. Bradford & Co., Philadelphia and Reading Company's Pea coal	3 08

The contract was awarded to Edward B. Townsend, at \$3.04 per ton of 2,240 lbs.

G. H. M. ROWE,
Superintendent.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of real estate transfers and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of December, 1898, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 585; total number of mortgages, 603; total amount of mortgages, \$3,381,924.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	154
South Boston	42
East Boston	55
Roxbury	83
Dorchester	157
West Roxbury	64
Brighton	19
Charlestown	11
Total	585

Board Meetings.**Children's Institutions Department.**

At the one hundred and first meeting of the Trustees, held November 22, 1898, it was reported that on the following day there would be but four children in the Marcella-street Home, the rest having been placed out in the country. It was

Voted, That the Marcella-street Home be closed as soon as practicable, and that for the present children should, if necessary, be placed in temporary boarding-places.

Voted, To accede to the Mayor's request and to authorize the Chairman of the Board to act on a Committee of the Registration Department.

Voted, To authorize the expenditure of \$250 to have the kitchen at Rainsford Island put into good repair by the Repairs Division.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to send a note of thanks to the clergyman, Rev. Father Bridge, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, who has kindly officiated at the Marcella-street Home.

At the one hundred and second meeting, held November 29, 1898, a letter from the Superintendent of the House of Reformation was read detailing the damages at Rainsford's Island from the recent storm.

Mr. Logue, of the Repairs Division, having visited the Island, sent an estimate of \$3,800 as the probable expense for repairs on the wharf.

His Honor the Mayor attended the meeting and considered this question with the Trustees.

Voted, That the Repairs Division be authorized to carry out the repairs on the wharf at Rainsford's Island at the estimated price.

Voted, That the Placing-out Committee be authorized to lend beds, mattresses and pillows from the Marcella-street Home in the placing-out department.

At the one hundred and third meeting, held December 6, 1898, the opinion of the Corporation Counsel was laid before the Trustees, that the law does not allow neglected children to be released to any institution, unless it be a State or municipal institution.

A request was received from the Common Council, asking for a statement of the number and salaries of employees at the House of Reformation, and also how many are citizens of Boston, and how many of the boys are criminal boys.

The Chairman stated that there were thirty-two boys of thirteen or under; 109 boys over fourteen. Thirty boys (of whom twenty-five were over fourteen) had been committed for stubbornness by their parents.

Voted, That the Chairman send a letter to the Common Council embodying these facts.

Voted, That the safe and flag at the Marcella-street Home be transferred to the Parental School.

*Died November 28, 1898.

At the one hundred and fourth meeting of the Trustees, held December 8, it was voted that Mr. McDonald be employed at his present salary for a time, to care for the building and grounds of the Marcella-street Home.

At the one hundred and sixth meeting, held December 16, a letter was received from the Superintendent of the House of Reformation, resigning his position.

Voted, That the resignation of the Superintendent of the House of Reformation be accepted.

Voted, That Mr. John C. Anthony be engaged as Superintendent of the House of Reformation.

At the one hundred and seventh meeting of the Trustees, held December 27, it was voted that the estimates of expenses for the ensuing year, as presented by the Chairman in writing, be accepted.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

Boston, December 28, 1898.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on December 28, at 5 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague and Burnham. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Sprague was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

It was voted to pay to Thomas & Pike the sum of \$2,576.62, on account of coal furnished from November 5 to November 30, inclusive, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Moore & Wyman the sum of \$621, in full payment of their contract of September 22, 1898, for furnishing and installing elevator in laundry building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, new laundry building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$31.05, the same being 5 per cent. commission on payment of \$621 to Moore & Wyman, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, new laundry building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be allowed and paid to Lynch & Woodward the sum of \$1,000, on account of their contract of August 24, 1898, for extension of piping in the boiler-house, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, extension of boiler-house, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

(1.) In regard to the connecting corridor between the two nurses' homes, and it was voted that Wheelwright & Haven be requested to submit plans and specifications; first, for connecting corridor between the two nurses' homes; and second, for grading and completing grounds in the vicinity of the nurses' homes.

(2.) In regard to temporary heating of the Ann White Vose Building. Various plans and estimates were submitted, and the same were referred to Mr. Burnham, with full powers.

(3.) In regard to covering the return steam-pipes in the main conduits from the boiler-

house to the various buildings—this was referred to Mr. Burnham with full powers.

(4.) In regard to proposals for coal; and it was voted that the contract be awarded to Edward B. Townsend, at \$3.04 per ton of 2,240 lbs., and that the President be authorized to sign the contract for the same. (See page 10.)

The Medical Committee reported in favor of the following nominations:

Philip P. Moore, first surgical dresser; John W. Judd, second surgical dresser; Joseph H. H. Kelley, third surgical dresser; William E. Leighton, gynæcological clinical clerk; Charles N. Fiske and Timothy G. Herrick, junior house officers, South Department; George F. Hughes, jr., and Norman T. McLean, clinical clerks, South Department.

It was voted to adopt the report of the Medical Committee and to appoint the above-mentioned gentlemen to the positions to which they were respectively nominated.

The Medical Committee reported in favor of the following promotions at the South Department:

John P. Carroll and Henry H. Seely to be senior house officers.

It was voted to accept the report and confirm the promotions as recommended.

A communication was received from the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department in regard to wiring the Ann White Vose Building.

It was voted that the resignation of Dr. C. F. Folsom as Visiting Physician be accepted with regret, and that the Secretary be instructed to transmit to Dr. Folsom a vote of thanks for his long and faithful service to the Hospital.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE,
Secretary pro tempore.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the Board of Park Commissioners, held on December 19, 1898:

On the petition of S. V. R. Thayer and others, in regard to the easterly branch of the Fenway adjoining Boylston entrance, it was

Voted, To widen the sidewalk in this locality to fifteen feet, and the road-bed to thirty feet, provided the abutters will pay the cost of these widenings.

Voted, That the Superintendent prepare a plan and estimate of cost of the pathway adjoining the southerly side of Longwood bridge.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to build foundations for walls on Forest Hills street, from the traffic road to a point opposite Williams street; also to make a plan for the reconstruction of the wall along the Centre-street boundary of the Arboretum.

Voted, That the Superintendent prepare plans and estimates for completing the Strandway outside of Columbia road.

Voted, That if the building to be erected on the site, on the Strandway, leased to the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club, shall be completed before March 1, 1899, it shall be deemed to have been completed within the time required in the lease.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to provide for skating at Charles-town Playground.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, January 2, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the three weeks ending December 31, 1898:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	2	1	-	-	1	3	2	-	8	11	
2...	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	1	8	15	
3...	9	1	1	-	9	-	1	1	-	4	
4...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	3	
5...	-	3	1	6	-	-	1	-	1	13	
6...	1	12	-	1	-	-	15	6	17	104	
7...	-	16	-	2	-	-	17	6	24	154	
8...	-	2	2	-	1	-	3	-	10	37	
9...	1	8	-	-	1	-	5	-	8	51	
10...	1	2	-	-	1	-	2	2	5	24	
11...	6	2	-	-	4	-	4	4	3	67	
12...	2	2	-	1	2	-	1	5	14	38	
13...	-	4	-	-	1	1	2	2	1	6	
14...	-	3	-	1	-	1	2	-	3	9	
15...	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	
16...	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	7	27	
17...	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	8	35	
18...	-	5	-	2	-	-	5	2	6	18	
19...	6	2	1	-	10	5	3	-	1	28	
20...	12	4	6	1	2	7	6	12	23	101	
21...	5	2	2	4	-	2	1	8	8	12	
22...	2	3	-	1	1	-	1	8	10	15	
23...	13	-	4	-	1	8	1	4	8	26	
24...	9	3	5	-	5	3	3	1	8	24	
25...	3	1	3	4	1	1	4	9	8	28	
T'ls..	74	84	26	23	40	32	90	74	194	853	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, January 2, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the two weeks ending December 31, 1898:

Number of chattel mortgages	245
Number of discharges of mortgages	38
Number of assignments of wages	88
Number of married women's certificates,	17
Number of bills of sale	10
Number of assignments of mortgages	15
Number of ship liens	2
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	6
Number of notices of foreclosure of mort- gages	1

The following accident notices were filed during the two weeks ending December 31, 1898:

On December 24—Caroline M. Ford, personal injuries caused by defective coal-hole

cover in Eliot street. Antoinette Snow, personal injuries from an alleged defect in Union street. Helen F. Yeaton, personal injuries from an alleged defect in Franklin street, Ward 25.

On December 27—Anastasia Donnelly, personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Blackstone street. Emma J. Wasgatt, personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in sidewalk on Saratoga street.

On December 28—Hannah Mahany, personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Bowdoin street.

On December 29—John W. O'Brien, personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in sidewalk on Tremont street.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, December 31, 1898.

The following petitions for stable permits have been filed at this office:

Boston Elevated Railway Company, 639 Main street, Ward 4, three horses; hearing January 5 at 11 o'clock. Adelaide J. Sargent, Chestnut Hill avenue, corner of Beacon street, Ward 25, two horses, hearing January 12 at 11 o'clock.

The application of Timothy McCarthy, for the occupancy of a stable in rear of 1548 Tremont street, Ward 19, for fourteen horses, was granted.

During the month of December nineteen houses were ordered vacated by the Board of Health.

On December 31 it was voted that, in the opinion of this Board, the buildings situated at 6 Gilson court and first rear of 44 Phillips street, in this city, which have been ordered by this Board to be vacated are, because of age, defects in ventilation, plumbing and drainage, likely to cause sickness among the occupants, and are so unfit for habitation that the evils in, or caused by, said buildings, cannot be remedied by repairs, or in any other way, except by the destruction thereof, and this Board therefore orders said buildings to be removed.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending December 30:

Steers	161
New England cows	33
New England bulls	17
Western cows	46
Sheep	73
Calves	180
Total	510

During the past week 820 pounds of tuberculous beef and 198 pounds of septicæmic mutton have been condemned.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending December 31:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
Positive	18	62	80
Negative	59	220	279
No growth	2	1	3
Totals	79	283	362

Remarks: One case of glanders, negative; one case of rabies, positive; one case of gonorrhœa, negative; one case of influenza, negative; one case of typhoid, negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, January 2, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending December 31, 1898:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	155	2
Females	12	12
Total	167	14
Offences:		
Against the person	13	3
Against property	10	—
Against public order and decency	145	11
Total	*168	14
Discharges:		
Males	110	10
Females	28	3
Total	138	13
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	106	13
Permit of Commissioner	18	—
Payment of fine	14	—
Total	138	13
Population:		
December 25, 1898	1,419	503
Committed since Decem- ber 25, 1898	167	14
Total	1,586	517
Discharged since Decem- ber 25, 1898	138	13
December 31, 1898	1,448	504

*One man committed charged with two offences.

The following appointments have been made:

John H. Daly has been appointed to the position of night officer at House of Correction, South Boston, to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of Fred J. Reid; and Lucy J. Jordan to the position of matron at House of Correction, South Boston, to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of Bertha Blackman.

The following resignations have been accepted:

(1) Of Fred J. Reid from the position of night officer at House of Correction, South Boston; (2) of Bertha Blackman from the position of matron at House of Correction, South Boston.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending December 31, 1898, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.6
Death rate for corresponding week, 1897	19.5
Number of deaths:	
Males	120
Females	100
Total	220
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1897	194
Increase	26

Of the 220 decedents, 217 were white and 3 colored; 139 were born in the United States, 78 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 33 were of American parentage, 163 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 24 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	39	3
Scarlatina	12	—
Typhoid fever	5	—
Measles	139	—
Totals	195	3

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	43
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	15
Bronchitis	10
Marasmus	1
Violent causes	16

Total from principal causes	113
Total from infectious diseases	3
Total from other causes	104

Total from all causes 220

Deaths of children under 1 year	33
Deaths of children under 5 years	49
Deaths of persons over 60 years	55
Deaths in public institutions	46

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Monday, January 9, 1899, at 3 P.M.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, January 2, 1899.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for building abutments of bridge on Boston street, over New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston, Mass.; a bond satisfactory to the City Engineer in the sum of eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal and leave it at said office before 12 o'clock M., of Monday, January 16, with a certified check for one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston. This check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

WILLIAM JACKSON,
City Engineer of the City of Boston.

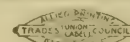
CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

Proposals for building a wall of quarry-faced granite or seam-faced Roxbury stone, at Franklin Park, will be received at the office of the Boston Park Commissioners, 64 Pemberton square, before 4 o'clock P.M., of Wednesday, January 11, 1899.

The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the engineer's office, Pine Bank, Jamaica Park, fill out and sign the same, and leave with it at said time and place a certified check for \$300, payable to the City of Boston, the check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. All proposals so filled out and left with check, and no other, will at said time and place be publicly opened and read. A bond of \$2,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,
LABAN PRATT,
Park Commissioners.



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APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on Monday, the ninth instant, communications were received from His Honor the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1.) John F. Donovan, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1899.

(2.) James H. Cleaves, an inspector of petroleum and its products for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on the ninth instant, Chairman Barry announced the appointment of the following committees:

Rules and Orders of the Board of Aldermen—Aldermen McDonald, Colby and Doyle.

Public Improvements—The whole Board, Alderman O'Toole as Chairman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS BY THE COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council, held on Thursday, January 5, 1899, President Kiley being in the chair, Joseph O'Kane was unanimously elected Clerk of the Common Council for the ensuing year; also in concurrence with the Board of Aldermen, the Council unanimously elected J. Mitchel Galvin as City Clerk, John F. Dever as Clerk of Committees, and Edward J. Leary as City Messenger for the year 1899.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF THE GOVERNOR.

Following are extracts from the Inaugural Address of Governor Wolcott, delivered before the Legislature of Massachusetts on January 5, 1899:

STATE DEBT.

In my last inaugural address to the Legislature I called attention to the recent rapid increase of the State debt, as shown by the following figures:

Net debt January 1, 1895	\$4,377,663
Net debt January 1, 1896	6,140,380
Net debt January 1, 1897	10,766,648
Net debt January 1, 1898	12,462,378
To which may now be added the net debt January 1, 1899	13,598,964

An increase during the past year of \$1,136,586

In this statement the net debt signifies the net direct funded debt of the Commonwealth, after deduction from the gross debt of the several sinking funds in the hands of the Treasurer, and also of the contingent debt, the latter being the amount of indebtedness incurred by the Commonwealth in behalf of certain cities and towns, and included in its gross debt, but which will ultimately be repaid to the Commonwealth by the municipalities which are the real debtors. The purposes for which the sums included in the contingent debt were expended are indicated by the titles of the several loans—metropolitan sewerage, metropolitan parks and metropolitan water.

An examination of the above figures shows that in four years the net debt of the Commonwealth has increased more than threefold, emphasizing the duty and necessity of rigid scrutiny on the part of your honorable bodies of all propositions to incur further indebtedness on the part of the State. The State tax of 1898 was materially lower than

it has been for the past ten years, except in 1891 and 1895, and during the coming year can, in my opinion, be kept at the same amount, if due regard is had to a prudent economy in all annual expenditures which shall receive your approval.

STATE AID.

Your attention is invited to the fact that, under the provisions of existing laws, the payment of military and State aid to disabled and destitute soldiers and sailors of the War of the Rebellion, and to the widows and children of those who have died, is limited to the first day of January, 1900. It seems proper that action should be taken by the Legislature to extend such payment beyond that date, and provision should, in my opinion, also be made, under proper conditions, to extend like aid to the soldiers and sailors of the war with Spain, and to those dependent upon them.

MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION.

There appears to be among many of our citizens a growing tendency, without sufficient grounds of public necessity, to invoke the paramount power of the Legislature in the enactment of laws relating to the affairs or government of cities, and especially of the City of Boston. This results in the annual consideration by the Legislature of a great number of measures, many of them honestly intended by their promoters to cure serious evils, which are admitted by all to exist in the operation of our municipal governments, but which may have their source in causes far too deep to be permanently affected by such legislation, while others spring from a desire to meet some temporary exigency of persons or politics, which, without such legislation, time is likely speedily to remove.

In the case of the City of Boston, a great mass of legislation has been thus enacted, and the Legislature is asked year after year to add to, or make alterations in, that already existing. I think there is danger of this tendency constantly to seek new legislation being carried too far. It would often be better, in my opinion, to refuse such legislation, at least until a longer period of trial has afforded fuller opportunity to study the operation of existing statutes, and to determine what changes, if any, a ripper experience might show to be necessary.

Too frequent change in the system under which a municipal government is conducted tends to confuse the minds of the voters, and to weaken their self-reliance and determination to attain the best possible results under an existing system, while holding out to them the hope, not always realized, of improvement through legislative enactment,

rather than through their own continued and earnest efforts.

When special laws of importance have been enacted for a single city, especially such laws as are designed to effect changes in its form of government, it has been the frequent custom of the Legislature to require that they receive the approval of the voters of such city, or of their elected representatives. Such action is, in my opinion, wise and salutary, and might with advantage be made a customary condition precedent to the enactment of all special laws affecting in an important degree the charter, indebtedness or other interest of a single city.

The paramount authority of the Legislature to grant to cities such charters as it may determine, and to make changes therein, even without the consent of their inhabitants, cannot be questioned from a legal or historic point of view. But, in my judgment, this authority should not be lightly invoked to impose important legislation upon cities without such consent, and should be exercised only with the utmost degree of deliberation, and in cases where the public good renders such exercise clearly and imperatively necessary.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

The great work committed to the Metropolitan Water Board has been advanced in an important degree during the past year. On the first day of January, 1898, the Board took from the City of Boston the Chestnut Hill reservoir and pumping station and all the other works held by the city westward of this reservoir, including Lake Cochituate, the Sudbury basins, the Sudbury and Cochituate aqueducts, and the Mystic lake and water-works. The use of the Mystic system as a source of water supply was forthwith abandoned on account of the unfitness of its water, which for many years had been fully recognized, but for which until then a remedy could not be applied. At about the same time Spot pond, with the adjacent pumping stations, was taken from the cities of Malden and Medford and the town of Melrose. In the following month a formal taking was made of the waters of the south branch of the Nashua river, above the site of the proposed dam in Clinton, and in March the water so taken was diverted through the twelve-mile aqueduct, then finished, into the Sudbury reservoir, at Southboro', and became available for the supply of the Metropolitan District. This has already resulted in a considerable improvement in quality, as compared with the water heretofore supplied from the Boston sources.

The metropolitan water district now comprises eight cities and seven towns, not including the town of Swampscott, which is without the prescribed ten-mile circle, but which, by special arrangement, will be supplied with water from the same source. The population of the district is about 850,000 inhabitants and is increasing rapidly.

During the past year the subway in the City of Boston, which had previously been in operation from the Public Garden and the Shawmut avenue entrances as far as Park street, has been extended to the vicinity of the Union Station on Causeway street; and, in accordance with the requirements of the act providing for its construction, the surface tracks upon those portions of Boylston and Tremont streets which

adjoin the Common have been removed. The work thus accomplished, together with the construction of a bridge to Charlestown, which will be open to travel during the coming summer, complete the operations contemplated by the Act of 1894, creating the Boston Transit Commission and defining its authority and duties. Under this act the Board was appointed on the second of July, 1894, for a period of five years, and will thus have accomplished the work originally committed to it within the time then allowed, and at a cost materially below the estimates originally submitted.

In the meantime, however, new and important duties have been imposed upon the Commission, contemplating the construction of a tunnel to East Boston as well as of an additional subway under Cambridge street, and the making of such alterations in the subway already constructed as may be found necessary to adapt it to the use of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, a corporation the duties and powers of which were carefully defined by the Legislature of 1897.

To enable the Commission to perform the additional duties thus imposed, provision should be made for its continuance beyond the second day of July next, at which date, in the absence of such provision, its powers lapse by limitation. The benefit already resulting from this great work, which at its inception was regarded with misgiving by many, in promoting the rapid transit of passengers, and in removing the burden of street-car traffic from certain of our principal streets, is now almost universally admitted.

COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The new Executive Council, after being sworn into office, held a meeting on Thursday, the fifth instant, at which Governor Wolcott appointed the following committees:

Pardons — The Lieutenant-governor, Messrs. Ryder, Atherton, *Swallow and *Quirk.

Finance — The Lieutenant-Governor, Messrs. Ryder, Russell, Howe and Jefferson.

Prisons — The Lieutenant-Governor, Messrs. Atherton, Davis, Jefferson and *Quirk.

Railroads — The Lieutenant-Governor, Messrs. Ryder, Jefferson, Russell and *Quirk.

Nominations — The Lieutenant-Governor, Messrs. Ryder and Atherton.

Harbors and Public Lands — Messrs. *Swallow, Davis, *Quirk, Jefferson and Howe.

Charitable Institutions — The Lieutenant-Governor and Messrs. Atherton, *Quirk, Howe and Jefferson.

Military and Naval Affairs — The Lieutenant-Governor and Messrs. *Swallow, Russell, Davis and Howe.

State House — The Lieutenant-Governor and Messrs. Ryder, Russell, Howe and Davis.

Accounts — Messrs. Ryder, *Swallow and Russell.

Warrants — Messrs. *Swallow, Atherton and Davis.

NOTE. — The names of Boston members are designated by an asterisk.

THE CITY DEBT.

The following relating to the debt and finances of the city is taken from Mayor Quincy's annual address, delivered before the City Council on Monday, January 2, 1899:

The debt statement is as follows:

Gross debt December 31, 1897	\$76,668,166
Gross debt December 31, 1898	82,652,656

Increase during the year	\$5,984,490
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Net debt December 31, 1897	\$49,053,446
Net debt December 31, 1898	54,505,814

Increase during the year	\$5,452,368
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Increase in sinking-funds and other redemption funds during the year	\$532,121
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Total amount of debt issued during 1898, both inside and outside of debt limit	\$9,485,780
Funded debt paid during the year	3,501,289

Increase in gross debt, as above	\$5,984,491
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Loans inside the debt limit issued during the year 1898	\$1,879,980
Of this amount loans authorized in the municipal year 1898 represented	\$951,980

Loans authorized prior to 1898	278,000
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Loans inside of debt limit for construction of new school-houses, under Chapter 408 of 1895 and Chapter 442 of 1897	650,000
	\$1,879,980

The loans outside the debt limit issued during 1898 were the following:

Sewerage works	\$2,000,000
Laying out and construction of assessable streets	1,561,000
Public parks	950,000
Blue Hill, Columbus, Huntington and Commonwealth avenues	750,000
Haymarket square property	616,000
Rapid transit	600,000
South Union Station	400,000
Extension of water mains, etc.	200,000
Additional supply of water	150,000
Improved ferry facilities	128,800
Improvement of Stony Brook	100,000
New library building	100,000
Cambridge bridge	50,000

Total	\$7,605,800
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The borrowing capacity of the city within the debt limit for the municipal year 1898 was \$1,728,082.

The loans authorized by the City Council or by the Legislature during the year exhausted the whole of this borrowing capacity except the sum of \$58,102.

The loans authorized by the City Council in 1898 inside the debt limit were for the following purposes:

Street improvements, extensions and construction	\$544,980
Faneuil Hall, reconstruction	80,000
Hospital Department, improvements	61,500
Wire Department	50,000
Institutions, improvements	40,500
School purposes	36,000
Additional portable booths and furnishing	30,000

Bridges	\$28,500
Back Bay fens, removal of sewage	25,000
Chapel, Mt. Hope cemetery	25,000
Public bathing establishments	17,500
Public convenience station	10,000
Fire department, completion of salt water-pipe system	7,500
Commonwealth Park, gymnasium	5,000
Steamer "Vigilant," new boiler	5,000
Miscellaneous purposes	7,500

Total \$973,980

In addition, the Legislature added within the debt limit the amount that may be borrowed for South Union Station (Chapter 248, Acts 1898) 750,000

Total \$1,723,980

The following table shows all the purposes for which debt has been issued during the last three years. Of course, this represents only the increase in the gross debt of the city, and is offset by the accumulation of the sinking-funds. It is impossible to assign the increase of the net debt to any particular objects of expenditure, and it is therefore necessary to use the figures of the gross debt in making any analysis of the causes of the increase. Of the total increase, the items for assessable streets, for sewers and for avenues, are very largely taken care of by special assessments. The item for rapid transit represents an investment, upon which a sufficient return to provide for sinking-funds, as well as for interest, is being received, and the item for South Union Station represents a short loan, which merely distributes this expense over the tax levy of a four-year period, while the item for schools is not under the control of the City Council or the Mayor. These items aggregate \$15,257,500 of the total increase:

Rapid transit	\$3,650,000
Street improvements, extensions and construction	3,169,280
Assessable streets	3,061,000
Schools	2,250,000
Blue Hill, Huntington, Columbus and Commonwealth avenues	2,392,000
Sewers	2,204,500
Parks	1,711,300
South Union Station	1,700,000
Charlestown bridge	930,000
Market or other public purposes	616,000
Stony Brook improvement	500,000
Hospital department, new buildings and improvements	350,500
Water department	350,000
Playgrounds	260,500
Public institutions, improvements, Ferry department, improved facilities	176,800
Wire department	150,000
Library department, new building and branches	149,000
Parade grounds, etc., for the militia	125,000
Fire department, new buildings, boat and salt-water service	124,500
Bathing establishments	100,500
New general register of voters	100,000
Repayment of sidewalk assessments	100,000
Paneuil Hall, reconstruction	80,000
Bridges	63,000
Police department, new boat and sub-station	58,500
Public buildings, improvements, Cambridge Bridge	50,000
Cemeteries, improvements in	42,500
New electrical construction	25,000
New voting booths	30,000
Massachusetts Historical Society Building	25,000

Ward-rooms	\$21,500
Gymnasia	23,500
Public grounds	19,000
Wharf and buildings, East Boston,	15,000
Miscellaneous	40,100
	\$24,916,580

The total loans outside of the debt limit authorized during 1898 were the following:

Blue Hill, Columbus, Commonwealth and Huntington avenues, Chapter 236, Acts 1898	\$750,000
Public Parks, Chapter 313, Acts 1898,	500,000
Completion of Public Library Building, Chapter 475, Acts 1898	100,000
Cambridge Bridge, Chapter 467, Acts 1898. No limit to amount.	

The average valuation of property upon which the debt and tax limits for the year 1899-1900 are based has increased \$22,897,113 over that of last year. The estimated borrowing capacity of the city for the coming year, after deducting the sum of \$200,000 for playgrounds and \$300,000 for schools set aside by special legislative acts, is \$1,795,080.

Amount which was assessed under \$9 tax limit for financial year 1898-99	\$8,564,750
Estimated general revenue	3,488,234
Debt requirements	4,264,040
County expenses, exempt from tax limit	425,000

Total amount appropriated for the current expenses of the year	\$16,742,024
Making the tax rate on the thousand,	13 60
Amount which can be raised within the \$9 tax limit for the financial year 1899-1900	8,770,824
Increase over financial year 1898-99	206,074

All loans issued during the year were at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum.

Under the financial practice which has prevailed in the past, the City Council has appropriated early in the year the entire amount which could be raised within the \$9 tax limit, plus the estimated income of the city,—from its distributive share of the corporation tax, from charges made by various departments, and from miscellaneous sources. As the whole amount included in the tax levy is fully appropriated, although quite a fraction of it is not collected within the limit of the financial year, but remains outstanding, it is obvious that there is a balance which must be made up from receipts on account of unpaid taxes of previous years if the City Treasury is actually to receive in cash by the end of the financial year the full amount which has been appropriated. In the past the assumption that a certain average percentage of the taxes for the year would be actually paid into the treasury in cash by the last day of the financial year, January 31, and that the balance of the amount included within the \$9 tax limit would be received from payments on account of unpaid taxes of former years, has practically held good; but it is clear that if in any year the collections made prior to February 1, fall materially below the average, a deficiency is created, which can only be bridged over by an excess of income received above the estimates. It is unfortunately the case that for some reason or other, but through no fault of the Collecting Department, the collections for this financial year up to the first of January have been about $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. less than for the same period of last

year; as the total assessment this year is \$14,262,000, this makes a deficiency in collections of about \$250,000 up to the present time. Of course, we may come up to the average percentage of collections before February 1, but this cannot be counted upon.

At the same time we are unfortunately obliged to meet a considerable shortage in income, as our share of the proceeds of the corporation tax alone has, owing to changes in State legislation, fallen about \$60,000 below the amount received last year. We are further confronted with the difficulty that, under the new law fixing the expenditures of the School Committee, referred to below, the sum of \$230,000 had to be provided to meet the amount of \$2.80 on each thousand of valuation allowed for schools for the current financial year, in excess of the appropriation of \$2,470,000, which had always been made. This additional sum could only be found by increasing the Auditor's estimate of income by including surplus water income, the amount of which was somewhat uncertain, and which it was very necessary to hold in reserve to meet such possible deficiencies in other directions as I have mentioned, as well as to provide for extraordinary contingencies in connection with the work of the departments.

On top of these difficulties the necessary expenditures already made by the Street Department for the removal of snow during the financial year, owing to extraordinary storms, have exceeded the average expenditures of other years by fully \$75,000, and there have been other unavoidable expenses incurred in excess of department appropriations—such as those of the City Hospital for the care of soldiers. It has also been necessary to make certain expenditures, some of them required by contracts, properly chargeable to loans, which the City Council has failed to provide for in that manner, leaving them to be met out of maintenance appropriations. Owing to these various reasons the task of closing the accounts of the city for this financial year will be one of unusual difficulty, and the requirements of the situation will at once be laid before the Board of Apportionment. There seems to be no plausible explanation of this deficiency of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the collections except that quite a number of taxpayers are awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court upon the case which has been brought to test the legality of the sewer assessments, before paying even their ordinary taxes; it is hoped that this decision will be rendered during the present month.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.

The following was received by the Board of Aldermen at its meeting on Monday, January 9, 1899:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK.

City Hall, January 6, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

I respectfully inform you that John T. Priest has been duly appointed and qualified as Assistant City Clerk for the current municipal year, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

RESULTS OF ESTABLISHMENT OF REPAIRS DEPARTMENT.

The following letter has been sent to the Boston Society of Architects by His Honor the Mayor:

E. J. LEWIS, JR., ESQ., Secretary Boston Society of Architects, 7 Park street, Boston.

DEAR SIR: In view of the desirability of ascertaining through some impartial inquiry the results, both mechanical and financial, of the establishment by the city of its own repair division for the execution of all kinds of work upon city buildings, I desire to ask the Boston Society of Architects to assume the work of appointing a committee of three of its members to make such examination and report. Such expert service as this committee may require in respect to an examination of books will be paid for by the city.

I trust that the Society will be willing to comply with this request, and that it may be found possible to act upon it shortly.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

EXTENSION OF FIRE LIMITS.

His Honor Mayor Quincy has sent the following letter to the Secretaries of the Boston Board of Fire Underwriters, the Boston Society of Architects, the Master Builders' Association, and the Real Estate Exchange:

DEAR SIR: I enclose herewith an extract from my recent Annual Address in relation to the matter of extending the fire limits, and I desire to invite the Master Builders' Association, the Boston Society of Architects, the Real Estate Exchange, and the Boston Board of Fire Underwriters, to appoint a representative, or a committee, to confer jointly with me as soon as possible, as to what steps should be taken to secure action this year, either in the City Council or in the Legislature, upon this important matter. Will you please bring this subject before your organization as early as convenient, and notify me in regard to the appointment of such representative or committee? I will then call a meeting at my office.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee met in the School Committee Chamber in Mason street, on Monday, January 9, 1899, at 7.30 P.M., for the purpose of organization, all of the members being present.

Dr. J. A. McDonald, the senior member, called the Board to order, and acted as Chairman pro tempore. At the request of the Chair, Rev. E. A. Horton, D.D., offered prayer.

The Chair read the following:

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, December 31, 1898.

TO THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary School Committee.

SIR: We hereby certify that it appears by the votes cast for members of the School Committee at the Municipal election, held on the thirteenth instant, in the City of Boston, the following-named persons were elected:

For three years—Thomas W. Berridge, John A. Brett, Francis A. Campbell, Elizabeth C. Keller, Thomas J. Kenny, Ignatius S. McDonough, William F. Merritt, J. Carlton Nichols.

For one year—Frederick S. Bennett.

Respectfully,

(Signed) LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOSEPH J. CORBETT,

Board of Election Commissioners.

Placed on file.

A committee, appointed by the Chair, to collect the certificates of members-elect, reported that credentials had been received from all the newly elected members.

The report was accepted and the credentials placed on file.

It was ordered (1) that the rules of the Board and the regulations of the public schools of last year which do not involve the expenditure of money be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

(2.) That the rules of the Board and the regulations of the public schools of last year which involve the expenditure of money be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a President.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Keller, Mr. Gallivan and Mr. Davison a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be twenty-five. A second ballot was therefore ordered.

A second ballot having been cast, the committee reported the whole number of votes twenty-two, necessary for a choice, twelve; Henry D. Huggan, twelve; George W. Anderson, ten.

Mr. Huggan was declared elected, and the Chair appointed Mr. Anderson and Mr. Strange a committee to conduct the President to the chair.

Thornton D. Apollonio was unanimously chosen Secretary of the corporation.

W. J. Porter was unanimously chosen Auditing Clerk.

A. H. Peters was unanimously chosen Messenger.

Mr. J. A. McDonald was unanimously chosen Treasurer of the Board.

It was ordered, under a suspension of the rules, that when the Board adjourned it be to Thursday, January 12, at 5 P.M.

It was ordered (1) that the several committees may, with the permission of the Board, make any report in print which they deem proper.

(2.) That a special committee of three be appointed by the Chair to take charge of all matters relating to the exhibition of the work of the public schools of this city at the Paris Exposition in 1900.

(3.) That the unfinished business of last year referred to this Board be referred to the appropriate committees when appointed.

The Chair read the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools as to the Normal School, presented at the previous meeting.

Referred to the Committee on Normal School.

The Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, January 12, at 5 P.M.

COMMITTEE ON PUNISHMENT OF DRUNKARDS.

On Monday, the ninth instant, His Honor the Mayor announced the appointment of a committee of citizens to investigate the working of the laws for the punishment of drunkenness and report what changes, if any, should be made in the same.

The names of the committee are: Rev. F. B. Allen, of the Episcopal City Mission; Professor F. Spencer Baldwin, of Boston University; Professor Edward Cummings, of Harvard University; Messrs. William E. Harmon and James F. Wise, of the Committee on the Summer Municipal Camp for Boys in 1898; Mr. John Koren, whose investigations of the liquor problem in its legislative aspects are well known; Miss Annette Rogers and Mrs. Paul Thorndike, members of the Boston Overseers of the Poor, and Mr. J. G. Thorp, President of the Massachusetts Prison Association.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The announcement is made that beginning March 7, 1899, at 9 A.M., an examination will be held at Boston for the position of assistant draughtsman, especially qualified in designing electrical machinery of war vessels, at Newport News, Va., at a salary of \$4 per diem.

Three days will be allowed for this examination.

All persons who desire to compete should at once write to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for copies of the Manual of Examinations, and for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375) and special forms, which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D.C.

The Commission also announces that on March 1, 1899, commencing at 9 A.M., an examination will be held at Boston for the position of assistant inspector of engineering material, at the Bethlehem Iron Works, at a salary of \$5 per diem.

Persons who desire to enter this examination should at once apply to E. E. Stebbins, Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Post-office Building, Boston, Mass., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the Commission at Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS OF THE BOSTON MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Following is the list of assignments of Boston members of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1899 to committees, made January 9, 1899, by the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives respectively:

SENATE.

District 1—Charles T. Witt, member of Committees on Ways and Means, Harbors and Public Lands, and Public Health.

District 2—Peter F. Tague, member of Committees on Engrossed Bills, Federal Relations, and Metropolitan Affairs.

District 3—William J. Donovan, member of Committees on Cities, Printing, and Roads and Bridges.

District 4—John A. Keliher, member of Committees on Education, Libraries, and Taxation.

District 5—Charles H. Innes, member of Committees on Election Laws, Libraries, Probate and Insolvency, and Taxation.

District 6—John E. Baldwin, member of Committees on Fisheries and Game, Mercantile Affairs, and Parishes and Religious Societies.

District 7—William H. Lott, member of Committees on Bills in the Third Reading, Manufactures, and Public Health.

District 8—Arthur A. Maxwell, member of Committees on Counties, Metropolitan Affairs, and Probate and Insolvency.

District 9—John J. Feneno, member of Committees on Drainage, the Liquor Law, and State House.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Ward 1—John L. Bates, Speaker of the House, and member of the Committee on Rules; Hugh L. Stalker, member of Committees on Constitutional Amendments, and Railroads.

Ward 2—James H. Donovan, member of Committees on Engrossed Bills, and Election Laws; John J. Douglass, member of Committees on Bills in the Third Reading, and Probate and Insolvency.

Ward 3—Jeremiah F. McCarthy, member of Committee on Public Health; John I. Toland, member of Committee on Printing.

Ward 4—Thomas H. Green, member of Committee on Manufactures; Jeremiah J. McCarthy, member of Committees on Rules, and Railroads.

Ward 5—William J. Miller, member of Committee on Mercantile Affairs; Edmund J. Twomey, member of Committee on Prisons.

Ward 6—Michael J. Donovan, member of Committee on Constitutional Amendments; Daniel J. Kane, member of Committee on Cities.

Ward 7—William T. A. Fitzgerald, member of Committee on Metropolitan Affairs; Thomas Mackey, member of Committees on Elections, and Counties.

Ward 8—Edward J. Donovan, member of Committee on Railroads; Martin M. Lomasney, member of Committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Ward 9—John J. Gartland, jr., member of Committee on Taxation; David A. Mahoney, member of Committee on Street Railways.

Ward 10—Charles S. Clerke, member of Committee on Mercantile Affairs; William C. Parker, member of Committee on Prisons.

Ward 11—Charles R. Saunders, member of Committee on Rules, and Election Laws; George S. Selfridge, member of Committees on Judiciary, and Bills in Third Reading.

Ward 12—John B. Dumond, member of Committees on Liquor Law, and Manufactures; Edward P. Sands, member of Committee on Cities.

Ward 13—Hugh W. Bresnahan, member of Committee on Election Laws; James T. Mahoney, jr.*

Ward 14—Michael Joseph Sullivan, member of Committee on Metropolitan Affairs; John J. Toomey, member of Committee on Insurance.

Ward 15—William Kells, jr., member of Committees on Banks and Banking, and State House; Daniel V. McIsaac, member of Committee on Ways and Means.

Ward 16—Frederick W. Farwell, member of Committee on Harbors and Public Lands; Arthur P. Russell, member of Committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Ward 17—John P. Lanergan, member of Committees on Elections, and Parishes and Religious Societies; James H. Queeney, member of Committee on Drainage.

Ward 18—Thomas A. Conroy, member of Committee on Federal Relations; Michael E. Gaddis, member of Committee on Liquor Law.

Ward 19—John J. Flanagan, member of Committees on Federal Relations, and Libraries; Oliver S. Grant, member of Committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Ward 20—Frank A. Foster, member of Committee on Cities; Joseph I. Stewart, member of Committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Ward 21—Richard F. Andrews, jr., member of Committees on Elections, and Insurance; William E. Skillings, member of Committees on Railroads, and State House.

Ward 22—John Bleiler, member of Committees on Liquor Law, and Printing; Randolph V. King, member of Committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Ward 23—John M. Minton, member of Committee on Judiciary; Albert B. Root, member of Committees on State House, and Taxation.

Ward 24—Fred C. Gilpatric, member of Committee on Street Railways; Harry B. Whall, member of Committees on Insurance, and Public Service.

Ward 25—Leonard W. Ross, member of Committee on Railroads; William D. Wheeler, member of Committee on Public Health.

* Died November 28, 1898.

WEEKLY MUNICIPAL CONCERT.

The next weekly concert, to be given under the direction of the Music Commission, will be held in the Old Public Library Building, Boylston street, on Tuesday evening, January 17, 1899. The soloist for the occasion will be Miss Zelda Rotoli, soprano.

Tickets for the concert may be procured at the office of the Music Commission, 64 Pemberton square.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved December 31, 1898:

Ordered, That the present buildings upon the Munroe-street, Roxbury Primary School lot, together with that portion of said lot fronting on Comins terrace, and containing 1,250 square feet, purchased in 1892, be placed in charge of the Board of Street Commissioners, to be sold, subject to temporary occupancy, during the construction of a new school-house on Munroe street, on such terms as may be approved by the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Street Department, Paving Division, be authorized to expend the sum of \$22,000, for the purpose of additional street improvements, and that to meet this appropriation, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city for said amount.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Carter & Peabody, agents, the sum of \$222.78, being the amount held by the city, under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mountain avenue, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 577.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Philips the sum of \$70.46, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Sheperd avenue for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 594.

The following were approved January 2, 1899:

Ordered, That the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of Chapter 412 of the Acts of the year 1898, entitled "An Act to Provide for a Comprehensive System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston."

An order authorizing the issue of a permit to Batchelder Brothers to build a wooden building in rear of 22 Dorchester avenue, Ward 13, in excess of range allowed, etc., to be used for stable purposes.

An order authorizing the issue of a permit to the Massachusetts Wharf Coal Company to build a wooden building on Marginal street, Ward 2, in excess of range allowed, etc., to be used as a coal-shed.

An order authorizing the issue of a permit to H. E. Weston to build a wooden addition to building on Guild row, Roxbury and Dudley streets, Ward 18, in excess of size allowed, etc., to be used for mercantile purposes.

The following were approved January 7, 1899:

Ordered, That the expense incurred in the printing of city documents ordered by either branch of the City Council in accordance with the joint rules, be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

Ordered, That the heads of the various city departments be authorized to submit

their annual reports in print; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for printing.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved December 31, 1898:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

The Fashion Company illuminated sign, 461 Washington street, Ward 7.

D. M. Osborne & Co., V sign, 47 South Market street, Ward 6.

Frank Ward, illuminated sign, 39 Main street.

Loie Goodman, sign, 44 Wall street, Ward 8.

E. J. Fennessey, sign, 235 Dudley street, Ward 17.

Jacob H. Hecht, to establish grade of four buildings on Atlantic avenue, below grade 12.

Permit to Jacob H. Goodman to project a bay-window from building at the corner of of E and West Fifth streets, Ward 15.

Order granting the West End Street Railway Company a location for double tracks on Columbia road from Blue Hill avenue to Edward Everett square, with curves connecting with existing tracks on Blue Hill avenue, Washington, Hancock, Stoughton and Dudley streets; thence through Edward Everett square and Boston street, to and connecting with existing tracks on Dorchester avenue and with curves connecting with existing tracks on Dorchester street; and with all necessary turn-outs, cross-overs, switches and connections; with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Charles M. Seaver the sum of \$10.50 in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs, December 17, 1898, said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

The following were approved January 4, 1899:

Ordered, That the Chairman of this Board be, and hereby is, authorized to employ Frank X. Chisholm as stenographer and clerk for the members of the Board, to date from January 2, 1899, and to fix the rate of compensation; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for Board of Aldermen, Salaries.

The following was approved January 4, 1899:

Ordered, That a special committee to consist of three members of the Board of Aldermen, be appointed to determine the amounts to be paid to soldiers and sailors and their families under the provisions of Chapters 447 of the Acts of 1890, 279 and 301 of the Acts of 1894, 361 of the Acts of 1895, and 561 of the Acts of 1898, and acts in amendment or addition thereto; the amounts so paid to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

The following was approved January 5, 1899:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be directed to pay the amounts that may be due to soldiers and sailors and their families under the provisions of Chapters 447 of the Acts of 1890, 279 and 301 of the Acts of 1894, 361 of the Acts of 1895 and 561 of the Acts of 1898, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and to employ such assistance as may be required for the purpose;

the amounts so paid and the expense incurred on account thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The two orders following were presented to the Mayor December 20, 1898, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove tree standing in front of estate of Louis A. Ginsberg at 6 Winthrop street, East Boston, Ward 2; the expense attending same to be charged to appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Alley, from Arlington street to Massachusetts avenue, lying between Beacon and Marlboro' streets, twenty-three poles, thirty feet by twelve inches.

Alley, from Irvington street nearly to Massachusetts avenue, lying between Huntington avenue and St. Botolph street, seventeen poles, thirty feet by six inches.

Alley, from Huntington avenue to St. Botolph street, east of Massachusetts avenue, one pole, thirty feet by six inches.

Hereford street, one pole, thirty feet by twelve inches; date of plan December 5, 1898.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets, for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN 1898.

The following shows the number of transfers of real estate, and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the calendar year, 1898, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 7,792; total number of mortgages, 7,553; total amount of mortgages, \$36,882,387.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	1,797
South Boston	579
East Boston	627
Roxbury	1,001
Dorchester	2,237
West Roxbury	791
Brighton	458
Charlestown	302
Total	7,792

FREE MUNICIPAL LECTURES.

Central Course No. 1 of Free Municipal Lectures—subject: Imperialism—will be given in the Old Public Library Building on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock, as follows:

January 12—Professor Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard University.

January 19—Dr. Lyman Abbott, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

January 26—Charlton T. Lewis, Esq., of New York City.

February 2—Speaker to be announced.

No tickets will be required for admission. Doors open at 7.30, and will be closed at 8, o'clock. No person under eighteen years of age will be admitted. The public is cordially invited. Mayor Quincy will preside at the opening of the lecture course on Thursday evening, January 12.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending January 7, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	24.4
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	20.4
Number of deaths:	
Males	117
Females	137
Total	254
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	208
Increase	46

Of the 254 decedents, 245 were white and 9 colored; 159 were born in the United States, 90 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 5 was unknown; 62 were of American parentage, 168 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 24 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	49	4
Scarlatina	23	—
Typhoid fever	6	4
Measles	142	—
Totals	220	8

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	26
Pneumonia	75
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	23
Bronchitis	17
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	14

Total from principal causes	160
Total from infectious diseases	8
Total from other causes	86

Total from all causes 254

Deaths of children under 1 year	43
Deaths of children under 5 years	63
Deaths of persons over 60 years	60
Deaths in public institutions	49

There were 4 deaths certified as being caused by La Grippe, and 11 deaths certified as being caused by La Grippe with pneumonia, etc., a total of 14.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1898.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	172	5	177	76	91	10	96	29	31	177	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	40	1	41	22	19	—	10	12	14	41	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	215	64	279	97	172	10	95	77	52	275	4
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	22	5	27	21	5	1	7	4	10	27	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	7	1	8	5	3	—	5	1	1	8	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	14	11	25	15	10	—	17	—	—	25	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	30	26	56	17	39	—	27	15	6	56	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,144	253	2,397	114	2,250	33	1,123	899	232	2,171	226
Totals	2,644	366	3,010	367	2,589	54	1,380	1,037	346	2,780	230

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	—	—	2	—	16	—	46	—	43	2	24	1	19	—	10	1	3	—	4	1	2	—	3	—
No. 2.	—	—	2	—	12	—	7	1	6	—	5	—	6	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3.	3	—	15	—	30	2	38	8	45	20	36	10	16	10	13	8	8	3	6	3	2	—	3	—
No. 4.	—	—	7	—	3	—	2	—	3	3	2	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6.	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	4	4	2	2	2	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	1	1
No. 7.	—	—	—	—	1	1	9	11	7	6	6	5	6	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 8.	12	8	49	5	88	9	262	37	398	46	328	34	320	42	220	20	185	23	129	9	79	7	74	13
Totals	15	8	75	5	151	12	370	58	505	78	405	54	371	57	245	32	201	28	140	13	85	7	81	14

NOTE. — "M," male, includes boys; "F," female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	21	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	17	Males	26
Missing persons reported	23	Females	1
Missing persons found	6	Americans	20
Lost children restored	37	Foreigners	7
Sick and injured persons assisted	257	Non-residents	23

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,630	20	<i>Brought forward</i>	2,990	27
British Provinces	259	2	Roumania	1	—
Ireland	708	2	Finland	3	—
England	106	1	Denmark	3	—
France	6	—	Holland	3	—
Germany	24	1	Wales	1	—
Italy	74	—	East Indies	—	—
Russia	60	—	West Indies	4	—
China	6	—	Turkey	1	—
Greece	14	—	South America	—	—
Sweden	28	1	Switzerland	2	—
Scotland	54	—	Belgium	1	—
Spain	1	—	Africa	—	—
Norway	9	—	Hungary	—	—
Poland	5	—	Asia	—	—
Austria	5	—	Arabia	1	—
Portugal	1	—	Mexico	—	—
<i>Carried forward</i>	2,990	27	Totals	3,010	27

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

January 4, 1899.

General Order No. 562.

Whereas it appears that Patrolman Addison D. Gilbert of Division 7 has performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty years, that he is an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion and that he has requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898, it is therefore hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Addison D. Gilbert be retired from active service in the Police Department and placed upon the pension roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement.

This order will take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock P. M., Thursday, the fifth instant.

January 5, 1899.

General Order No. 563.

Reserve Officer James A. Morgan, of Division 12, having been commended for performing meritorious service in stopping a runaway horse attached to a wagon on December 16, 1898, he is hereby appointed a patrolman in the police force, and assigned to duty in the same division. He will report at the Clerk's office, at 9.30 o'clock A.M., the sixth instant, to be sworn.

January 6, 1899.

General Order No. 564.

I. In the matter of the complaint made by B. W. Farris against Patrolman Lewis G. Smith, of Division 3, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, in assaulting the complainant without cause, the Board finds the said Patrolman Smith guilty, and sentences him to a forfeiture of ten days' pay.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Frank M. Peckham, of Division 12, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, being absent from duty without leave, the Board finds the said Patrolman Peckham guilty, and sentences him to be reprimanded in General Orders.

The memorial fund to the late Col. George E. Waring, jr., has now reached \$100,000, and is complete. This sum was raised by public subscriptions, and the income from it will be paid to Colonel Waring's widow and daughter. Upon their decease the principal will be paid to Columbia University, and the interest will be applied to a course of instruction in municipal affairs.

The Municipal Orchestral concert will be given on Sunday evening next in Music Hall at 8 P.M. Tickets may be purchased at ten, fifteen and twenty-five cents.

Board Meetings.**Baths Department.**

The regular meeting of the Board was held Tuesday, December 20, at 3 o'clock. On account of the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Lane, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary, and it was voted that Dr. Duff be the Chairman pro tempore.

The report of the Secretary concerning the work of the Department was read and accepted. Estimates on the proposed work on the South Boston Gymnasium were read and it was

Voted, That the Secretary be instructed to order the erection of a boiler-house at the Commonwealth Park Gymnasium, in accordance with the plans and estimates which had been submitted to the Board by the Repairs Division of the Public Buildings Department, and that the following work be left for the present unfinished:

The electrical work, a portion of the interior finish, the running track, the apparatus and other portions of the building which, in the opinion of the committee in charge, may seem best; and the Secretary was requested to report at frequent intervals to the committee.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

Boston, December 28, 1898.

*A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on December 28, at 5 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague and Burnham. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Sprague was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

The President reported and recommended various items to be asked for from the loan appropriation of the coming fiscal year, in accordance with circular letter No. 51, from His Honor Mayor Quincy, and in accordance therewith it was voted that the President be requested to ask for money for the following purposes:

For enlarging and altering hospital kitchen	\$9,000
For two new elevators	3,500
For covered bridge between wards S and H	1,200
For storage house in Albany-street yard	6,000
For connecting corridor between the two nurses' homes	7,500
For steam conduits from the Hospital to medical out-patient building and two nurses' homes	5,500
For furnishing Ann White Vose Building for Nurses, complete	24,000
For grading grounds, asphalt roads, catch-basins and planting trees on surgical side	4,500
For grading and loaming unfinished grounds of the Hospital premises on the corner of Massachusetts avenue and Harrison avenue, extending brick walls, etc.	10,000
For alteration and extension, or building a new building in place of the present surgical building for out-patients	85,000

For a new building to replace the present wards K and L for delirious and excited patients \$120,000

Total \$276,200

* See continuation of report on page 11.

The President submitted a communication whereby Dr. E. R. Baldwin of Saranac Lake, Franklin County, N.Y., contributes \$20 to be applied toward the general funds of the Hospital for use in X-ray work. It was voted that the same be accepted and that the Secretary be instructed to acknowledge the same and express the thanks of the Trustees to Dr. Baldwin.

A communication was submitted from Mr. M. J. Dwyer, Secretary of the Commission for the Department of Music for the City of Boston, transmitting a check for \$34.11, the same being the proceeds of four concerts given by the Department of Music in Music Hall for the benefit of the Hospital. It was voted that the same be accepted and that the thanks of the Trustees be returned for the gift.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE,
Secretary pro tempore.

Library Department.

Friday, December 30, 1898.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Lincoln and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the Mayor, dated December 24; from the Art Commission, dated December 28; the Librarian's report.

The Librarian reported the death on December 27 of Arthur Mason Knapp, custodian of Bates Hall.

Resignation received: Nellie E. Hufton, grade D of the Dorchester Branch, to take effect December 20.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$433.19; to trust funds, \$49.77; to Station "P," \$7.18; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$16.34; miscellaneous articles, \$688.15.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

The following changes in grade and salary were ordered December 23; have taken effect as stated:

Executive Department, D. J. Deery and L. A. Learned, grade C special to B special, \$13.50 to \$14 per week, beginning January 1; Issue Department, Edna M. Hersey, grade E to D runner, \$3.50 to \$5 per week, beginning January 1; Letitia M. Kiernan, grade D, \$6 to \$7 per week, beginning January 3.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held on January 4, 1899.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Mrs. Wolcott, Miss Rogers, Mr. Sproules, Miss O'Brien, Mr. Kerrigan, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Pierce, Dr. Stuart and Mrs. Thorndike.

Voted, to draw on the City Treasurer for \$2,500.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending December 10, 1898.

Notice was received from His Honor the Mayor of the approval by him of employment and salary of Thomas Moore, engineer.

A circular letter from the Division of State Adult Poor of the State Board of Charity, saying that for cases aided into the new year renewal of notice should be made, was read, and it was voted that the action suggested should be taken.

Notice was received from the Superintendent of Public Buildings that a contract has been made for coal for the quarter ending March 31, 1899.

Mr. Mullen reported for the Committee on Finance that the accounts for the month of December have been examined and found correct. Placed on file.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by Miss Rogers. The Committee recommended that the salary of the matron's assistant, Miss Emma L. McDowell, be increased from \$25 to \$30 per month, and stated that she did not live in the Home.

Voted, That Miss McDowell's salary be increased from \$25 to \$30 per month, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

The monthly report of the Lodge and woodyard was read by Mr. Fowler.

Dr. Stuart, for the Medical Committee, reported that the medical expenses in December in Charlestown were: Doctor, \$40; medicine, \$18.71, and that for the quarter ending December 31 the change of system had resulted in a saving of \$93.72. The Committee also reported progress in the consideration of the question as to prices for medicine, and it was voted that the Committee have full power to act in the matter.

The Building Committee reported that the Children's Aid Society desired to put a heavier safe into its rooms, and the request was referred to the Committee with full power.

The Committee on Building was given full power to cause the Board-room to be ventilated.

BENJ. PETTEE, Secretary.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held on December 28, 1898:

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to advertise for bids for construction of the Arboretum wall, between Centre-street entrance and the new wall at Walter street.

Voted, That, in view of the ambiguity of the specifications regarding the kind of stone to be used for building the wall on Seaver street, the bids received for the work be rejected, and that the specifications be amended and new proposals invited.

Voted, That the bids received for bulk-head and filling between Beacon street and the Harbor Commissioners' line, at the Fens, be rejected in consequence of the proposed change of plan for treating this ground architecturally, in connection with the proposed embankment on Charles river.

Voted, That the proposal of the Lynn Stall Company for floors for the Franklin Park stable be accepted, and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the contract.

A communication from the Consulting Architect, advising the approval of plans for the proposed club-house for the Puritan Canoe Club, A. C. Fernald, architect, was received, and it was

Voted, To approve the plans, the Chairman to endorse said approval on the plans.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, January 10, 1899.

The forty-third regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court Square, December 19, at 10 A.M., the full Board being present.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee stated that up to November 1, the allowance which should be made to Pauper Institutions for the board of sick soldiers amounts to \$1,973.

The suggested loan appropriation for this Department includes the following items:

New power-house, new boilers, involving a new plant, which will include lighting, heating and ventilating, improved laundry facilities, and a new bakery, (estimate for the same to be furnished by the Consulting Architect), also a tie-up for fifty head of cattle.

The Finance Committee was authorized to make a request for the necessary loan appropriation and to present the same to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The estimate for current expenses for the ensuing year is \$131,700.

Voted, That the estimates prepared by the Finance Committee be approved by the Board.

The report of the Hospital Committee was accepted and adopted. Its chief recommendations were as follows:

That the salary of the present Superintendent of Nurses, Miss M. A. Morris, be increased to \$75 per month.

That the salaries of her two assistants be raised from \$30 to \$35 per month.

Voted, That the adjustment of questions relating to the supply of coal for the steamer "John Howard" be referred to the Chairman of the Finance Committee, with power.

The Superintendent of Charlestown Almshouse was authorized to procure, as has been customary, three pieces of music for the Christmas entertainment at the almshouse.

A letter from the Civil Service Commission was read, authorizing the Board to procure the services of an executive agent.

Voted, That the request of P. J. Cunningham, baker, for the sum of \$15 back pay be granted.

Voted, That the sum of \$15 for colored prints, be expended, for the adornment of the hospital, dormitory and institution at Long Island.

The appointment of William L. Savoy as cook at the institution, at a salary of \$50 per month was confirmed.

The report of the special committee appointed to consider filling the position of Superintendent of Long Island was accepted.

The following is the census for Long Island on December 19, 1898:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	82	125	207
Children	2	2	4
Dormitory:			
Adults	-	232	232
Children	5	5	10
Institution	328	-	328
Totals	417	364	781

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Statistics Department.

The thirty-sixth meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics was held in Room 73, City Hall, on December 12, at 3.50 P.M. There were present Messrs. Dewey, Folsom, Jackson and Weld. In the absence of Mr. Minot from the city, Mr. Weld was chosen Chairman pro tempore.

It was voted that Mr. Weld be authorized to approve bills and act as Chairman in the absence of Mr. Minot.

The Secretary reported the acceptance of his appointment by Mr. Koren, and that Mr. Koren would probably begin his duties on or about December 19.

The Secretary reported upon the progress of work in hand by the Department.

The thirty-seventh meeting of the Department of Municipal Statistics was held at 73 City Hall on December 19, 1898, at 3.30 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Dewey, Folsom, Jackson, Minot and Weld. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

The estimates of appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year were considered. It was voted to adopt the estimate as set forth for the Department of Municipal Statistics, amounting to \$16,160. It was voted to adopt as the estimate for the publication of THE CITY RECORD the sum of \$6,000.

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary.

Street Laying-out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Wednesday, December 14, 1898.

It was voted to pay Catherine F. Johnson \$275 for damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Belmore terrace, and to pay William T. McKechnie the sum of \$30,000 for land taken from, and damages occasioned to, his estate by the laying out of Columbia road—the Mayor having approved the agreements to accept said sums.

Sewers were ordered to be built in Sparhawk, Walk Hill, Halleck and Ruggles streets, and catch-basins in Condor and Beech streets.

On recommendation of the Law Department, it was voted to pay Joanna L. Clark and others \$131.60 for damages occasioned their estate by the relocation of Weld street.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Bray street; that Ellis street may be extended, and that catch-basins may be built in Congress and Percival streets and Mt. Ida road.

Friday, December 16.

It was voted to pay Robert C. Pepper \$75 for damages occasioned his estate by the improvement of the Oakland Garden Branch of Stony Brook, to pay A. A. Ranney

\$1,200 for damages occasioned his estate by the construction of a sewer from Notre Dame street, and to pay Catherine Whelan \$1,100 for damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Columbia road.

It was ordered that sewers be built in Magnolia street and White terrace.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Montclair avenue, and for the extension of Temple street.

Public hearings were given in the matter of the laying out of Bakersfield street and Rozella street.

Saturday, December 17.

It was ordered that Davenport Brook be relocated, and that catch-basins be built in Irvington and Congress streets.

Tuesday, December 20.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out Shepton street, and of the construction of a catch-basin drain in Van Winkle street.

Orders were passed to build a catch-basin outlet in Van Winkle street, and a sewer and conduit in Calder street.

Wednesday, December 21.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the extension of Covington street.

It was ordered that a sewer be built in Bullard street, and that Public Alley No. 2,001 be laid out.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Walter street.

Friday, December 23.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the relocation of South street.

Orders were passed to build catch-basins in Julian and Bower streets, and a sewer in Rockville park.

A petition was received for a sewer in Washington place.

On recommendation of the Law Department, it was voted to pay Anna M. Richards \$36,000, with interest from May 15, 1897, for damages occasioned her estate by the widening of Summer street.

Tuesday, December 27.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Park and Westcott streets.

On recommendation of the Law Department, it was voted to pay Charles H. Buraige and others, trustees, \$18,302.40, with interest from date of entry upon the land, for damages occasioned their estate by the laying out of Batavia street.

Thursday, December 29.

It was voted to pay Joseph Amia \$150 for damages occasioned his estate by the construction of a sewer in Oak terrace.

It was ordered that a sewer be built in Weld street.

A petition was received for a sewer in Centre street, and a remonstrance from Joanna Kinsley against the location of a proposed street shown on the Board of Survey plans in Plat 8.

Friday, December 30.

It was voted to pay Caroline E. Skinner \$250 for all damages occasioned her estate by the relocation of Forest Hills street.

Sewers were ordered to be built in Grove, Mill, Adams and Centre streets, between King street and Dorchester avenue, in the Riverway and Brookline avenue, and in Centre street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, January 10, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and the number of plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending January 7, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gasfitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
2...	2	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
3...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
4...	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
6...	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	2	6	21
7...	2	12	-	1	1	-	13	2	14	21
8...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	6
9...	2	1	1	-	-	-	4	-	1	8
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	23
11...	2	2	-	-	1	-	2	1	3	45
12...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	-
13...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	4
14...	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	4
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10
16...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	16
17...	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
18...	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	-
19...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
20...	12	1	11	-	-	12	3	-	7	19
21...	5	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	2	35
22...	-	2	-	-	8	1	3	-	2	7
23...	2	1	1	-	-	3	-	1	5	-
24...	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	22
25...	4	3	2	-	-	2	2	-	1	1
T'ls..	33	44	16	1	14	21	48	7	72	250

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, January 9, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending January 7, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	86
Number of discharges of mortgages	10
Number of assignments of mortgages	7
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of bills of sale	2
Number of assignments of wages	48
Number of married women's certificates	5
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	4
Number of ship liens	2

An accident notice was filed by John Schofield on account of injuries received, caused by ice on sidewalk on North Grove street, December 21, 1898.

John J. Austin has entered suit against the city, placing the damages at \$5,000.

Suits have also been entered in the Municipal Court by Thomas E. Galvin, Simon Bernard, Ruth H. Thompson, Edward W. E. Thompson, all being actions of contract, the damages being placed at \$300 in each case. These suits are the result of the recent tax levied for street watering and sewer maintenance.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, January 7, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Thomas F. Slater, Walker street, Ward 23, one horse; hearing January 12, at 11 o'clock. C. H. Lindsay, 224 Harvard street, Ward 20, two horses; hearing January 12, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Boston Elevated Railway Company, 639 Main street, Ward 4, three horses; Arthur H. Kinder, 17 Woodward Park street, Ward 16, one horse; E. J. Barker, Corey Road, Ward 25, one cow and one horse.

The number of houses ordered vacated by the Board of Health during the year 1898, with a view to ordering them to be removed, was fifty-eight; of this number twenty-six have already been removed.

The number of houses ordered vacated during the year was 215; the number actually vacated was 105. The reason that all the houses were not vacated was that many of them were put in order at once, so that the order of the Board of Health requiring the premises to be vacated, was not enforced.

Following is a list of lodging-houses approved by the Board of Health and sent to the Police Commissioners:

Francis Marshall, 164 Commercial street, 70 occupants; Campbell & Dimán, 1025 Washington street, 120 occupants; George M. Ingram, 67 Pleasant street, 115 occupants; Mary A. Tenneson, 42 Eastern avenue, 110 occupants; Mary A. Tenneson, 234 Commercial street, 100 occupants; Mary A. Tenneson, 238 Commercial street, 114 occupants; William B. Lyons, 120 Eliot street, 154 occupants; Salvation Army, 37 Green street, 100 occupants; Salvation Army, 187 Hanover street, 135 occupants; Salvation Army, 866 Washington street, 130 occupants.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending January 6:

Steers	271
New England cows	75
New England bulls	4
Western cows	63
Sheep	112
Calves	204
Total	729

During the past week 3,628 pounds of tuberculous beef have been condemned.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending January 7:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
Positive	6	49	55
Negative	64	252	316
No growth	4	—	4
Totals	74	301	375

In three cases of typhoid diagnosis two cases yielded negative results and one case yielded an unsatisfactory result.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, January 2, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending December 31:

Cases pending	2	
Number of applications	130	
	—	132
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	89	
Long Island Almshouse	17	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	3	
Boston Insane Hospital	2	
Taunton Insane Hospital	3	
	—	114
Number of applications refused, drawn	4	
Number of applications with-drawn	11	
Cases pending	3	
	—	132
Settlements investigated		201

28 Court Square, January 9, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending January 7, 1899:

Cases pending	3	
Number of applications	144	
	—	147
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	82	
Long Island Almshouse	38	
Charlestown Almshouse	2	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	3	
Boston Insane Hospital	7	
Westboro' Insane Hospi-tal	1	
Foxboro' Asylum	2	
Taunton Insane Hospital, —	6	
	—	141
Number of applications refused, drawn	2	
Number of applications with-drawn	2	
Cases pending	2	
	—	147
Settlements investigated		153

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, January 9, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending January 7, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	128	9
Females	18	7
Total	141	16
Offences:		
Against the person	5	—
Against property	5	5
Against public order and decency	133	11
Total	*143	16

Discharges:		
Males	166	12
Females	24	3
Total	190	15

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	107	13
Permit of Commissioner,	58	1
Payment of fine	23	—
Died	2	1
Total	190	15

Population:		
January 2, 1899	1,148	504
Committed since Janu-ary 2, 1899	141	16
Total	1,589	520

Discharged since Janu-ary 2, 1899	190	15
January 7, 1899	1,399	505

*Two committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, January 2, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending December 31, 1898:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	310
Defects reported	75
Defects corrected	8
Notices of new work received	17
Dead wire removed (feet)	13,200
Fixtures removed	17
Poles removed	16

Poles have been removed from the follow-ing streets:

Causeway, Leverett, Lowell and Brighton streets.

The Department employees responded to second alarm of fire from box 54, rear of 34 Beach street.

With the company of employees of the Boston Electric Light Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company the Department inspected and approved proposed pole locations in South Boston, Roxbury, Jamaica Plain and Charles-town.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	168
Notices of new work received	71

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

Fires reported as probably due to electrical causes were investigated at 475 Beacon and 146 Tremont streets. The first men-tioned fire was not due to electrical causes; that at 146 Tremont street was caused by a short circuit in an electric fixture igniting Christmas decorations attached to the base of the fixture.

Employees responded to second alarms of fire from Boxes 54 and 528.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections	8
Lamp connections	2
Manholes built	5

Inspections have been made as follows:

Building connections	8
Lamp connections	1
Pole connections	1
Repairs	3
Cable drawings	22

Progress of work:

Service connections made	27
Feet of cable drawn in	105,043
Feet of conduit completed	44
Feet of duct laid	1,339
Manholes built	5

Old Court House, January 10, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by the Wire Department for the week ending January 7, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	329
Defects reported	38
Defects corrected	11
Notices of new work received	11
Fixtures removed	11
Poles inspected	98
Poles set	98

An investigation of the fire at 19 Ex-change street, at 5.15 P.M., January 3, showed that the cause of same was an imper-fectly insulated arc-light wire at the point where same was supported by split porcelain insulator attached to a block on the wall.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	205
Notices of new work received	100

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	1
Building connections	15
Lamp connections	3
Pole connections	2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	5
Building connections	5
Pole connections	2
Lamp connections	1
Repairs	12
Cable drawings	34
Underground cable transformer installa-tions	1

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

A meeting was held on the tenth instant under the direction of the Sons of the Amer-ican Revolution in the interest of the pro-posed American monument to Lafayette, at which Hon. F. W. Peck, United States Commissioner-General to the Paris Expo-sition, was present and made the principal address.

A Boston Committee on the Lafayette Monument consisting of the following-named persons was chosen: Rev. E. E. Hale, of the National Committee, Mayor Quincy, representing the City of Boston, Miss Sarah E. Hunt, of the Daughters of the Revolution, and Mrs. George E. Fuller of the Daughters of the American Revolu-tion.

IMMIGRATION DURING DECEMBER.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston, from trans-Atlantic ports, during the month ending December 31, 1898:

NATIONALITY.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Austria-Hungary . . .	1	1	—
Denmark	13	5	8
France (including Corsica)	8	8	—
Germany	8	6	2
Norway	11	8	3
Roumania	1	1	—
Russia (proper) . . .	37	24	13
Finland	90	53	32
Poland	1	1	—
Sweden	100	48	52
United Kingdom —			
England	151	87	64
Ireland	54	24	30
Scotland	10	3	7
Wales	1	1	—
Total from Europe . .	486	275	211
Quebec and Ontario . .	15	15	—
Total from British North American possessions . . .	15	15	—
South America	1	1	—
Total from South America	1	1	—
Grand total	502	291	211
Tonrists en route . . .	88	—	—
Debarred passengers . .	3	—	—
Total immigration for the month of December	593	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS. — STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division —	
Maine	10
New Hampshire	2
Vermont	2
Massachusetts	336
Rhode Island	23
Connecticut	2
New York	35
New Jersey	1
Pennsylvania	12
Total	423
South Atlantic Division —	
Maryland	1
Virginia	6
Total	7
North Central Division —	
Illinois	25
Michigan	9
Wisconsin	2
Minnesota	12
South Dakota	1
Nebraska	2
Kansas	4
Total	55

South Central Division —

Tennessee	1
Texas	1
Total	2

Western Division —

Montana	4
Arizona	8
Utah	2
Idaho	2
Washington	2
Total	18

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division	423
South Atlantic Division	7
North Central Division	55
South Central Division	2
Western Division	18
Total	505

MEETING OF BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, composed of His Honor the Mayor, Chairman, ex-officio; David F. Barry, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, ex-officio; Daniel J. Kiley, President of the Common Council, ex-officio; John Henry Sullivan and Laurence Minot, elected by the people — held its first meeting at City Hall, on Wednesday, the eleventh instant, at four o'clock.

Mr. Sullivan was chosen Secretary. The estimates of the Street Department, presented by Superintendent Wells, were discussed by the Board.

CLERKS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES.

On Tuesday the tenth instant the following-named Boston members of the Legislature were chosen to committee clerkships; Jeremiah F. McCarthy, of Ward 3, Committee on Public Health; George S. Selfridge, of Ward 11, House Committee on the Judiciary; Fred C. Gilpatric, of Ward 24, Committee on Street Railways; and John J. Gartland, jr., of Ward 9, Committee on Taxation.

The Manila Guards, a girl-soldier company of McMinnville, will attend the inauguration of Governor Geer of Oregon, at Salem, at the special invitation of the new Chief Executive and Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the State, being the only military organization participating.

The Common Council of Detroit has asked the Michigan Legislature to limit the value of church property exempt from taxation to \$10,000 to each congregation.

PAYMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS.

Precinct officers of both the State and city elections in Boston will be paid at the office of City Treasurer Turner, City Hall, on Wednesday, January 18, beginning at ten o'clock A. M.

At a meeting of the New England Waterworks Association, held on the eleventh instant, Dexter Brackett, engineer of the Distribution Department of the Massachusetts Metropolitan Water Board, read a paper on "Cast-Iron Pipes Used in the Metropolitan Water Works," and Frank A. McInnes, assistant engineer, Engineering Department, Boston, read a paper on "The New Salt-Water Fire System of Boston."

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

January 10, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given, that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that the stream, or watercourse, at West Roxbury, known as the Neponset avenue branch of Stony Brook, be located anew from Sharon street to the main channel of Stony Brook, near Florence street, that any parts of the original channel from which said watercourse may be diverted between said points be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston, that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fifth day of January, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

January 10, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given — that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that the stream or watercourse, at Brighton, known as Faneuil Valley Brook be located anew between Lake street and Washington street; that any parts of the original channel from which said watercourse may be diverted between said points be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston — that they intend to take the action so required under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and — that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fifth day of January, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

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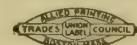
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, City Hall, Boston, before 12 o'clock M., of January 20, 1899, for building the trucks for the draws of the bridge on Summer-street extension, Boston. Plans and specifications for the work may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston. Proposals are required to be in a gross sum for the whole work and must be accompanied by a certified check for two hundred dollars, payable to the City of Boston. This check to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The City Engineer reserves the right to reject any or all proposals should he deem it to be for the interest of the city so to do.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.



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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting on Monday, January 16, 1899, voted to confirm the following appointments of His Honor the Mayor:

James H. Cleaves to be an Inspector of Petroleum and its products, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

John F. Donovan to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

DEATH OF WILLIAM M. NEWTON.

Mr. William Morrison Newton, Sub-Master of the Warren Grammar School, in the Charlestown district, died at Provincetown, on January 10, 1899, after a short illness.

Mr. Newton was born in Truro, Mass., in 1866. After graduating from Dartmouth College in 1889, he taught in the high schools of West Newbury and Watertown until he entered the service of the City of Boston, May 29, 1893, when he was appointed to the position in the Warren School, which he occupied at the time of his death.

APPOINTMENT OF CUSTODIAN BATES HALL.

Mr. Oscar A. Bierstadt has been appointed Custodian of the Bates Hall department of the Public Library, to succeed Arthur M. Knapp who died on December 27, 1898.

Mr. Bierstadt is a native of Boston, about 40 years of age. For twenty-five years he has been in the service of the Astor Library, New York. For years he has held there a position as Reference Librarian. He has thus held a position most nearly analogous to that held by Mr. Knapp in a library most nearly of the character of the Boston Public Library in its reference department, and dealing with a constituency very nearly analogous. He is an accomplished linguist, with a wide knowledge of general literature, and an expert bibliographer. He has a reputation for tact, patience, and skill in dealing with the public.

FREE LECTURES FOR THE PEOPLE.

That portion of the address of His Honor the Mayor, made on the occasion of the opening of the free lecture system in Boston in the old Public Library Building, Thursday evening, January 12, 1899, which relates to the establishment of the courses, is as follows:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I esteem it a privilege, at the invitation of the Committee having the work in charge, to preside at this lecture, marking the establishment in this city of a new line of municipal educational work, which will, I trust, expand in its scope and usefulness from year to year. Of the giving of lectures it has sometimes seemed that there was no end in this community, and it may therefore seem to some like "carrying coals to Newcastle" to establish new courses of lectures in Boston. Yet I think the work of the very competent and public-spirited Committee, whose services I have been fortunate enough to secure, will demonstrate that the supply, at least in certain lines, is not equal to the demand, and that, without competing with any lectures which are now given, either for an admission fee or without charge, there is a large, almost an unlimited, field for the

spreading of knowledge and enlightenment, for the higher education of the masses of the people, through courses of lectures maintained by the municipality. Indeed, it is only through the use of the facilities in the way of halls and school-rooms owned by the city, and through the greater interest which can be aroused in municipal work and the more comprehensive and continuous character which can be given to it, that the field can in any large manner be covered. The experiment of bringing the people to lectures has been fully tried, with results which are certainly of value; we are now entering upon the larger work of bringing lectures to the people. This is to be done by giving them, not merely in one central point to which only a comparatively small number can come, but at a score of places, scattered throughout the city. Where there is one person who can attend a lecture given at a central point, there are, we believe, scores who would attend a lecture given within a mile of their homes; our purpose is, by greatly multiplying lectures, and by bringing them into each neighborhood in the city, to vastly increase the audiences who will attend them, and to greatly enlarge the sphere of their influence. Therefore these lectures, although they are started to-night in this building—which has served such an important purpose in the past in the spreading of education through the public library, established here in 1858, and continued here until 1895—are intended not merely, or even primarily, for the benefit of those who live in the central part of the city, or who are able to come from a distance, but for those who cannot go very far from their homes during the evening, and within whose reach the lecture must be brought if they are to enjoy it.

This is, therefore, an undertaking to popularize adult education, to stimulate thought, to encourage reading and to promote enlightenment; it is not intended for the benefit of children, who are provided with their own opportunities for acquiring an education through the rich facilities afforded by our public schools of different grades, but for those who have passed beyond the school age, yet who are aware how little of the rich

store of human knowledge can be taught within the walls of a school-room, who realize that education continues throughout life, and who are ambitious to add to their knowledge of the world in which they live, and to fit themselves to better perform as citizens their part in its government. It will be the endeavor of the Committee to make this process of continuing education interesting, even entertaining at times, as well as instructive, and to so choose the lecturers and the subjects as to enlarge the knowledge and broaden the minds of those who shall attend them, along lines which will really have some value and significance.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments has been issued by His Honor the Mayor:

January 11, 1899.

Circular No. 52.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: I desire to call your attention to the accompanying extract from my recent Annual Address, and to request you to confer with me as to the insertion in your contracts of some clauses of the general character indicated before any more are made.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

In this connection I may refer to a class of questions which often arise in the award of city contracts. It sometimes happens that a firm or corporation regularly employing citizens of Boston, at full rates of wages, will be a little underbid by an out-of-town concern, which may be able to pay considerably less for its labor. Complaint is also made at times that Boston contractors employ men who are not even citizens of this country upon work done by them within the city limits, paying them low rates of wages. I am not a believer in the doctrine that the best results for the community are to be realized through the unrestricted play of the forces of competition, whether these operate within the sphere of capital or within that of labor, and the tendency of our time is now setting strongly in the direction of limiting competition in both these fields. While I believe that it would be an absurd and extreme application of the theory of protection to require all goods used by the city to be manufactured within the city limits and by its own citizens, I am disposed to go as far as to hold that some preference may well be given in certain lines of public work to concerns within the City of Boston, if the conditions are such that reasonable competition can be secured and fair prices obtained within such limits. In adopting such a policy, however, the city should in fairness give notice in its advertisements inviting bids that it reserves the right to give such a preference. I believe that it is also practicable to require in many cases that only citizens of Boston shall be employed by contractors, and that the full market rates

of wages, as fixed by the trade unions, in case they are such a practical factor in the labor market as to entitle them to recognition, shall be paid.

Boston has remained behind many cities in this country, and some in England, in failing to adopt hitherto the policy of prescribing the terms and conditions under which contract work shall be performed, and I intend at once to try the experiment of inserting some clauses of this character in such contracts as seem reasonable to permit of it. I may mention, as an indication of what is going on in this direction elsewhere, that an ordinance has been passed in the City of Chicago, requiring every contractor with the city to employ in the execution of his contract only members of the various Trades' Unions, where these have an actual standing in the particular line of work.

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES, 1899.

David F. Barry, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, announced the following appointments to Committees of the Board of Aldermen, at the meeting of the Board, on Monday, January 16, 1899:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Armories and Military Affairs—Berwin, Doyle, McDonald, Codman and Barry.

County Accounts—Brick, Prescho, O'Toole, Day and Colby.

Electric Wires—Doyle, Codman, Brick, Berwin and Day.

Faneuil Hall, etc.—Codman, Dixon, Doyle, Adams and O'Toole.

Lamps—O'Toole, Berwin, Codman, Dixon and Doyle.

Licenses—Colby, Barry, Dixon, Prescho and Day.

Markets—Prescho, Brick, Adams, McDonald and O'Toole.

Railroads—Dixon, Adams, O'Toole, Colby and McDonald.

Public Improvements—The whole Board, Aldermen O'Toole, Chairman.

Paving Division—Prescho, McDonald and Doyle.

Sewer Division—Berwin, Day and Doyle.

Sanitary Division—Adams, Dixon and Brick.

Ferry Division—Day, Berwin and Doyle.

Bridge Division—Codman, Day and McDonald.

Street-cleaning Division—Brick, McDonald and Colby.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Inspection of Prisons—Day, Codman, Doyle, Prescho and Brick.

Rules and Orders—McDonald, Colby, Doyle, Barry and Prescho.

State Aid—Dixon, Berwin, McDonald, Codman and Day.

The following list shows the committee assignments of the several members of the Board of Aldermen for 1899, as announced by the Chairman on the sixteenth instant:

Wilbur F. Adams, to Committees on Faneuil Hall, Markets, Railroads, and Sanitary Division.

David F. Barry, to Committees on Armories, Licenses, and Rules and Orders.

William Berwin, to Committees on Armories, Lamps, Electric Wires, State Aid, Sewer Division, and Ferry Division.

Michael W. Brick, to Committees on County Accounts, Markets, Electric Wires, Inspection of Prisons, Sanitary Division, and Street-cleaning Division.

Franklin L. Codman, to Committees on Armories, Faneuil Hall, Electric Wires, Lamps, Inspection of Prisons, State Aid, and Bridge Division.

John H. Colby, to Committees on Rules and Orders, Railroads, Licenses, County Accounts, and Street-cleaning Division.

Edward W. Dixon, to Committees on Railroads, State Aid, Faneuil Hall, Lamps, Licenses, and Sanitary Division.

Frederick W. Day, to Committees on State Aid, Licenses, Electric Wires, County Accounts, Inspection of Prisons, Sewer Division, Ferry Division, and Bridge Division.

James H. Doyle, to Committees on Rules and Orders, Armories, Electric Wires, Lamps, Faneuil Hall, Inspection of Prisons, Paving Division, Sewer Division, and Ferry Division.

Patrick F. McDonald, to Committees on Rules and Orders, State Aid, Railroads, Armories, Markets, Paving Division, Bridge Division, and Street-cleaning Division.

Frank J. O'Toole, to Committees on Public Improvements, County Accounts, Railroads, Faneuil Hall, Lamps, and Markets.

Edward W. Prescho, to Committees on Rules and Orders, Licenses, Markets, County Accounts, Inspection of Prisons, and Paving Division.

NEW EAST BOSTON FERRY-BOAT.

A large gathering witnessed the launching of the new ferry-boat "Noddle Island" at the shipyard of William McKie, on Border street, East Boston, Thursday forenoon, January 12, 1899.

The building of this boat became necessary on account of the purchase in May last by the United States Government of the ferry-boat "William E. Russell" for coast service during the late war. The order of the City Council authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to expend the sum received from this sale—seventy-one thousand dollars—for the construction of a new ferry-boat was approved by His Honor the Mayor on June 14, 1898.

The "Noddle Island" is of the double-screw type, and her length over all is 164 feet, 3 inches. Her extreme beam is 57 feet, and depth of hold 14 feet, 3 inches. She will be steered by steam power and lighted by electricity. It is expected that the boat will be completed by the first of March.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its regular meeting on Monday, the sixteenth instant, the Board of Aldermen voted to adjourn to meet on Monday, January 23, 1899, at 3 P.M.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At an adjourned special meeting of the School Committee, held in the School Committee Chamber, in Mason street, at 5 P.M., Thursday, January 12, 1899, all the members being present excepting Messrs. Anderson, Calderwood, Davison, Fleischer, and Mrs. Keller, Mr. Huggan, the President, announced the assignments of members to the several committees for the year 1899, as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Accounts—Francis L. Coolidge, Chairman; Messrs. Gallivan, Nichols, Burrill and Merritt.

Courses of Study and Text-Books—Thomas F. Strange, Chairman; Mr. McDonald, Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Keller and Mr. Anderson.

Evening Schools—James A. McDonald, Chairman; Messrs. Anderson, Fleischer, Brett and Bennett.

Horace Mann School—Mrs. Keller, Chairman; Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Bennett, McDonough and Merritt.

Hygiene and Physical Training—Samuel H. Calderwood, Chairman; Messrs. Bateman, Fleischer, Bennett and Kenny.

Legislative Matters—Charles Fleischer, Chairman; Messrs. Strange, Berridge, Merritt and Bateman.

New Buildings—Edward I. Aldrich, Chairman; Messrs. Courtney, Huggan, Coolidge and Campbell.

Rules and Regulations—George W. Anderson, Chairman; Messrs. Gallivan, Brett, Nichols and McDonough.

Salaries—William J. Gallivan, Chairman; Mr. Burrill, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Aldrich and Kenny.

School—Houses—Thomas F. Strange, Chairman; Messrs. Davison, McDonald, Berridge and Bowdlear.

Supplies—Archibald T. Davison, Chairman; Messrs. Calderwood, Courtney, Huggan and Campbell.

Truant Officers—James A. McDonald, Chairman; Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear, Nichols and McDonough.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

The names are arranged in alphabetical order; the chairmen are elective.

Normal School—Messrs. Aldrich, Berridge, Bowdlear, Courtney and Kenny.

High Schools—Messrs. Brett, Calderwood, Davison, Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Gallivan.

First Division—Messrs. Bateman, Berridge, Burrill, Huggan and McDonald.

Second Division—Messrs. Bateman, Berridge, Bennett, McDonald and McDonough.

Third Division—Messrs. Burrill, Courtney, Fleischer, Kenny and Merritt.

Fourth Division—Messrs. Anderson, Coolidge, Courtney, Gallivan and Mrs. Keller.

Fifth Division—Messrs. Bennett, Campbell, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Nichols.

Sixth Division—Messrs. Bowdlear, Coolidge, Gallivan, Kenny and Nichols.

Seventh Division—Messrs. Bennett, Brett, Calderwood, McDonough and Strange.

Eighth Division—Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bowdlear, Brett and Mrs. Keller.

Ninth Division—Mr. Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Nichols and Strange.

Paris Exposition—James A. McDonald, Chairman; Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Davison.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR 1898 AND 1897.

The following statement by the Health Department contains a summary of deaths in the City of Boston during 1898, with an enumeration of the principal causes, as compared with 1897:

	1898.	1897.
Population (estimated*)	541,827	528,912
Death rate per 1,000 inhabitants	20.09	21.08
Total number of deaths from all causes	10,886	11,154
Total number from zymotic diseases	1,470	1,806
Percentage of deaths from zymotic diseases to total mortality	13.50	16.19
Total number of still-births	613	614
Total deaths of children under 1 year	2,572	2,462
Total deaths of children under 2 years	3,154	3,076
Total deaths of children under 5 years	3,577	3,708
Percentage of deaths under 5 years to total mortality	32.86	33.24
Total number of deaths from diarrhoeal diseases, under 5 years	523	475
Total number of deaths from diarrhoeal diseases, all ages	599	522
Percentage of deaths from diarrhoeal diseases to total mortality	5.5	4.68
Principal causes of death:		
Alcoholism	57	44
Croup	15	45
Carbuncle	4	3
Cholera morbus	15	17
Cholera infantum	441	400
Cerebro spinal meningitis	97	185
Diarrhoea	102	87
Dysentery	41	18
Diphtheria	170	411
Erysipelas	30	32
Influenza	29	34
Intermittent fever	1	1
Measles	27	21
Purpura	7	15
Puerperal fever	8	13
Pyæmia	7	6
Remittent fever	1	—
Rheumatism	20	15
Scarlatina	33	136
Syphilis (congenital)	18	22
Syphilis	9	9
Septicæmia	62	67
Tonsillitis	—	2
Typhoid fever	185	173
Whooping cough	68	39
Yellow fever	—	1
Other Zymotic diseases	23	11
Cancer	412	400
Phthisis pulmonalis	1,241	1,289
Bright's disease	113	130
Bronchitis	380	376
Heart disease	934	913
Pneumonia	1,169	1,236
Old age	223	243
Violent deaths	616	557

* Estimated population on December 31, 1898 and 1897, respectively.

USE OF THE PARIS-STREET GYMNASIUM, 1898.

The following table shows the total attendance and the number of baths taken at the Paris-street Gymnasium, East Boston, during the year 1898:

MONTHS.	Days.	Nights.	Total.	Baths Taken.
January	5,188	3,889	9,077	5,550
February	4,805	4,149	8,954	7,260
March	4,820	4,133	8,953	6,856
April	3,977	3,690	7,667	5,718
May	2,583	2,374	4,957	3,036
June	2,143	1,829	3,972	2,821
July	2,608	2,193	4,801	3,498
August	3,040	2,192	5,232	4,887
September	1,441	1,203	2,644	2,527
October	4,033	2,948	6,981	6,323
November	5,545	2,804	8,349	7,985
December	5,649	2,897	8,546	5,941
Total	45,832	34,301	80,133	62,402

NOTE:—In addition to the above, 11,386 High School boys and girls, and members of the Hooker Guards used the facilities of the Gymnasium during the year.

The following table shows the number of persons who received class instruction at the Paris-street Gymnasium, East Boston, during the year 1898:

MONTHS.	Men.	Boys.	Women.	Girls.	Total.
January	994	1,774	292	755	3,815
February	766	2,042	259	382	3,449
March	754	2,263	364	690	4,071
April	862	2,211	241	500	3,814
October	518	2,213	219	338	3,288
November	504	1,945	356	1,107	3,912
December	464	1,562	310	994	3,330
Total	4,862	14,010	2,041	4,766	25,679

NOTE:—No in-door classes were held in May, June, July, August and September.

HOUSES ORDERED DEMOLISHED.

The following is a list of houses ordered demolished by the Board of Health during the month of December, 1898:

- 2 Carter place.
- 10 Webster avenue.
- 3½ Anderson street.
- 12 Anderson street.
- Rear 12 Anderson street.
- 16 Anderson street.
- First and second rear 44 Phillips street.

The Supreme Court has rendered a decision upholding the anti-cigarette law passed by the last Legislature, forbidding the importation and sale of cigarettes in Tennessee.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, January 16, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received :

Appointment by the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 16, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Henry L. Plummer a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1901, to take the place of Frederick W. Day, resigned.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

Use of Ward-rooms.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 16, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In view of the growth of the practice of requesting the Superintendent of Public Buildings to grant the use of various ward-rooms without charge, and of the inability of the Public Buildings Department to meet such expenses out of its regular appropriation, I feel obliged to give formal notice to the City Council that it will be impossible to grant such requests in the future. The practice of granting the use of Faneuil Hall, waiving the fee, has been growing, but until the last few months it had never been the practice, I believe, to grant the use of ward-rooms without expense. Every time a ward-room is used it imposes a material expense on the Department for lighting, heating and cleaning, and as the Department has no funds for this purpose it becomes necessary to terminate this practice before it grows to larger dimensions.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Appropriation for Wire Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 12, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I respectfully transmit under the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898, the accompanying order this day passed by

the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, under said act.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 12, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT:

I respectfully request the Board to prepare and pass an order making an appropriation to pay the expenses incurred in carrying on the work of the Wire Department, other than the work authorized by Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT:

January 12, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be appropriated to pay the expenses incurred on the work of the Wire Department, other than the work authorized by Chapter 454, of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, the same to be met out of the income and taxes received by the city during the financial year 1899-1900.

Passed.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

JOHN H. SULLIVAN,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Appropriation for Wire Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 12, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I respectfully transmit under the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898, the accompanying order this day passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment under said act.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 12, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT:

I respectfully request the Board to prepare and pass an order making an appropriation for the Wire Department to enable it to carry on the work devolved upon it by Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT:

January 12, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Wire Department in carrying out the provisions of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

JOHN H. SULLIVAN,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Construction of Sewerage Works.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 12, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I respectfully transmit, under the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898, the accompanying order this day passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, under said act.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 11, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT:

I respectfully request the Board to prepare and pass an order making an appropriation for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

January 12, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

JOHN H. SULLIVAN,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Relocation of Water-pipe.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 16, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

At the request of the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners, I hereby recommend the passage of the order transmitted herewith, together with explanatory plan, providing for the relocation of a water-pipe in E street, South Boston. This action is made necessary through the desire of this Board to change a contemplated laying out of land belonging to the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized, in the name and behalf of the city, to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whereby the city shall release the right to maintain its water-pipes in E street, South Boston, as heretofore located, from Fargo street to Summer street, and any other rights which it may have in said portion of E street, as heretofore located, in consideration that the said Commonwealth shall fill to the grade of sixteen feet above mean low water a proposed extension of said E street from Fargo street to Summer street, as shown on a plan of said proposed extension, dated December 28, 1898, signed by Frank W. Hodgdon, Engineer, Harbor and Land Commissioners, and hereto attached; shall grant to the city the right to lay and maintain its water-pipes in said proposed extension of E street, as shown on said plan, and shall pay to the city the reasonable cost of removing said water pipes from their present location and relaying them in the new location to be provided as aforesaid.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto—Abatement of Street Watering.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 16, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my signature an order authorizing the City Collector to accept one dollar in full payment for the assessment for street watering levied against the Home for Destitute Catholic Children, for the reason that any such order passed by the City Council has, in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, no legal effect.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Under the new street cleaning specifications recently adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco, each man on the force will be provided with two suits of clothes and will be required to change his suit for a clean one twice each week. The specifications fix the rate of wages at \$2 per day.

City Government Orders.**ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.**

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved January 11, 1899:

A permit to Cotting and Welch, Trustees, to excavate basement floor to grade ten feet three inches, and boiler-room floor to grade two feet, in proposed building on South, Essex and Tufts streets.

A permit to William Shitzki to project a clock sign at 36 Lowell street, Ward 8.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be directed to procure suitable badges for the members of the Board of Aldermen; the expense incurred to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, directed to give notice, by advertising the same as required by law, that meetings of the citizens of Ward 13, qualified to vote for State officers, will be held at the several polling places in said ward designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the seventh day of February next for the election of a Representative in the General Court. The polls at said meetings will be opened at six o'clock A.M. and closed at four o'clock P.M.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The following order was presented to the Mayor January 4, 1899, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light at the Quincy street crossing on Columbia road; also suitable gas lamps on Alpha road and Centre court, off 386 Centre street, Ward 20.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

January 12, 1899.

General Order No. 565.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman John E. McCaffrey, of Division 6, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, the Board finds the said Patrolman McCaffrey guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of five days' pay.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Sulwynne Felton, of Division 10, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, the Board finds the said Patrolman Felton guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of five days' pay.

January 13, 1899.

General Order No. 566.

I. The following-named police officers having been commended by their captains

for diligence shown in enforcing the election laws at the State Election on the eighth of November, or at the City Election on the thirteenth of December, 1898, they are hereby commended in General Orders:

Patrolmen William J. Rooney of Division 1, Benjamin Durgin of Division 3, Orlando B. Lailor of Division 3, Thomas F. Moore of Division 5, Edward F. Mahoney of Division 12.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Albert F. Gould, of Division 9, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, the Board finds the said Patrolman Gould not guilty and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

According to the annual report of the Massachusetts State Board of Health recently presented to the Legislature:

During the year 1898, public water supplies were introduced in North Andover and Billerica, and the water supply system in Huntington has been nearly completed. All the thirty-two cities of the Commonwealth and 130 of the 321 towns, now have a public water supply. The total population with a public water supply is 2,257,663, or 90.3 per cent. of the total population. The population with no supply is 242,520. Blackstone and Barnstable, each with a population of over 3,500, have no public water supply.

Boston, Chelsea, Somerville, Everett, Malden, Quincy, Melrose, Belmont and Watertown are now supplied wholly by the Metropolitan water-works, while Medford, Revere and Winthrop are supplied in part. Mystic lake has been abandoned as a source of supply. The Nashua river water is much better than that supplied to Boston previously, while the average color is reduced from 0.65 in 1897, to 0.41 in 1898.

The flow of streams last year was very much in excess of the normal for 24 years, and has been exceeded but once in that time.

Sewage disposal systems have been constructed in Andover, Longmeadow and at three large State institutions—fourteen cities and towns with a total population of 112,667 purify sewage by filtration through beds of sand and gravel.

The School Board of Manhattan and the Bronx, New York city, has been petitioned to open the playgrounds of the schools during Saturdays, from 10 o'clock A.M. to 4 o'clock P.M., in order to provide safe places of amusement and recreation for the pupils of the schools, and for the poor children of the city on the days that the schools are not in session. The petition also asks that the use of certain rooms in school buildings in the crowded neighborhoods be given for arranging reading-rooms and branch libraries.

The Presidents of the Council and Board of Aldermen have nominated commissioners who are to have charge of the modification of the building laws of New York city.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following bills have been presented to the Legislature and have been referred to appropriate Committees:

HOUSE BILL NO. 20 accompanies the petition of J. A. Brown; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MALDEN BRIDGE, SO CALLED, IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City Engineer of the City of Boston is hereby authorized and required forthwith after the passage of this act to construct and complete a bridge across Mystic river, at, upon, or near the present site of the so-called Malden bridge, and the Board of Street Commissioners of said city shall take in fee any lands which the Board may deem necessary to enable the city to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sect. 2. Said bridge shall be not less than eighty feet in width, shall be suitable for ordinary travel, and shall be built in such places and on such plans, and with a draw of such opening not less than forty feet in width, as the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners shall approve, and shall be constructed and maintained subject to the provisions of Chapter 19 of the Public Statutes and of all other laws which now are, or hereafter may be, in force relating to bridges over tide water, except that no compensation for displacement of tide water, or for occupying any lands or flats of the Commonwealth, shall be required from said city.

Sect. 3. The cost of constructing said bridge shall be paid by the City of Boston, and for the purpose of paying said cost the Treasurer of said city shall, from time to time, issue notes, bonds or scrip of the City of Boston in excess of the limit allowed by law, to an amount not exceeding \$250,000, and use the proceeds to meet the expenses incurred under this act. Such scrip, notes or bonds, shall bear such interest, payable semi-annually, not exceeding four per centum per annum, and be payable at such times, not less than ten nor more than forty years from their date, as shall be determined by said Treasurer.

Sect. 4. The City of Boston shall maintain and keep said bridge in repair and shall maintain and operate the draw thereon and shall be liable under the limitations of law for all damages for which towns are liable, resulting from or recovered by reason of any defect or want of repair of the same.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 31 accompanies the petition of Charles R. Saunders; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN RELATIVE TO THE SEWERAGE WORKS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 426 of the Acts of

the year 1897, relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, is hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 38 accompanies the petition of Henry P. Kennedy; referred to the Committee on Public Service. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY OF THE CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE BRIGHTON DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton district of the City of Boston shall be \$1,000 a year, to be so allowed from the first day of January in the year 1899.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 80 accompanies the petition of George H. Moore and others; referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON AND TO DEFINE THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board shall consist of three persons, who shall have been residents of the City of Boston for at least two years immediately preceding such appointment and who shall not be engaged directly or indirectly in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, and who shall not hold any other public office. If any member of said Board engages directly or indirectly in such manufacture or sale, his office shall immediately become vacant.

Sect. 2. The terms of office of the members of this Board shall, except in the case of the members first appointed, commence on the first Monday in February in the year in which they are appointed and continue for a term of three years. The terms of the members first appointed shall commence at the date of their appointment, and shall be arranged so as to expire by rotation at the end of one, two and three years from the first Monday in February in the present year, the date of expiration to be specified at their appointment. Members of said Board shall hold their offices until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. Members of said Board may be removed for cause by the Governor, after charges preferred and reasonable notice thereof and a hearing thereon, and the Governor shall, in the order of removal, express his reason for the same. One member of said Board shall be appointed from each of the two leading political parties, and the third member may be also appointed from one of said parties.

Sect. 3. The Governor shall designate one of the members of said Board to be Chairman. Two members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. In case any

member of said Board shall cease to be a resident of the City of Boston, or shall become unable to perform the duties of his office, or die or resign, or forfeit his office under the provisions of Section 10 of Chapter 205 of the Public Statutes, or be removed by the Governor, there shall be deemed to be a vacancy in said Board, and the vacancy thus caused shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term in the manner herein provided for an original appointment.

Sect. 4. Such Board shall, in the City of Boston, exclusively exercise the powers and perform the duties given to and imposed upon the Mayor and Aldermen of cities by Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes relative to intoxicating liquors, and by Chapter 102 of the Public Statutes relative to innholders and common victuallers, and by all acts and amendments thereof and in addition thereto. All licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, or for innholders or common victuallers, shall be signed only by the Board of License Commissioners, and recorded in their office.

Sect. 5. The Board of License Commissioners shall certify to the City Clerk, the City Treasurer and the Board of Police Commissioners, the following particulars as to each license and application for a license: The name of each applicant for a license, the name of each person to whom a license is issued, the date when each license goes into force, the premises on which it is to be exercised, the class of the license, each change of location by a licensee, and each transfer of a license ordered by them.

Sect. 6. The City of Boston under this act shall provide said Board with suitable rooms, properly furnished, and shall provide for the lighting and heating of the same. The City of Boston shall pay its Board of License Commissioners each a yearly salary of \$3,000; \$500 additional for Chairman; a Clerk, \$2,000 yearly; and such deputies as the Board of License Commissioners shall deem necessary, a yearly salary of \$1,200. The City of Boston shall also pay all expenses incurred by the Board of License Commissioners for blank books, printing and other necessary expenses approved by said Board, not exceeding in the aggregate \$1,000 in any one year.

Sect. 7. If at any annual municipal election hereafter held in the City of Boston, the city shall not vote to authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor, then all obligations imposed upon the City of Boston by the preceding section shall cease from and after the first Monday in May next following such vote, and from and after said date the powers and duties granted to and imposed upon the Mayors and Boards of Aldermen by Chapters 100 and 102 of the Public Statutes and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, in respect to sixth class licenses of innholders and common victuallers, shall revert in the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. If subsequently, the City of Boston at an annual municipal election, shall again vote to authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor, the obligations imposed by the preceding section shall be revived and shall attach to said city from and after the first day of March next following such vote, and from and after said date the powers and

duties of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in respect to licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor and licenses of innholders and common victuallers, shall revert in the Board of License Commissioners appointed in said city.

Sect. 8. The Board of License Commissioners shall keep a record of its doings, including all hearings, may prescribe the forms of applications for licenses, may require any statement made before said Board and papers filed with them relative to applications for licenses, to be sworn to, and for such purpose the members of said Board may administer oaths.

Sect. 9. Chapter 83 of the Acts of the year 1885, relative to the signing and recording of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor in the City of Boston, is hereby repealed.

Sect. 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 87 was introduced on leave by Mr. Whall of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TIME FOR HOLDING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Hereafter the time for holding the annual election for the choice of municipal officers in the City of Boston shall be on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November.

Sect. 2. All acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 91 was introduced on leave by Mr. Whall of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND TEN OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT RELATIVE TO THE PLOTTING AND LAYING OUT OF STREETS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 210 of the Acts of the year 1898, entitled "An Act relative to the Plotting and Laying out of Streets in the City of Boston," is hereby repealed.

HOUSE BILL No. 99 accompanies the petition of Frank W. Finn; it was referred to the Committee on Street Railways. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE WEST END STREET RAILWAY COMPANY TO RESTORE ITS TRACKS ON TREMONT STREET, BETWEEN BOYLSTON STREET AND SCOLLAY SQUARE, AND ON BOYLSTON STREET, BETWEEN TREMONT STREET AND PARK SQUARE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The West End Street Railway Company, and the Boston Elevated Railway Company, as its agent, is hereby authorized

to replace its surface street railway tracks upon that portion of Tremont street between Boylston street and Scollay square, and upon that portion of Boylston street between Park square and Tremont street, which were removed in accordance with the order of the Boston Transit Commission, under the provisions of Section 35 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1894.

Said tracks shall be replaced upon the locations existing at the date of said order of removal; and said West End Street Railway Company, and the Boston Elevated Railway Company, as its lessee, shall have the right to operate and maintain cars thereon in the same manner as if said order of removal had not been made.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following is a record of the meetings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

January 11, 1899.

The first meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the City of Boston, as constituted by Chapter 434 of the Acts of the Massachusetts Legislature for the year 1898, was held to-day at the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 4 P.M.

Present, all of the members, viz.: Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston; David F. Barry, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen; Daniel J. Kiley, President of the Common Council; John H. Sullivan and Laurence Minot.

The meeting was held pursuant to the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 10, 1899.

DEAR SIR: At the request of a majority of the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, a meeting of the Board will be held at the Mayor's office on Wednesday, January 11, 1899, 4 P.M., of which you are hereby notified.

Yours very truly,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Quincy,

It was

Voted, That John H. Sullivan be chosen Secretary of the Board.

It was

Voted, That Josiah Quincy be chosen Chairman of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, That whenever, except in executive session, any head of a department or other person appears before the Board to make a statement, the members of the press shall be admitted.

The Board received from Mayor Quincy the request of the Street Department for a loan of \$1,000,000 for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and amendment thereto, together with his recommen-

dation thereon that the following order be passed by the Board:

Ordered, That the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, as amended by Chapter 257 of the Acts of 1898, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, it was

Voted, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to appear before the Board and make a statement in regard to the proposed loan for sewerage works. In accordance with this vote, the Superintendent of Streets appeared and stated in a general way the amount of money now on hand, how long it would last, the work now in progress, the work under contemplation, and his views as to the amount of money which should be expended during the coming year for this purpose. At the request of the Board, Superintendent Wells also agreed to submit to the Board a written statement of the work now in progress and the work contemplated for the coming year, upon which he based his request for a million dollars.

On motion of Mr. Minot, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, it was

Voted, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to give his opinion to this Board as to whether, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and amendments thereto, it has the power to itemize to any extent loan appropriations made for the sewerage works provided for by that act, and also as to what effect upon the further carrying out of the provisions of the said act, and upon the loans authorized under it, an adverse decision by the Supreme Court upon the legality or constitutionality of the act would have.

The Board also received from Mayor Quincy the request of the Wire Department for a loan of \$60,000 for carrying out the provisions of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and amendments thereto, in connection with which the Mayor submitted the following order for the consideration of the Board:

Ordered, That the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Wire Department in carrying out the provisions of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, as amended by Chapter 228 of the Acts of 1895 and Chapters 268 and 277 of the Acts of 1898, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purposes.

After discussion, it was

Voted, That the Wire Commissioner be requested to submit to the Board a statement showing what proportion of the amount requested for the maintenance of

his Department for the coming financial year is required on account of work to be done in connection with burying wires, and what proportion is required for interior wire inspection and other routine work of the Department.

On motion of Mr. Minot, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, it was

Voted, That, unless specifically voted otherwise, the meetings of the Board, when called, be held at 4 P.M.

Adjourned, to meet on Thursday, January 12, 1899, at 4 P.M.

January 12, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on January 12, at 4 P.M., at the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present: All the members.

It was

Voted, That the records of each meeting of the Board, after they have been approved, be given to the press and published in THE CITY RECORD.

In accordance with the vote passed at the last meeting, Corporation Counsel Bailey submitted an opinion as to whether, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 and amendments thereto, the Board has the power to itemize to any extent loan appropriations made for sewerage works provided for by said act, and also as to the effect upon the further carrying out of this act of an adverse decision by the Supreme Court in the suit to test said act now pending.

The proposed loan order providing \$1,000,000 for the construction of sewerage works was called up, and, in accordance with the request made at the last meeting, Superintendent Wells appeared and presented a communication stating the work now in progress and the work contemplated for the coming year, to meet which the \$1,000,000 would be needed. The Superintendent also gave certain additional information, in reply to questions of members of the Board, after which the Board went into executive session.

Mr. Kiley moved that the order be amended by making the amount \$500,000, instead of \$1,000,000.

The motion was declared lost. Mr. Kiley asked that the yeas and nays be taken and recorded, which was done, and the motion was lost—yea 1, nays 4:

Yea—Mr. Kiley, 1.

Nays—Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry and Mayor Quincy, 4.

The order was passed (Mr. Kiley calling for the yeas and nays)—yeas 4, nay 1.

Yeas—Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry and Mayor Quincy, 4.

Nay—Mr. Kiley, 1.

The order was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the original order that the appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

The request of the Wire Department for a loan of \$60,000 was taken up, and a communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a letter from the Wire Commissioner stating the portion of the \$60,000 which he proposed to expend for burying wires, and the portion which he proposed to expend for interior wire inspection and other routine work of the Department.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Wire Department in carrying out the provisions of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed and was signed by all the members, they certifying upon the original order that the appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated to pay the expenses incurred in carrying on the work of the Wire Department, other than the work authorized by Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, the same to be met out of the income and taxes received by the city during the financial year 1899-1900.

The order was passed and was signed by all the members.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan it was

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to call special meetings of the Board whenever, in his opinion, it may be necessary or convenient, giving twenty-four hours notice thereof to each member by special delivery.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, it was

Voted, That the Chairman be given general authority to request heads of departments or other persons to appear before the Board at its meetings whenever he may deem it expedient.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy submitting to the Board the department estimates, furnished by the departments under the requirements of Section 8 of Chapter 266 of the Acts of 1885.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That beginning with Monday, January 16, the Board meet daily, except Saturdays and Sundays, at 4 P.M., until otherwise voted.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, it was

Voted, That James A. McKibben be chosen as assistant to the Secretary, to have

the custody of all papers of the Board, under the direction of the Secretary, and that he be authorized to give out to the press at the conclusion of each meeting an abstract of all business transacted.

On motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, That Edward W. Harnden, official stenographer of the City Council, be engaged to be present at hearings given to heads of departments, and at other public hearings held before the Board, and to take notes thereof, instructions as to writing out the notes to be given from time to time by the Chairman.

Adjourned, to meet on Monday, January 16, at 4 P.M.

January 16, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held January 16, at 4 P.M., at the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present: All the members.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That the official stenographer be instructed to write out any portion of any public hearing requested by any member or members of the Board; and that when any matter is written out by the stenographer, he write out an extra copy for the files of the Board.

The Board then proceeded to hear heads of departments in reference to their annual estimates; hearings being given to Mr. Frank A. Drew, representing the Assessing Department; Mr. James H. Dodge, representing the Auditing Department and the estimate for the Board of Aldermen; Mr. Thomas J. Lane, representing the Baths Department, and Mr. J. Albert Brackett, representing the Cemetery Department.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday, January 17, at 4 P.M.

JOHN H. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

January 17, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held January 17, at 4 P.M., at the Mayor's Office, City Hall.

Absent: Mr. Sullivan.

On motion of Mr. Barry, Mr. Minot was elected Secretary pro tempore.

The Board continued the hearings granted to heads of departments in reference to their annual estimates. Mr. Nathaniel H. Taylor, appeared on behalf of the Collecting Department; Mr. Linus M. Pearson, on behalf of the Elections Department; Mr. J. M. Galvin, on behalf of the City Clerk Department; Mr. Edward J. Leary, on behalf of the City Messenger Department; and Mr. John F. Dever, on behalf of the Clerk of Committees Department.

Adjourned, to meet on Wednesday, January 18, at 4 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT,
Secretary, pro tempore.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1898.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	570	49	619	279	288	52	336	101	95	619	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	136	3	139	46	78	15	29	27	81	139	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	604	156	760	279	458	23	271	230	168	750	10
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	63	9	72	34	11	27	17	4	36	72	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	23	1	24	13	11	—	9	5	2	24	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	29	23	52	30	21	1	35	1	1	52	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	88	104	192	45	139	8	70	41	22	192	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	7,246	841	8,087	393	7,602	92	3,986	3,218	735	7,443	644
Totals	8,759	1,186	9,945	1,119	8,608	218	4,753	3,627	1,140	9,291	654

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	1	—	18	2	55	1	134	4	143	13	80	11	55	5	39	6	21	3	11	2	10	1	3	1
No. 2.	6	—	31	1	39	—	22	1	17	—	8	—	7	1	2	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3.	4	—	58	2	83	8	97	32	121	38	86	22	55	24	42	12	21	7	18	10	11	—	8	1
No. 4.	6	—	24	—	5	—	4	1	7	3	7	—	2	3	—	1	5	—	1	1	2	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	2	—	7	1	7	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
No. 6.	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	4	2	6	6	8	5	2	2	3	2	1	—	1	1	1	1
No. 7.	—	—	5	—	4	—	19	51	19	16	15	22	16	8	5	2	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
No. 8.	27	14	186	9	319	44	922	125	1,273	151	1,111	127	1,123	141	734	81	623	65	432	37	253	14	243	33
Totals	44	14	322	14	508	57	1,208	219	1,591	223	1,315	188	1,268	187	825	104	679	77	466	50	278	17	255	36

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	72	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	39	Males	59
Missing persons reported	76	Females	5
Missing persons found	38	Americans	41
Lost children restored	179	Foreigners	23
Sick and injured persons assisted	851	Non-residents	59

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	5,192	41	<i>Brought forward</i>	9,887	64
British Provinces	886	11	Finland	11	—
Ireland	2,399	7	Denmark	9	—
England	345	3	Holland	7	—
France	19	—	Wales	5	—
Germany	94	1	East Indies	1	—
Italy	234	—	West Indies	13	—
Russia	183	—	Turkey	4	—
China	88	—	South America	—	—
Greece	94	—	Switzerland	4	—
Sweden	116	1	Belgium	2	—
Scotland	163	—	Africa	—	—
Spain	1	—	Hungary	—	—
Norway	37	—	Asia	—	—
Poland	18	—	Arabia	1	—
Austria	11	—	Mexico	—	—
Portugal	6	—	Cuba	1	—
Roumania	1	—			
<i>Carried forward</i>	9,887	64	<i>Totals</i>	9,945	64

Board Meetings.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 126 Commonwealth avenue, on January 6, 1899. Present: Messrs. Goddard, Connelly and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The records of the Institutions Conference were read.

It was voted to ask for a loan of \$353,000 for land and new buildings for the improvement and extension of the Hospital.

It was voted to ask for \$7,000 for an electric light plant.

The action of the Chairman in asking for \$125,000 for current expenses for the year 1899 was approved.

The action of the Chairman in asking for \$205,000 for the board of city insane in other institutions during the year 1899 was approved.

The votes of the City Council transferring the Small-pox Hospital to the Insane Hospital Trustees and authorizing the closure of the "A" building, were read.

The question of the destruction of the buildings on Canterbury street was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, and the Secretary was requested to ask permission to destroy the buildings.

It was voted that during the winter the grounds at the Small-pox Hospital be put in condition for the use of the patients.

The Secretary was authorized to ask the Water Department to disconnect the water supply at the Small-pox Hospital.

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

January 6, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De-Normandie, Lincoln and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the City Council, dated December 29, 1898; from Mrs. Charles S. Sargent, dated January 2; the Auditor's monthly exhibit; the Librarian's report.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$212.98; to trust funds, \$174.04; Fellowes Athenæum, \$3.59; miscellaneous articles, \$294.92.

Voted: That this Board, with the approval of the Mayor, apply for legislation to authorize the Harris Collection to be placed in the Central Library building.

Applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held on January 9, 1899:

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of James H. Stark for damages for land taken for

Neponset Playground, containing 6,670 square feet, for the sum of \$333.50, without interest.

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Frederick J. Stark for damages for land taken for Neponset Playground, containing 84,000 square feet, for the sum of \$2,100, without interest.

Voted, That the plans for a club-house, submitted by the Columbia Yacht Club, be approved, and that the Chairman endorse said approval on the plans.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending January 14, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	26.1
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	21.9
Number of deaths:	
Males	147
Females	125
Total	272
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	223
Increase	49

Of the 272 decedents, 269 were white and 3 colored; 171 were born in the United States, 97 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 56 were of American parentage, 187 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 29 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	57	5
Scarlatina	20	1
Typhoid fever	4	4
Measles	210	2
Totals	291	12

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	25
Pneumonia	74
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	29
Bronchitis	14
Marasmus	2
Violent causes	6
Total from principal causes	151
Total from infectious diseases	12
Total from other causes	109
Total from all causes	272
Deaths of children under 1 year	45
Deaths of children under 5 years	69
Deaths of persons over 60 years	71
Deaths in public institutions	57

In Dunedin, New Zealand, a pension of £18 is granted to every person of the age of 65 and upward, of good moral character, whose yearly income does not exceed £34, and who has resided for twenty-five years in the colony.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Boston Chamber of Commerce was held on January 17, 1899.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, January 16, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters filed in the City Clerk's office for the week ending January 14, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	120
Number of discharges of mortgages	18
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of bills of sale	6
Number of assignments of wages	37
Number of married women's certificates	8
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of ship liens	1

The following accident notices have been filed:

January 7—Annie T. and Edward F. Loonie, damage to barn and personal injuries, caused by burst in main pipe in Parker street. Jennie M. Allen, personal injuries, caused by open coal-hole in Draper street, Dorchester.

January 12—Wm. J. Taylor, personal injuries, caused by alleged defective condition of Eastern avenue.

January 13—Mary McGuire, personal injuries, caused by ice on sidewalk on Newland street.

Among the suits entered against the city during the past week are a number by Joshua Lovett et al, trustees; F. Gordon Dexter et al, Jane Dexter, James B. Case et al, trustees; Moses Williams, trustee; United States Hotel Company, William D. Sohler, Ella Everett et al, The Central Wharf and Wet Dock Corporation, Jonathan French and S. Ellery Jennison—the damages ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. These suits are the result of the recent sewer and water assessments.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, January 16, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the five weeks ending January 14, as follows:

Frank Coyle has been reinstated in the Department. The resignation of G. F. Le-Favor, driver for the Chief of District 12, has been accepted.

J. B. McKay of Engine Company 41 has been granted a veteran's certificate for twenty-one years' continuous service in the Department. There has been sold to the City of Medford Fire Department one second-hand Pen Register for \$30. Charles F. Maxwell has been approved as an auxiliary private in the Boston Protective Department.

It has been ordered that there be allowed and paid to the Lauriat Volunteer Hose Company \$60 yearly, for rent of quarters for apparatus and men, to begin December 1, 1898.

Special drafts have been drawn as follows: To George G. Baker, for \$3,540.25 on account of construction of new Veterinary Hospital; to John Cavanagh & Son Building Company, for \$590, for moving Engine House 21; to Public Buildings Department,

Repairs and Electrical Construction Divisions for material and labor, \$3,403.66; to Welch & Hall, for five horses, \$700; to American Fire Hose Manufacturing Company, \$750 for 1,000 feet of jacket-hose.

The following orders have been drawn:

On Congdon & Carpenter for twelve sets of single-riveted harnesses at \$29 each; on T. Strangman & Sons, chemical tanks and repairs of Ladder Truck 11, \$280; on Porter Brothers & Co., 700 celluloid badges for admittance to fire lines for 1899; on Welch & Hall, two bay horses at \$125 each; 6,268 feet of No. 37 conductor cable, 2,111 feet No. 19 conductor cable and 1,000 feet of No. 10 conductor cable.

Captain George F. Fenno of Engine Company 19 has been pensioned at \$800 per annum, and call hoseman W. W. Wyman of Engine 32 at \$125 per annum.

Lieutenant Maurice Heffernan of Chemical Company 5 has been promoted to the rank of captain and assigned to Engine Company 19; Lieutenant John J. Flanagan of Chemical Company 8 has been promoted to the rank of captain and assigned to Engine Company 13.

Call members E. H. Wheelock of Ladder Company 9 and J. H. McLaughlin of Combination Company 7 have been promoted to the position of permanent members and assigned to Engine Company 32. Samuel Mitchell, Warren P. Stevens and Cornelius J. O'Neil have been appointed call substitutes, with call men's pay, and assigned to Ladder Company 9.

The following transfers have been made: J. J. Mungovan, Engine Company 45 to Engine Company 26-35; E. A. Burbank, Engine 26-35 to Engine 45; Walter Hughes, Engine 19 to Engine 37; J. B. Wilson, Engine 37 to Engine 19; John T. Gillen, Tower 2 to Ladder 3; T. J. O'Connor, Ladder 3 to Tower 2; J. J. McCarthy, Ladder 12 to Combination 6.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, January 14, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Mary A. Roach, Canterbury street, Ward 23, three horses; hearing January 26, at 11 o'clock. Nathan G. Green, Charlotte street, Ward 20, two horses; hearing January 26, at 11 o'clock. Edward Brock, 40 Miller street, Ward 5, two horses; hearing January 26, at 11 o'clock. George C. Corcoran, D street, Ward 13, nine horses; hearing January 19, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for stables have been granted:

Thomas F. Slater, Walker street, Ward 23, one horse; Adelaide J. Sargent, Chestnut Hill avenue, Ward 25, two horses; C. H. Lindsay, 224 Harvard street, Ward 20, two horses.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending January 13:

Steers	206
New England cows	74
New England bulls	10
Western cows	88
Sheep	378
Calves	209
Total	965

During the week 1,243 pounds of tuberculous beef and 52 pounds of septicæmic mutton have been condemned.

The following is a summary of work done during December, 1898, by the Bureau of Milk Inspection:

Number of samples of milk examined:

From milk wagons	545
From stores	505
Brought by citizens	22
Total	1,072

Number of samples of vinegar examined	132
Number of samples of butter examined	18
Total samples	1,222

Number of cases pending in Municipal Court, December 1	5
Number of cases entered during December:	
For milk not of standard quality	7
For milk containing foreign coloring matter.	2
For selling milk without being registered	1
For selling adulterated vinegar	1
For selling vinegar not made from cider as cider-vinegar	7
Total cases	23
Number of convictions	15
Number of acquittals	2
Cases pending January 1	6
Total	23
Amount paid in fines	\$693

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending January 14:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
Positive	19	21	40
Negative	57	43	100
No growth	2	1	3
Totals	78	65	143

Remarks: Typhoid diagnosis, one case; result negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, January 16, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending January 14, 1899:

Cases pending	2
Number of applications	95
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	17
Bridgewater Almshouse	18
Long Island Almshouse	22
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	3
Boston Insane Hospital	3
Taunton Insane Hospital	5
Epileptic Hospital	1
Foxboro' Asylum	2
Northampton Insane Hospital	1
Danvers Lunatic Hospital	1
Bridgewater Asylum	2
Total	75

Number of applications refused,	1
Number of applications withdrawn	21
Cases pending	—
Total	97

Settlements investigated 98

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, January 16, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending January 14, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	110	24
Females	27	4
Total	137	28
Offences:		
Against the person	8	6
Against property	17	17
Against public order and decency	112	6
Total	137	*29
Discharges:		
Males	136	19
Females	15	3
Total	151	22
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	94	19
Permit of Commissioner	34	—
Payment of fine	22	—
Transferred to South Boston House of Correction	1	—
Transferred to Concord	—	1
Transferred to State Farm	—	2
Total	151	22
Population:		
January 9, 1899	1,399	505
Committed since January 9, 1899	137	28
Total	1,536	533
Discharged since January 9, 1899	151	22
January 14, 1899	1,385	511

* One man committed charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, January 16, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending January 14, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	324
Defects reported	59
Defects corrected	31
Notices of new work received	19
Dead wire removed (feet)	19,500
Fixtures removed	15
Poles set	20

An investigation has been made of the electric car-fire corner Shawmut avenue and Dover street, at 8.30 P.M., January 8, which proved that same was due to overheated feeders between motor and car floor, burning the latter badly. The car was numbered 886.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made 138
New notices received 92

Investigation has also been made of supposed electric fire, alarm from box 746, January 12.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections 7
Pole connections 1
Repairs 1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction 4
Building connections 9
Pole connections 6
Repairs 5
Cable drawings 51
Installations of underground transformers, 4

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed 665
Feet of duct laid 11,125
Manholes built 10
Service connections made 23
Feet of cable drawn in 99,953

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Bids for building abutments of bridge on Boston street, over New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, were opened at the office of the City Engineer on Monday, the sixteenth instant, with the following result:

Bidders.	Bids.
Holbrook Cabot & Daly, Boston	\$17,450 00
Collins & Ham, Boston	18,429 00
W. H. Keyes & Co., Boston	19,893 00
William L. Miller, Boston	20,445 00
J. J. McCarthy & Co., Boston	20,600 00
Thomas A. Rowe, Boston	20,642 43
Nawn & Brock, Boston	20,773 00
D. F. O'Connell, Boston	20,800 00
Daniel O'Connell, jr., & Co., Hol- yoke, Mass	21,500 00
Coleman Bros., Boston	22,000 00
Cyrus Barton, Lowell, Mass.	22,000 00
William L. Clark & Co., Boston	22,900 00
Ross & Fowler, Boston	23,600 00
Bell & Co., Boston	24,252 42
Norcross Bros., Worcester, Mass.	24,400 00
George M. Bacon, Boston	29,700 00

The contract was awarded to Holbrook Cabot & Daly.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

EXTENSION OF FIRE LIMITS.

In accordance with a circular letter of recent date issued by His Honor Mayor Quincy (see THE CITY RECORD, page 16) a conference with regard to the proposed extension of the fire limits was held at the Mayor's office, Wednesday afternoon, January 17, between His Honor the Mayor and L. Foster Morse and William Minot, representing the Real Estate Exchange; Osborne Howes, James Bruerton and George P. Field, representing the Boston Board of Fire Underwriters; R. Clipston Sturgis, John A. Fox and Robert S. Peabody, representing the Boston Society of Architects; and

J. Arthur Jacobs and E. Noyes Whitcomb, representing Master Builders' Association. After discussion as to how much of an extension was desirable, and as to the best means of bringing an extension about, the conference passed the following vote:

That the conference on the extension of the building limits recommend to the Master Builders' Association, the Real Estate Exchange, the Boston Society of Architects and the Boston Board of Fire Underwriters, that resolutions be passed authorizing committees from these various organizations to formulate, in co-operation with the Mayor, and to present to the Legislature at its present session, some comprehensive plan of extending the building limits of the City of Boston, together with any modifications of the present building laws which may be found expedient in connection with such extension.

The annual report of the New York State Board of Charities shows that the inmates and other beneficiaries of the institutions and associations of the State number more than 2,500,000 in the aggregate, and that the expense of their maintenance amounts to nearly \$22,000,000 annually.

The appropriations recommended by the Board for the coming year amount to \$1,575,415.

The exports of merchandise from the United States during the month of December, as reported by the Bureau of Statistics, at Washington, D.C., reached the highest aggregate in the history of the country.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, January 18, 1899.

Bids will be received at the office of the Clerk of Committees on or before Saturday, January 21, 1899, at twelve o'clock noon, for furnishing seventy-five badges for the members of the Common Council, the cost of each to be seven dollars. Each bid must be accompanied by a design and a specification of the fineness of the gold and the weight of the badge, excluding the pin.

JOHN F. DEVER,
Clerk of Committees.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, January 13, 1899.

The Water Department invites proposals for furnishing to the City of Boston fifty-five hundred (5,500) tons of cast-iron water-pipes. A bond of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety, for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of the Water Commissioner, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, enclosed in an envelope, and, with a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office, before 12 o'clock M., of Wednesday, January 25, 1899. This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. Proposals filled out and left with check as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city. Said envelope should be endorsed, "Proposal for Cast-Iron Water Pipe."

JOHN R. MURPHY, Water Commissioner.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, January 16, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Cambridge street, between Charles street and Charles river, be widened as an approach to the new Cambridge bridge under the provisions of Chapter 467 of the Acts of 1898, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required as provided in said chapter and under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and—that they appoint 3 o'clock P.M., of the thirty-first day of January, 1899, and the office of the Mayor of the City of Boston as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
Chairman Cambridge Bridge Commission.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

January 12, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Worthington street, at Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from Longwood avenue to the Fenway, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-sixth day of January, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Respectfully represent your petitioners that they are a majority of the Directors named in the Articles of Association for the formation of the Winthrop and Revere Street Railway Company; that they have caused a copy of said Articles to be published according to the provisions of Chapter 113 of the Public Statutes; that at a meeting of said Directors held November 22, 1898, it was voted to petition your Board for a location for the railway of said company in the City of Boston as herein-after set forth.

They therefore pray for the following location in the City of Boston, namely: Beginning at a point on Saratoga street in the City of Boston, at or near the tracks of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company, and thence running through said Saratoga street to the dividing line between the said City of Boston and the Town of Winthrop.

And they pray that upon the location so prayed for they may be authorized to construct, operate and maintain a street railway, together with such poles, wires, feed wires, switches, crossovers and turnouts as may be necessary and convenient to operate the same by the single overhead trolley system of electric traction, so called.

S. B. HINCKLEY,
GEO. S. FORBUSH,
WILLARD M. BACON,
S. B. HINCKLEY, JR.,

A majority of the Directors named in the Articles of Association for the formation of the Winthrop and Revere Street Railway Company.

CITY OF BOSTON.

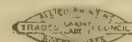
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

January 16, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the sixth day of February, at 8 o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard; said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the East Boston Free Press, Boston Herald and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ORDERS.

Mr. Barry, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, at the meeting of that Board, on the twenty-third instant announced as the Aldermanic representatives on the Joint Committee on Rules and Orders, Aldermen O'Toole, Colby, McDonald, Barry and Presho.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN WALKER.

George A. Walker, Captain of Police Division 12, South Boston, died at his home, 68 Maple street, West Roxbury, Friday morning, January 20, 1899.

Captain Walker was born at Strafford, N. H., in 1842, and was appointed on the police force of Boston in 1874. In 1877 he was made a Sergeant and in 1885 was promoted to be Lieutenant. His last promotion occurred in 1888 when he was made a Captain, and placed in charge of Station 9. From this station he was transferred in 1891 to Station 10, and, finally, to Station 12. For twenty-three years he was Secretary of the Police Relief Association.

DEATH OF EX-JUDGE WRIGHT.

Edwin Wright, born at North Coventry, Conn., in 1821, died at his home on Beacon street, Boston, Saturday, January 21, 1899.

Mr. Wright, who was a graduate of Yale, after leaving college taught for a time in the English High School of Boston. In August, 1846, he was elected grammar master of the Eliot School. He resigned from this position in 1847, and took up the study of law at Harvard, and was admitted to the Suffolk Bar in 1850.

During the years 1856-1859, and again from 1864 to 1866, Mr. Wright was a member of the School Committee. In 1861 he became a Justice of the Boston Police Court, where he served until its abolition in 1866.

RESIGNATION OF THE TREASURER OF THE FRANKLIN FUND.

The resignation of Mr. Samuel F. McCleary, the Treasurer of the Franklin Fund, was presented to the Board of Aldermen at its last meeting, on Monday, the twenty-third instant. In the interval between 1791, when the Town of Boston came into the possession of the Franklin bequest of £1,000, and 1899, there have been seven treasurers of the Franklin Fund (see page 650, Volume I., THE CITY RECORD). Mr. McCleary's term of service from 1876 to 1899 was longer than that of any other Treasurer, excepting that of Mr. William Minot, which extended from 1811 to 1866.

The amount of the Franklin Fund turned over in 1866 by Mr. Minot to his successor, Mr. Frederick U. Tracy, was \$117,692.32. In 1876, the fund had increased to \$216,874.14. On January 17, 1894, when Mr. McCleary paid \$329,300.48 into the City Treasury, there remained a balance, constituting the Franklin Fund proper, of \$102,455.70.

On December 31, 1898, the Franklin Fund amounted to \$124,631.36, and the amount in the City Treasury derived from the sum appropriated by the Managers of the Franklin Fund in 1894, for a Trade School, was \$361,181.09. The total value of the Franklin bequest, on January 1, 1899, may therefore be set at \$485,812.45.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting on the twenty-third instant voted to confirm the appointment by His Honor the Mayor, of Henry L. Plummer, to be a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1901, vice Frederick W. Day, resigned.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular has been issued by His Honor the Mayor:
Circular No. 53.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

January 16, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

GENTLEMEN: I desire to secure quite a full set of photographs, suitable for reproduction in lantern slides, illustrating the work of the different departments—particularly any work of a novel or distinctive character—with the object of making it possible to give, as far as practicable, a pictorial view of the operations of the various branches of service which are maintained by this city. It is desired that these photographs should include views of such features of our plant as are of most interest, and also views of work in actual progress. They will be used both in this city, for the purpose of more fully acquainting our own citizens with the work of the municipality, and elsewhere, to exhibit the lines of municipal work in which Boston is able to make a creditable showing.

Please have this matter carefully considered in order that the photographs taken may be of real interest. The general charge of this matter has been placed in the hands of Secretary Kearns, of the Baths Department, 64 Pemberton square; he will confer with the heads of the different departments as to the best manner of carrying out this plan, and you are requested to co-operate with him.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

City Government 1899.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor, 82 Charles street.
NATHANIEL G. ROBINSON, Secretary, 57
Anderson street.

JAMES A. MCKIBBEN, Corresponding Sec-
retary, 31 Mellen street, Dorchester.

JAMES B. MACHUGH, Assistant Secretary,
16 Charlotte street, Dorchester.

TIMOTHY A. BUTLER, Stenographer, 95
Cushing avenue, Dorchester.

WALTER E. WELCH, Messenger, 15 Pros-
pect street, Charlestown.

ELMER B. DERBY, Messenger, 7 Smith
court.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Chairman, DAVID F. BARRY.

WILBUR F. ADAMS, manufacturer's agent,
167½ Congress street.

DAVID F. BARRY, salesman, 5 Taylor street.

* WILLIAM BERWIN, real estate, 27 School
street, room 35.

MICHAEL W. BRICK, lawyer, 27 School
street, room 11.

* FRANKLIN L. CODMAN, manufacturer, 301
Congress street.

JOHN H. COLBY, lawyer, 30 Court street,
room 50-52.

FREDERICK W. DAY, apothecary, 235 Me-
ridian street, East Boston.

* EDWARD W. DIXON, liquor dealer, 41
Commercial Wharf.

JAMES H. DOYLE, liquor dealer, 1123 Co-
lumbus avenue.

PATRICK F. McDONALD, dealer in iron and
steel, 151 Pearl street.

* FRANK J. O'TOOLE, clerk, 13 Westminster
street, Roxbury.

* EDWARD W. PRESNO, medical book agent,
54 Chestnut street, Charlestown.

Clerk, ex-officio, J. MITCHEL GALVIN, City
Clerk, 575 Washington street, Dorchester.

Population of the City of Boston,	
1895	496,920
Population, December 31, 1898	
(estimated by Board of Health),	541,827
Total number of assessed polls,	
1898	160,929
Registered Voters, 1898:	
Males	98,457
Females	8,723

Total	107,180
Total Valuation, 1898 . .	\$1,025,065,000
Total tax, 1898	\$14,262,742

* Re-elected.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, DANIEL J. KILEY.

Clerk, JOSEPH O'KANE.

Ward 1.

* A. DUDLEY BAGLEY, grocer, 607 Benning-
ton street.

GEORGE H. BATTIS, Salesman, 112 White
street.

DAVID W. SIMPSON, book-keeper, 317 Me-
ridian street.

Population 1895, 21,007; polls 1898, 6,312;
Registered voters 1898, males, 4,226; females,
569. Total valuation 1898, \$12,042,700; total
tax 1898, \$176,404.72.

Ward 2.

* JOSEPH F. HICKEY, telegrapher, 256 Web-
ster street.

FRANK J. JOHNSON, grocer, 217 Paris
street.

THOMAS F. RICE, lawyer, 20 Meridian
street.

Population 1895, 21,588; polls 1898, 6,499.
Registered voters 1898, males, 3,931; females,
129. Total valuation 1898, \$12,145,600; total
tax 1898, \$178,178.16.

Ward 3.

HENRY B. CARROLL, shipper, 9 Stone
street.

FRANCIS J. DOHERTY, clerk, 64 Decatur
street.

* CHARLES A. HERRIGAN, constable, 34
Bunker Hill street.

Population 1895, 18,943; polls 1898, 4,302.
Registered voters 1898, males, 3,110; females,
247. Total valuation 1898, \$9,649,600; total
tax 1898, \$139,838.56.

Ward 4.

THOMAS A. KELLEY, clerk, 10 Sackville
street.

* JOHN P. SULLIVAN, car conductor, 10
Sewall's court.

* JOSEPH A. TURNBULL, hackman, 14 Dor-
rance street.

Population 1895, 13,375; polls 1898, 4,068.
Registered voters 1898, males, 2,744; females,
289. Total valuation 1898, \$11,596,600; total
tax 1898, \$165,849.76.

Ward 5.

* WILLIAM E. BENNETT, clerk, 54 Henley
street.

JOHN F. GIBBONS, upholsterer, 18 Bow
street.

* EDWARD H. MADDEN, salesman, 18 Chelsea
street.

Population 1895, 12,986; polls 1898, 4,477.
Registered voters 1898, males, 2,869; females,
196. Total valuation 1898, \$14,206,500; total
tax 1898, \$202,162.40.

Ward 6.

ANDREW A. BADARACCO, undertaker, 11
North Bennet street.

PATRICK H. BRADLEY, clerk, 208 Endicott
street.

WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN, clerk, 16 T Wharf.

Population 1895, 27,860; polls 1898, 8,861.
Registered voters 1898, males, 4,174; females, 76.
Total valuation 1898, \$140,171,000; total tax
1898, \$1,924,047.60.

Ward 7.

* JOHN L. DONOVAN, bartender, 51 Albany
street.

JAMES H. STONE, journalist, 24 Tyler street.
JAMES A. SWEENEY, clerk, 70 Oak street.

Population 1895, 16,973; polls 1898, 5,221.
Registered voters 1898, males, 2,530; females,
139. Total valuation 1898, \$241,929,400; total
tax 1898, \$3,300,681.84.

Ward 8.

* WILLIAM H. CUDDY, newsdealer, 9 Cypress
street.

DANIEL J. KILEY, book-keeper, 13 Allen
street.

MARTIN LEFTOVITH, tailor, 86 Leverett
street.

Population 1895, 23,130; polls 1898, 7,884.
Registered voters 1898, males, 3,693; females,
113. Total valuation 1898, \$29,273,900; total
tax 1898, \$413,893.04.

Ward 9.

* SAMUEL KASANOF, baker, 317 Harrison
avenue.

* MICHAEL LEONARD, mason, 98 East Can-
ton street.

JOHN J. TOBIN, clerk, 60 Middlesex street.

Population 1895, 23,174; polls 1898, 8,298.
Registered voters 1898, males, 3,775; females,
196. Total valuation 1898, \$26,592,800; total
tax 1898, \$378,258.03.

Ward 10.

JOHN BORDMAN, JR., lawyer, 15 Court
square, room 27.

WALTER R. MANSFIELD, medical student,
26 Cumberland street.

GEORGE H. MOORE, foreman in stables, 15
Stanhope street.

Population 1895, 22,554; polls 1898, 7,355.
Registered voters 1898, males, 4,030; females,
403. Total valuation 1898, \$53,258,800; total
tax 1898, \$739,029.68.

Ward 11.

* EDWARD A. ARMISTEAD, janitor, 36 Grove
street.

* WILLIAM S. B. STEVENS, bank clerk, 20
Mt. Vernon street.

LAWRENCE M. STOCKTON, lawyer, 53 State
street, room 709.

Population 1895, 19,930; polls 1898, 6,135.
Registered voters 1898, males, 3,954; females,
435. Total valuation 1898, \$164,669,300; total
tax 1898, \$2,251,772.48.

Ward 12.

* DAVID B. CHAMBERLAIN, editor, 89 State
street, room 53.

DONALD N. MACDONALD, designer, 398
Northampton street.

ARTHUR K. PECK, secretary and treasurer,
727 Tremont street.

Population 1895, 21,591; polls 1898, 6,232.
Registered voters 1898, males, 3,483; females,
444. Total valuation 1898, \$27,704,500; total
tax 1898, \$389,245.20.

Ward 13.

*THOMAS J. COLLINS, cutter, 166 West Third street, South Boston.

FRANK J. LINEHAN, contractor, 16 Baxter street, South Boston.

*MICHAEL J. LYDON, cigars, 77 West Broadway, South Boston.

Population 1895, 24,900; polls 1898, 7,625. Registered voters 1898, males, 3,986; females, 122. Total valuation 1898, \$20,640,000; total tax 1898, \$295,954.

Ward 14.

GEORGE A. DONAHOE, shipper, 726 East Second street, South Boston.

EDWARD L. LOGAN, student, 560 Broadway, South Boston.

*JAMES F. MULCAHY, gas-fitter, 30 L street, South Boston.

Population 1895, 19,186; polls 1898, 6,212. Registered voters 1898, males, 4,515; females, 520. Total valuation 1898, \$11,263,600; total tax 1898, \$165,608.96.

Ward 15.

*JOHN D. FENTON, mailing clerk, 26 Woodward street, South Boston.

JOHN H. GIBLIN, clerk, 50 Gates street, South Boston.

*WILLIAM MARTIN, roofer, 51 Thomas Park, South Boston.

Population 1895, 18,623; polls 1898, 5,427. Registered voters 1898, males, 3,757; females, 436. Total valuation 1898, \$9,572,400; total tax 1898, \$141,038.64.

Ward 16.

FRANK S. ATWOOD, assistant secretary Boston Herald, 21 Alexander street, Roxbury.

*CHARLES E. EDDY, contractor and carpenter, 748 Dudley street, Roxbury.

FRANK E. WELLS, clerk, 70 Alexander street, Roxbury.

Population 1895, 16,320; polls 1898, 5,504. Registered voters 1898, males, 3,968; females, 359. Total valuation 1898, \$14,422,200; total tax 1898, \$207,149.92.

Ward 17.

*PATRICK H. BRENNAN, real estate, 176 Norfolk avenue, Roxbury.

*TIMOTHY L. CONNOLLY, real estate and contractor, 51 Mt. Pleasant avenue, Roxbury.

GEORGE A. FLYNN, clerk, 4 Marshfield street, Roxbury.

Population 1895, 21,114; polls 1898, 6,935. Registered voters 1898, males, 4,288; females, 288. Total valuation 1898, \$18,148,300; total tax 1898, \$260,686.88.

Ward 18.

*JAMES J. CASEY, clerk, 1080 Tremont street.

*JOHN J. CURLEY, coal and wood dealer, 4 Sumner place, Roxbury.

*JAMES A. WATSON, stenographer, 221 Cabot street, Roxbury.

Population 1895, 21,679; polls 1898, 7,243. Registered voters 1898, males, 3,885; females,

251. Total valuation 1898, \$17,537,500; total tax 1898, \$252,996.

Ward 19.

WILLIAM H. DOYLE, clerk, 31 State street. JAMES MCINERNEY, inspector, 66 Smith street, Roxbury.

*CHARLES P. NANGLE, contractor, 80 Conant street, Roxbury.

Population 1895, 22,372; polls 1898, 7,103. Registered voters 1898, males, 4,528; females, 216. Total valuation 1898, \$22,742,000; total tax 1898, \$323,497.20.

Ward 20.

*LOUIS T. HOWARD, clerk, 50 State street, room 35.

GEORGE R. MILLER, superintendent, 520 Albany street, Roxbury.

GEORGE O. WOOD, real estate, 333 Park street, Dorchester.

Population 1895, 21,528; polls 1898, 7,583. Registered voters 1898, males, 5,385; females, 661. Total valuation 1898, \$31,447,900; total tax 1898, \$442,857.44.

Ward 21.

FRED A. EMERY, designer, 2 Thornton street, Roxbury.

*FREDERICK W. KLEMM, book-keeper, 64 Dudley street, Roxbury.

TEMPLE A. WINSLOE, wood and coal dealer, Massachusetts avenue and Swett street, Roxbury.

Population 1895, 19,274; polls 1898, 6,322. Registered voters 1898, males, 4,496; females, 729. Total valuation 1898, \$30,735,900; total tax 1898, \$430,652.24.

Ward 22.

*ABRAM JORDAN, carpenter, 154 Boylston street, Jamaica Plain.

GEORGE W. LOREY, clerk, 49 Boylston street, Jamaica Plain.

WILLIAM G. ROEMER, plumber, 169 Boylston street, Jamaica Plain.

Population 1895, 22,289; polls 1898, 6,963. Registered voters 1898, males, 4,579; females, 333. Total valuation 1898, \$24,287,900; total tax 1898, \$344,241.44.

Ward 23.

*ANDREW BRAUER, grocer, 35 Poplar street, Roslindale.

JOHN H. BRODERICK, mason, 40 Custer street, Jamaica Plain.

GUY F. NEWHALL, reporter, Roslindale Cycle Club, Roslindale.

Population 1895, 18,283; polls 1898, 5,880. Registered voters 1898, males, 4,152; females, 437. Total valuation 1898, \$27,199,000; total tax 1898, \$381,666.40.

Ward 24.

*WILLIAM E. HARVEY, salesman, 564 Washington street.

*WILLARD W. HIBBARD, salesman, 82 Morton street, Mattapan.

SAMUEL H. MILDAM, with American Bell Telephone Company, 125 Milk street.

Population 1895, 18,240; polls 1898, 7,001. Registered voters 1898, males, 4,807; females, 641. Total valuation 1898, \$27,331,600; total tax 1898, \$385,711.76.

Ward 25.

EZRA N. ROLLAND, cigar-dealer, 385 Cambridge street, Allston.

*CLARENCE W. SANDERSON, clerk, 33 Chestnut Hill avenue, Brighton.

HARVEY W. WALKER, lawyer, 293 Cambridge street, Allston.

Population 1895, 15,001; polls 1898, 5,487. Registered voters 1898, males, 3,592; females, 494. Total valuation 1898, \$26,496,000; total tax 1898, \$371,319.60.

STREET DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY WAGON.

The following communication has been sent to the Board of Police by the Superintendent of Streets:

January 19, 1899.

BOARD OF POLICE,

37 Pemberton Square.

SIRS: I send herewith cards which I would respectfully request that you distribute to the captains.

I would say in further explanation—and this you might read to them at the Saturday meeting—that the emergency wagon is intended to cover such work as cannot be taken care of by the ordinary apparatus or appliances in use by the police. The men who respond with the wagon are what might be termed call-men, and must be summoned on call. The wagon therefore is not to be sent for except in cases that warrant sending for the men.

Of course in an ordinary case but a few men would be sent with the wagon; but in the event of a fire or other great accident, when a larger force of men is required, arrangements are made so that almost any number can be made available on comparatively short notice.

This card is intended for ready reference at the station-house, and I have arranged so that, through this Central Call Station, the various heads of divisions, foremen, etc., can be communicated with. It is therefore desirable, after working hours, that in the city proper, in case of minor accidents, such as flooded cellars, dangerous pavements, broken sewers, and the many other minor accidents which happen from time to time within the province of this Department to correct, notice should be sent to this Central Call Station; and such assistance will be rendered as may be possible at the time.

I think that, if the captains thoroughly understand the plan, it will work out to the mutual convenience of your Department, this Department and the public.

As I desire this wagon to be of as much service as possible, I would suggest that, if an officer is doubtful of the propriety of calling for the wagon, inquiry be made at the Central Call Station, and the man on duty allowed to decide as to the desirability of responding.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

The cards referred to contain the following notice:

TO THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS
AND CITIZENS:

At all times, including nights, Sundays and holidays, by calling telephone "City Hall 25," the central call station of the Street Department, any branch of the Department (Paving, Sewer, Street-Cleaning, Sanitary, Bridges, Ferry, or Street-Watering) can be notified in case of need.

The Department emergency wagon is equipped with tackles, jacks, axes, bars, etc., and may be called to districts covered by Police Stations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 16 when its services are actually required in cases of importance to public safety or convenience.

Other districts should call for wagon only in event of fallen building, fire, or other accident when the services of its crew and equipment may be needed to assist in saving life or property.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

January, 1899.

In regard to the above statement—a somewhat similar one being also sent to the Fire Department—Superintendent Wells desires to say that the public can also avail themselves of this central call station to seek the assistance of, or give information to, any branch of the Department. Formerly, after working hours, it has been with difficulty that certain matters, which might be important, could receive attention; as, for instance, the other night, owing to the bursting of a sewer-trap and the high tide, water was forced into the basement of one of the large buildings down-town. The fires were put out, and had it not been that one of the officers of the building sent personal word to the Superintendent of Streets, they could not have arranged to clear the basement of water in season for lighting fires or carrying on the work of the building on the following day. The Street Department, however, sent men and pumps, and at an early hour the fires were going, and everything was in readiness for the day's work.

It is not to be understood, however, that the Street Department is to be called upon at night to attend to matters that are trifling, or that can as well as not wait until the working-day comes; but there are times when it is important and desirable that some attention be given at night. In such cases, it is now so arranged that any citizen can communicate with the Department through the telephone (City Hall 25), and if the matter properly comes within the jurisdiction of the Department such attention as is possible and necessary at the time will be given.

Indiana's State debt is \$2.16 per capita and the tax valuation is \$451 per capita.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of imports and exports, together with the entrance and clearance of foreign vessels, and the number of passengers arrived at the Port of Boston during the month of December, 1898, as compared with the corresponding month of 1897:

	Imports.		Exports.	
December, 1898	\$3,689,145		\$12,794,480	
December, 1897	4,677,250		9,728,662	
Vessels.	Entered No. Tonnage.		Cleared. No. Tonnage.	
December, 1898	101 170,049		124 154,464	
December, 1897	140 158,305		162 128,338	
Passengers arrived, December, 1898		734		
Passengers arrived, December, 1897		792		

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1898.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of December, 1898, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	528,912
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	21.64
Death rate for corresponding month, 1897	18.89
Number of deaths:	
Males	489
Females	465
	954
Condition:	
Married	341
Single	450
Widows	112
Widowers	41
Unknown	10
Color:	
White	932
Colored	22
Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	154
Under 2 years	195
Under 5 years	238
Deaths by diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	1
Under 2 years	1
Under 5 years	1
All ages	5
Nativity:	
United States	592
Ireland	191
England	14
Scotland	8
Germany	18
British America	73
Italy	14
Russia	10
Other countries	18
Unknown	16
Parentage:	
American	207
Irish	354
English	20
Scotch	10
German	20
British American	69
Italian	31
Russian	20
Other countries	64
Mixed	65
Unknown	94
Still-births during the month	58

Causes of Death.

I. ZYMOTICS.

Alcoholism	2
Croup	2
Carbuncle	1
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	7
Diarrhoea	3
Dysentery	2
Diphtheria	19
Erysipelas	2
Influenza	9
Measles	1
Purpura	1
Puerperal fever	2
Remittent fever	1
Rheumatism	1
Scarlatina	1
Syphilis (congenital)	2
Septicæmia	8
Typhoid fever	15
Whooping-cough	3
Other Zymotic diseases	1
	83

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	34
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	8
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	10
Phthisis pulmonalis	115
Other Constitutional diseases	26
	193

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	35
Bright's disease	12
Bronchitis	47
Heart disease	80
Meningitis	27
Nephritis	18
Pleurisy	3
Pneumonia	162
Other Local diseases	146
	530

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Inanition	20
Old age	24
Premature birth	16
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	4
Other Developmental diseases	17
	81

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	44
Homicidal	2
Suicidal	11
Other Violent causes	1
	58
Unknown causes	9

ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL
ESTATE IN NEW YORK CITY FOR
1899.

The Tax Commissioners of the City of New York, announced on the ninth instant the real estate valuation for the year 1899. The total increase for all the boroughs amounts to \$421,512,876, or rather more than one hundred millions in excess of the anticipated increase.

Following is a comparative statement showing the assessed valuations of real property for the years 1897, 1898 and 1899. In the year 1898 assessments were made in the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, but not in the Boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond, hence the assessed value

of real estate in the three boroughs last named is given for the year 1897:

ASSESSED VALUE OF REAL ESTATE.

Borough.	In 1897 and 1898.	In 1899.	Increase.
Manhattan, 1898.	\$1,754,982,400	\$2,062,361,475	\$307,379,075
Bronx, 1898 . . .	101,585,523	123,987,520	22,401,997
Brooklyn, 1897 . .	570,107,742	614,807,025	44,699,283
Queens, 1897 . . .	77,486,225	108,371,885	30,885,660
Richmond, 1897 . .	24,371,551	40,518,412	16,146,861
Total	\$2,528,533,441	\$2,950,046,317	\$421,512,876

In a sense the valuations set forth in the foregoing table are tentative, as individual taxpayers will be allowed to lodge complaints with the Tax Commissioners up to April 30, 1899. It will be the duty of the Commissioners, acting as a Board of Appeal, to act on such complaints before the first of June next, when the assessment rate for 1899 will be finally complete.

The Tax Commissioners explain the increase shown as follows:

We cordially invite all taxpayers to make their grievances known, and we promise to fulfil our duty and to work zealously to accomplish what the law requires, and that is just equalization. Consolidation and the imperative duty of equalization imposed by the charter is chargeable with this great increase in valuations in the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, and the taxpayers of these boroughs can credit it with the placing on them of a mortgage of about three hundred million dollars a year for all future time, with a tax rate ranging from 2 to $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., equalling from six to seven million dollars a year, all for the benefits which may be derived (but which are yet in the future) from such consolidation.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following is a record of the meetings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

City Hall, January 18, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held to-day at 4 P.M., in the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present: All the members.

Hearings in regard to their annual estimates were given to Mr. Horatio A. Lamb, Chairman of the Children's Institutions Trustees; Fire Commissioner Russell; City Engineer Jackson; Mr. Laurence Minot, Chairman of the Board of Statistics; Dr. Samuel H. Durgin, Chairman of the Board of Health, and Corporation Counsel A. J. Bailey, for the Law Department.

The Mayor suggested that as he could not be at a meeting next Monday, the Board have a meeting next Saturday afternoon; and, on motion of Mr. Sullivan, it was

Voted, That the Board meet on January 21, at 2 P.M.

Adjourned, to meet Thursday, January 19, at 4 P.M.

City Hall, January 19, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and

Apportionment was held to-day at 4 P.M., in the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present: All the members.

Hearings in regard to the annual department estimates were given to Mr. Charles E. Stratton, Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners; Mr. A. Shuman, Chairman of the City Hospital Trustees; Building Commissioner John S. Damrell; Dr. Henry C. Baldwin, Chairman of the Insane Hospital Trustees; Superintendent of Markets George E. McKay, and Solomon Lincoln of the Library Trustees.

Adjourned to meet on Friday, January 20, at 4 P.M.

City Hall, January 20, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on January 20, at 4 P.M., in the Mayor's Office, City Hall

Present: All the members.

Hearings in regard to their annual estimates were given to Prof. William T. Sedgwick and William L. Rutan, of the Trustees for Children; Charles E. Stratton, Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners; John A. Pettigrew, Superintendent of Parks; Ernest C. Marshall, Penal Institutions Commissioner and Acting-Institutions Registrar; William P. Fowler, Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor; James Donovan, Superintendent of Lamps; John Drohan, Superintendent of Public Buildings, and Charles Logue, Chief of the Repairs Division.

Adjourned, to meet January 21, at 2 P.M.

City Hall, January 21, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on January 21, at 2 P.M., at the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present: All the members.

Hearings in regard to their annual estimates were given to H. F. Cottle, Chief of the Electrical Construction Division; John A. O'Shea, Vice-President of the Music Trustees; Alfred T. Turner, City Treasurer; Robert F. Clark and Charles P. Curtis, of the Board of Police; Reuben Peterson, Soldiers' Relief Commissioner; Thomas A. Whalen, Superintendent of Printing; William Doogue, Superintendent of Public Grounds; Edward W. McGlenen, Assistant City Registrar; John P. Dore, Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners; John R. Murphy, Water Commissioner; Daniel P. Sullivan, Sealer of Weights and Measures; Thomas W. Flood, Wire Commissioner; Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets; John L. Kelly, Deputy Superintendent of Paving; Charles R. Cutter, Deputy Superintendent of Sewers; Patrick O'Shea, Deputy Superintendent of Sanitary Division; Joshua Atwood, 3d, Deputy Superintendent of Street-Clean-

ing; William F. McClellan, Deputy Superintendent of Ferries; William H. Carberry, Deputy Superintendent of Bridges; and Thomas J. Finneran, Deputy Superintendent of Street-Watering.

Adjourned, to meet January 24, at 4 P.M.

JOHN H. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission invites attention to the fact that from the examinations scheduled to be held on the dates mentioned, a large number of positions are to be filled at various places throughout the United States.

The Commission desires to obtain as many applicants as possible for this examination, so that it will result in the establishment of an eligible register sufficient to meet the needs of the service; and it therefore urges all persons who are qualified to at once make application for the necessary blank forms and full information relative to the examination.

Applicants are advised that arrangements will be made to examine them in any city of the United States (including Boston) where the Commission has a Board of Examiners; and that they will be given the examination if they will advise the Commission by letter or telegram, stating where they desire to be examined, in sufficient time to ship examination papers. They will be permitted to file their applications subsequently if necessary.

On February 7, 8, 9 and 10, 1899, examinations for ship draftsman and assistant ship draftsman will be held, four days being allowed for the former, and three days for the latter.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that it is desired to establish an eligible register for the position of Special Mechanic, office of the United States Superintending Naval Constructor, William R. Trigg Company, Richmond, Va., at a salary of \$3.75 per diem.

No educational test will be given, but applicants will be graded upon their age, experience and character as workmen and physical ability.

No application will be accepted unless filed in complete form with the Commission prior to the hour of closing business on March 1, 1899.

The Commission also announces the fact that an examination has been scheduled to be held, beginning March 1, 1899, for the position of Assistant Inspector of Engineering Material, Bethlehem Iron Works. From this examination there will also be filled three vacancies in the position of Assistant Inspector of Engineering Material, Bureau of Steam Engineering (Navy Department), at a salary of \$5 per diem each.

Persons who desire to enter this examination should at once apply to E. E. Stebbins, Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Post Office Building, Boston, Mass., for application blanks (forms 204 and 373), which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the Commission at Washington, D. C.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Monday, January 23, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The following message from the Mayor was received;

Destruction of Old Small-Pox Hospital.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 23, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Last year the buildings and grounds on Canterbury street, known as the old small-pox hospital, for which the Board of Health had no further use, were placed in the charge of the Insane Hospital Trustees. The Insane Hospital Trustees now request permission to destroy the old buildings, as the Board of Health is of the opinion that it would be unsafe to make use of them, on account of the possibilities of infection, and I accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

INSANE HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

January 10, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor of Boston.

DEAR SIR: The Insane Hospital Trustees request permission to destroy the old buildings of the small-pox hospital transferred to them, as the Board of Health have stated that it was unsafe to make use of those buildings on account of the possibilities of infection.

Very truly yours,

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Ordered, That the Insane Hospital Trustees be, and hereby are, authorized to destroy the old small-pox hospital buildings, the Board of Health being of the opinion that it would be unsafe to use them on account of the possibilities of infection.

Passed. Sent down.

Custom House returns at New York City show the total domestic exports from the port during 1898 to have been \$460,007,000 against \$396,388,942 in 1897. The total imports of merchandise were \$416,745,431 as compared with \$466,527,631 in 1897.

The Council of the City of Shanghai, China, is advertising for proposals for telephone and electric railway systems. Specifications can be seen at the Council's agency in New York, and bids must be in by the first of March.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved January 18, 1899:

Ordered, That the office expenses of the Clerk of the Common Council for printing, stationery, and binding, be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved January 18, 1899:

Permit to Lewis & Co. to project twenty cloth signs from building 145-147 Washington street, 50 Brattle street and 1-5 Cornhill.

Permit to Mrs. Ella Abrams to keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 11 Savoy street.

Permit to E. E. Gray & Co. to erect a permanent awning in front of building 132-136 Blackstone street and 152-156 Hanover street.

Order for the payment of allowances to soldiers and sailors and their families for the month of January, 1899.

Ordered, That Kilsyth road, between Colliston road and Sutherland road, Ward 25, be closed to all public travel during necessary sewer construction by the Street Department.

Ordered, That the roadway on Harvard street, between South and Utica streets, be closed to public travel during necessary sewer construction on said street.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

January 20, 1899.

General Order No. 567.

The Rules and Regulations for the government of the Police Department of the City of Boston having been revised and printed this day, they are hereby adopted and declared to be the rules and regulations for the government of the Police Department of the City of Boston, and shall have full force and effect until otherwise ordered by the Board of Police.

January 20, 1899.

General Order No. 568.

The following transfers and assignments in the Department are hereby ordered to take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock P.M., Saturday, the twenty-first instant.

TRANSFERS.

Patrolman William E. Wiseman, from Division 2 to Division 6; Patrolman Lewis G. Smith, from Division 3 to Division 7;

Patrolman John T. Foynes, from Division 4 to Division 14; Patrolman Michael J. Hankard, from Division 6 to Division 7; Patrolman Henry M. Thompson, from Division 7 to Division 1; Patrolman Albert F. Gould, from Division 9 to Division 5; Patrolman Bartholomew A. O'Brien, from Division 12 to Division 11; Patrolman John D. McCarthy, from Division 14 to Division 4; Sergeant William F. Perry, from Division 11 to S.S.S.; Sergeant Edwin Piper, from S.S.S. to Division 11.

ASSIGNMENTS.

Reserve Officer Michael Casey to Division 3; Reserve Officer James H. Jacobs to Division 7; Reserve Officer Michael Healy to Division 7; Reserve Officer Frederick J. Thorn to Division 9; Reserve Officer Peter J. Norton to Division 10; Reserve Officer Michael J. Quirk to Division 11; Reserve Officer Mathew Killen to Division 12.

VOTES CAST FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ONE YEAR), MUNICIPAL ELECTION, 1898.

WARDS.	* Frederick S. Bennett, Com. 100, I. W. Rep.	William Ros. nosky, Dem.	Scattering.
1	1,904	848	
2	617	1,543	
3	653	1,234	
4	750	859	
5	655	910	
6	576	1,395	
7	481	843	
8	794	1,155	
9	721	1,334	
10	1,588	425	
11	1,933	351	
12	1,348	764	
13	265	1,737	
14	1,198	1,694	
15	930	1,318	
16	1,324	1,086	1
17	955	1,582	
18	847	1,189	
19	895	1,771	
20	2,319	1,087	1
21	2,146	783	
22	1,740	1,089	
23	1,745	1,061	
24	2,047	990	
25	1,412	951	
Totals	29,843	27,999	2

* Elected.

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOSEPH J. CORBETT,
Board of Election Commissioners.

The London Board of Trade will present a bill to Parliament to make automatic couplings on the railroads of Great Britain compulsory. The American couplings have been carefully examined and met with the Board of Trade's approval.

CITY OF BOSTON.

VOTES CAST (MEN AND WOMEN) FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS), MUNICIPAL ELECTION,
DECEMBER 13, 1898.

WARDS.	Willard S. Allen, Committee of One Hundred, Independent Women, Republican.	Fanny B. Ames, Committee of One Hundred, Independent Women, P. S. Ass'n.	Martha Moore Avery, Socialist Labor.	Dana P. Bartlett, Public School Association.	L. Austin Bassett, Committee of One Hundred, Independent Women, P. S. Ass'n.	Thomas W. Berridge,* Democrat.	Edmund Billings, Public School Association.	John A. Brett,* Democrat.	Francis A. Campbell,* Democrat.	Charles T. Dukelow, Democrat, Republican.	Samuel F. Hubbard, Committee of One Hundred, Independent Women, P. S. Ass'n.	John W. Johnson, Republican.	Elizabeth C. Keller,* Committee of One Hundred, I. W., Dem., Rep.	Thomas J. Kenny,* Democrat.	A. Lawrence Lowell, Committee of One Hundred, Independent Women, P. S. Ass'n.	Ignatius S. McDonough,* Democrat.	William F. Merritt,* Democrat.	J. Carlton Nichols,* Committee of One Hundred, I. W., P. S. Ass'n., Rep.	A. Kidder Page, Committee of One Hundred, Independent Women, Rep.	Charles S. Stone, Republican.	J. Loring Thayer, Republican.
1	1,857	1,270	275	477	992	998	393	996	956	1,141	915	1,058	1,599	960	891	922	918	1,679	1,432	1,133	1,121
2	663	419	347	250	326	1,716	195	1,772	1,631	894	316	352	846	1,661	297	1,612	1,627	529	446	385	360
3	620	502	301	244	412	1,464	177	1,282	1,239	657	415	298	738	1,300	336	1,245	1,197	574	484	325	228
4	747	494	258	237	413	931	177	906	884	551	404	394	704	884	396	872	879	659	580	448	417
5	650	479	246	236	367	1,098	249	1,039	959	591	366	313	668	996	375	1,016	974	561	470	365	338
6	472	360	338	252	283	1,546	225	1,475	1,456	875	319	307	836	1,474	255	1,439	1,401	443	338	335	310
7	434	372	288	207	246	827	241	852	799	450	247	266	509	881	293	842	795	419	337	303	247
8	697	535	433	346	429	1,243	290	1,216	1,194	808	447	407	754	1,330	414	1,162	1,136	658	517	451	416
9	692	557	437	327	419	1,325	372	1,336	1,332	686	417	464	804	1,293	420	1,287	1,264	690	514	491	446
10	1,329	1,264	217	746	1,056	398	694	417	391	632	1,054	680	1,175	426	1,082	382	348	1,516	1,134	712	697
11	1,301	1,938	159	1,416	1,732	401	1,363	334	368	567	1,813	492	1,119	383	1,840	361	356	2,111	1,007	568	556
12	1,201	1,182	249	611	939	732	586	771	761	699	893	923	1,109	742	908	780	694	1,381	937	690	645
13	235	216	603	176	130	1,721	220	1,705	1,897	780	122	178	467	1,859	117	1,751	1,632	288	175	202	178
14	1,128	934	541	437	774	1,690	544	1,697	1,666	1,016	787	533	1,135	1,781	742	1,689	1,601	1,434	884	679	590
15	877	735	454	357	613	1,293	446	1,335	1,361	834	615	388	869	1,490	561	1,332	1,201	1,027	696	493	467
16	1,226	947	330	555	804	1,057	542	1,068	1,079	926	794	686	1,162	1,099	878	1,062	1,008	1,281	918	720	754
17	866	706	396	452	561	1,656	437	1,687	1,640	970	550	513	1,018	1,654	593	1,716	1,547	868	673	622	536
18	772	614	380	299	494	1,140	376	1,120	1,136	683	442	482	846	1,157	430	1,355	1,075	768	595	894	498
19	771	515	497	399	474	1,711	467	1,749	1,751	924	490	430	903	1,786	443	1,832	1,638	695	545	761	451
20	1,920	1,786	305	981	1,679	1,131	1,020	1,196	1,168	1,300	1,493	896	1,784	1,190	1,467	1,155	1,236	2,122	1,413	1,087	1,210
21	1,834	1,811	236	1,031	1,515	761	980	832	762	1,021	1,547	887	1,678	776	1,551	785	637	2,090	1,416	1,010	962
22	1,408	1,182	412	700	991	1,140	743	1,185	1,130	1,017	980	757	1,704	1,148	995	1,137	1,041	1,512	1,109	965	816
23	1,463	1,420	386	740	1,177	1,083	842	1,115	1,106	939	1,166	668	1,591	1,099	1,164	1,093	1,050	1,661	1,106	889	785
24	1,760	1,517	314	729	1,392	1,069	657	1,119	1,063	1,131	1,258	879	1,709	1,068	1,253	1,010	1,115	1,869	1,394	946	1,329
25	1,161	1,160	228	696	979	1,036	597	1,118	1,017	835	925	535	1,218	1,050	953	993	1,008	1,290	875	638	613
T'tals	26,084	22,915	8,630	12,901	19,197	29,167	12,833	29,272	28,746	20,927	18,775	13,786	26,945	29,487	18,654	28,830	27,428	28,125	19,995	16,112	14,970

* Elected.

NOTE.—Thirteen scattering votes were cast.

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOSEPH J. CORBETT,
Board of Election Commissioners.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following bills concerning the City of Boston have been presented to the Massachusetts Legislature, and have been referred to appropriate committees:

In the Senate.

SENATE BILL No. 8 accompanies the petition of Charles H. Innes; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH TWO POLLING PLACES FOR CAUCUSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. In the City of Boston, whenever 250 or more registered voters of any ward, members of a political party which has within a year previous cast in a caucus in such ward 600 or more votes, shall file with the Board of Election Commissioners a written request that there shall be provided for such political party an additional polling-place in that ward, it shall be the duty of said Board of Election Commissioners to make a division of the territory of such ward into two caucus districts, to be lettered A and B, and to designate, provide, prepare and arrange a polling-place in each of said districts in accordance with the foregoing provisions of said section; and thereafter all caucuses of said political party in the ward shall be held in said two districts in the same manner and subject to the same provisions of law as now apply to a single caucus in a ward.

All requests as herein provided shall be filed with the Board of Election Commissioners not later than August 1, for caucuses relating to a State election, and not later than October 1, for caucuses relating to a city election. All divisions of wards into caucus districts shall be made on precinct lines as established at the time of the division, and whenever a new division of the territory of a ward is made or new precincts formed, then new caucus districts as herein provided shall be made to conform thereto. Whenever caucus districts have been formed as herein provided, the Board of Election Commissioners shall notify the City Committee of the political party affected thereby, and thereafter all calls for caucuses in said ward, and all nomination papers shall be made to apply to caucuses in the two caucus districts as they now apply to one caucus in a ward.

Sect. 2. In the City of Boston in the first caucus held in newly established caucus districts in the district lettered A, the caucus officers last chosen in the ward by the political party holding the caucus, shall serve until the expiration of the term of office for which they were chosen. In the district lettered B the caucus officers shall be appointed by the City Committee of the party holding the caucus, and at said first caucus, caucus officers shall be elected to hold office from the first day of October succeeding their election, and until their successors are elected.

Sect. 3. In the City of Boston each clerk of a caucus shall make return to the Board of Election Commissioners of the votes cast in caucus districts, in the same manner as is provided for making returns of the vote in the several precincts at elections. Said Board of Election Commissioners shall determine the result of the balloting, and within twenty-four hours thereafter shall certify the same to the President of the City Committee of the political party holding the caucus. The President and Secretary of said City Committee shall sign and file certificates of nomination for the candidates nominated, and shall sign and deliver credentials to delegates and all other persons elected and entitled thereto, as provided in Sections 93 and 144 of this act.

SENATE BILL No. 14 accompanies the petition of the Board of Management and the Board of Trustees of the Bank Officers' Association of the City of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Insurance. It is entitled:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BANK OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The Bank Officers' Association of the City of Boston, organized under Chapter 429 of the Acts of 1888, is hereby exempted from the provisions of Chapter 474 of the Acts of 1898.

SENATE BILL No. 15 accompanies the petition of Edwin O. Childs and others. It is entitled:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF TYPE-WRITING MACHINES IN MAKING OFFICIAL RECORDS OF PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The officials of this Commonwealth, or of any county, city or town therein, having charge of the recording of public records, papers, documents or matters now required by law to be recorded in their respective offices, are hereby authorized and empowered to use type-writing machines for recording the same.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 20 accompanies the petition of George W. M. Hall and others. It is entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORMATION AND DISBURSEMENT OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS RETIREMENT FUND IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Upon the passage of this act a teachers' retirement fund shall be created in the City of Boston, and shall consist of,

(a.) A permanent fund, made up of donations and legacies specifically given to said permanent fund, and a sum set apart by the Board of Trustees.

(b.) A reserve fund, made up of donations and legacies not specifically given to said

permanent fund, and such other sums as the Board of Trustees may receive and direct to be paid into said reserve fund; and,

(c.) A general fund made up of amounts retained from the salaries of teachers under the provisions of this act, and the interest derived from said permanent fund and said reserve fund. The general fund and the reserve fund may be drawn upon for the purposes of this act by said Board of Trustees, in its discretion.

Sect. 2. The Superintendent of Public Schools in the City of Boston, three female teachers and three male teachers, also of said city, and holding positions in the public schools as instructors, and four members of the School Committee of said city, shall constitute the Board of Trustees. The Superintendent of Public Schools shall hold office in said Board ex officio, and the other ten members shall be chosen as follows: At the first annual meeting of the school teachers in the City of Boston, who are included in this act, which shall be held on the last Saturday of October, in the year 1899, there shall be elected by ballot one female teacher who shall hold office for a term of one year, one female teacher who shall hold office for a term of two years, one female teacher who shall hold office for a term of three years, one male teacher who shall hold office for a term of one year, one male teacher who shall hold office for a term of two years, and one male teacher who shall hold office for a term of three years, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary in each case for an election. Said meeting shall be called by the Superintendent of the Public Schools after due and sufficient notice to all the school teachers in the City of Boston included in this act, at such hour and place as he shall designate. Annually thereafter, at a meeting duly called by said Board of Trustees, on the last Saturday in October, one female teacher and one male teacher shall be elected in the same manner for a term of three years. At the first regular meeting of the said School Committee of the City of Boston, in October, 1899, the said School Committee shall elect two of its number to be members of said Board of Trustees for a period of one year, and two of its number to be members of said Board for a period of two years; and annually thereafter at the first meeting in October, said School Committee shall elect two of its number to be members of said Board for a period of two years. Said Board shall organize by adopting rules of its own, not inconsistent with this act, and in case of a vacancy in its membership, shall have power to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

Sect. 3. Said Board shall have control of said retirement fund, investing the same only in such securities as savings banks are authorized by law to invest in. Said Board shall receive and consider all applications for annuities under this act, and shall determine, direct and order payment of the same. Said Board shall keep full and complete records of the receipts and disbursements on account of this fund, and a complete list of all annuitants, and shall make a report of the same at each annual meeting of the teachers in October. All necessary and proper expenses incurred by said Board in carrying out the provisions of this act, shall be paid out of said retirement fund, as voted by said Board. The

members of said Board shall serve without compensation. If, at any time, any member of said Board shall cease to hold a position as member of the School Committee of said city, or as teacher in the public schools respectively, his or her membership in said Board shall thereupon immediately cease.

Sect. 4. The City Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, shall be the custodian of said retirement fund, and shall make payments therefrom as ordered by said Board. He shall receive such compensation for his services and clerk-hire as said Board of Trustees shall determine, said sum to be appropriated by the School Committee of the City of Boston.

Sect. 5. Beginning with the monthly payments in November, 1899, the City Treasurer of the City of Boston shall reserve from the salary of each teacher who has come under the provisions of this act, the sum of three dollars, and, in each and every alternate monthly payment thereafter shall reserve the same sum, and shall pay the sums so reserved into the school teachers' retirement fund, as herein provided.

Sect. 6. The City Treasurer, upon vote of the Board of Trustees, shall pay out of said retirement fund, in monthly payments, such an annuity to any teacher who shall retire, or be discharged from the service of the city, as the fund will allow and said Board of Trustees shall determine; but in no case shall a teacher receive such annuity unless said teacher has taught thirty years, and of said thirty years at least ten in the public day schools of the City of Boston, except as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 7. The City Treasurer, upon vote of the Board of Trustees, shall pay out of said retirement fund, in monthly payments, such an annuity to any teacher who has taught not less than ten years in the City of Boston, although less than thirty years in the aggregate, as the fund will allow, and said Board of Trustees shall determine, if such teacher has become incapacitated for teaching, and has been discharged from the service of the City of Boston; provided, that a certificate of such incapacity be furnished by the attending physician and a physician sent by the Board of Trustees; and further provided, that the annuity shall cease when the disability ceases.

Sect. 8. All annuities shall be uniform in amount, whether the annuitants are retired under the provisions of Section 6 or Section 7, except as provided in Section 9 of this Act.

Sect. 9. No annuity shall be paid to any teacher till such teacher shall contribute, or shall have contributed to said fund, a sum equal to all the assessments for thirty years, viz.: five hundred and forty dollars; but should any retiring teacher be unable to pay the full amount of assessments as above before receiving an annuity, the Board of Trustees may at its discretion pay to such retiring teacher such monthly payments as in the opinion of said Board such teacher is equitably entitled to.

Sect. 10. Any teacher who shall have been a contributing member for five years or more, who shall resign for other cause than disability, shall, upon application within three months after date of such retirement, receive one-third of the total amount paid by such teacher into said fund.

Sect. 11. This act shall be binding upon all teachers entering the service of the City of Boston after it goes into effect, and upon such of the teachers in the service of said city at the time of its enactment as may thereafter elect to come under its provisions, and notice in writing to the Superintendent of Schools, signed by the teacher so electing, shall be conclusive as to said election.

Sect. 12. The term "teacher" in this act shall include all supervisors, superintendents of instruction, principals and regular instructors in the public day schools.

Sect. 13. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

In the House of Representatives.

HOUSE BILL No. 23 accompanies the petition of Thomas T. Robinson; it was referred to the Committee on Street Railways. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE WEST ROXBURY AND ROSLINDALE STREET RAILWAY COMPANY TO ACT AS A COMMON CARRIER OF MERCHANDISE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company is hereby authorized to act as a common carrier of merchandise, subject to such rules as may be from time to time established by the Aldermen of the City of Boston and the Selectmen of Dedham, applying to the conduct of said business in said city and town respectively.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 25, accompanies the petition of C. Atherton Hicks; it was referred to the Committee on Street Railways. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE NEEDHAM AND BOSTON STREET RAILWAY COMPANY TO OPERATE ITS RAILWAY OVER PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Needham and Boston Street Railway Company may construct, operate and maintain its railway over private property with the consent of the owners of said property, and may acquire land by purchase or lease for such purpose.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 88 was introduced on leave by Mr. Whall of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TERMINATION OF LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Each and every license for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, issued by the Board of Police for said city, shall cease and terminate and become void upon the first day of January, 1900.

Sect. 2. The term for all licenses to sell intoxicating liquors issued in May, 1899, shall be eight months, and the fee for such

licenses shall be two-thirds of the fee for licenses to sell intoxicating liquors now made and provided; all licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors issued thereafter, shall begin on the first day of January of each year, and terminate on the thirty-first day of December of the same year.

Sect. 3. All acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL, No. 89 was introduced on leave by Mr. Whall of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF EXCISE FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Governor of the Commonwealth, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint three citizens of Boston, who shall have been residents and legal voters therein five years immediately preceding the date of their appointment, who shall constitute a Board of Excise for said city, and who shall be sworn before entering upon the duties of their office. One member of said Board shall be designated by the Governor as Chairman, and two shall constitute a quorum. Their terms of office shall be so arranged and designated at the time of appointment that the term of one member shall expire on the first Monday of January, 1900; one on the first Monday of January, 1901, and one on the first Monday of January, 1902. The full term of office after these dates shall be three years, and all vacancies occurring after the passage of this act shall be filled by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council. A member of said Board may be removed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, for such cause as he shall deem sufficient and shall express in the order of removal. The Board of Excise shall appoint a clerk who shall be sworn, who shall keep a record of all proceedings, issue all notices and attest such papers and orders as said Board shall direct, whose term of office shall be three years; but he may be removed by said Board for such cause as it shall deem sufficient and shall express in its order of removal.

Sect. 2. The Board of Excise shall have authority to grant and issue annually licenses to persons applying for the same for the purpose of exposing, selling and keeping for sale spirituous and intoxicating liquors, and said Board shall have all the powers and authority now vested in the Board of Police for the City of Boston, by the Statutes of the Commonwealth, or by ordinances, by-laws, rules and regulations of said city for the purpose of granting and issuing licenses for the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors. The Board of Excise shall have power and authority to grant and issue licenses regulating and restraining theatrical exhibitions, public shows and public amusements, billiard and pool-tables, bowling-alleys, innholders and victuallers, auctioneers, hawkers and peddlers, newsboys, boot-blacks, et al., minors now licensed at City Hall, carriages and wagons and other vehicles, itinerant musicians, pawnbrokers and dealers in second-hand articles and old junk, and all the

powers in relation to licensing said theatrical exhibitions, public shows and public amusements, billiard and pool tables, bowling-alleys, inn-holders and victuallers, auctioneers, hawkers and peddlers, carriages, wagons and other vehicles, itinerant musicians, pawnbrokers and dealers in second-hand articles and old junk, newsboys, boot-blacks, etc., minors now licensed at City Hall, now vested in the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, or in the Board of Police for the City of Boston by the Statutes of the Commonwealth, the ordinances, by-laws, rules and regulations of the City of Boston, shall be and hereby are vested in said Board of Excise.

Sect. 3. The Board of Excise for the City of Boston shall appoint such number, not exceeding twenty-five, of inspectors, as said Board of Excise may desire, who shall be paid from the Treasury of the City of Boston, monthly, at the rate of \$1,000 per annum, and whose duty it shall be to obtain evidence, make complaints, and in other ways assist in enforcing the laws and ordinances relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, and relating to the management and conduct of such other affairs as are licensed by said Board of Excise, and the Board of Police for the City of Boston, shall, upon requisition by the Board of Excise of said city, detail such number of police officers as said Board of Excise may desire, to the exclusive service and direction of said Board of Excise, for enforcing the laws and ordinances relating to the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors, and such officers so detailed shall continue subject to the discretion of said Board of Excise until dismissed by said last-named Board.

Sect. 4. The annual salary of the Chairman of said Board of Excise shall be \$4,500; that of the other members, \$4,000; of its clerk, \$2,500; which shall be paid monthly from the treasury of the City of Boston.

Sect. 5. The Board of Excise with the approval of the Governor and Council shall be provided with such rooms as shall be convenient and suitable for the performance of its duties, the rent of which shall be paid by the City of Boston. The City of Boston shall provide all such suitable accommodations for said Board of Excise as said Board shall require. All expenses for the maintenance and all incidental expenses incurred in the administration of said Board of Excise shall be paid by the City of Boston.

Sect. 6. The Board of Excise shall make a detailed report of its doings quarterly to the Mayor of said city, and annually, to the Governor of the Commonwealth, in the month of December. The records of said Board shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Governor of the Commonwealth and the Mayor of the City of Boston, or to such persons as may be designated by them.

Sect. 7. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, provided that nothing herein contained shall affect any prosecution pending or any default incurred before this act takes effect.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 129 accompanies the petition of William C. Parker; it was referred

to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH TWO POLLING PLACES FOR CAUCUSES IN WARD 10 IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Election Commissioners of the City of Boston shall provide two polling-places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, one of which shall be in the school building situated on St. Botolph and Cumberland streets.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, January 16, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending January 14, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	
2...	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	
3...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
6...	1	6	-	4	-	1	2	9	30		
7...	-	5	-	-	2	5	4	12	57		
8...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	4	6		
9...	1	1	-	-	2	-	1	1	5		
10...	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	10	
11...	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	45	
12...	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	3	6		
13...	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	1	-		
14...	1	2	1	-	1	2	-	-	-		
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
16...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	1		
17...	-	5	-	-	1	-	-	6	15		
18...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2		
19...	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	3		
20...	14	-	1	-	10	5	3	10	12		
21...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	6	6		
22...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-		
23...	2	1	4	-	4	1	2	7	3		
24...	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	8	14		
25...	2	-	1	-	4	2	-	4	7		
T'ls..	23	30	8	6	16	13	21	20	92	228	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

Baths Department.

Following is a summary showing the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of December, 1898, together with the amount

received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

DATE.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount Received.
December 1 .	151	67	71	42	331	\$2.44
" 2 .	227	83	62	53	425	4.39
" 3 .	450	127	438	265	1,280	8.19
" 4 .	462	163	92	81	798	9.15
" 5 .	173	65	78	42	358	3.17
" 6 .	203	84	72	59	418	3.82
" 7 .	165	55	53	32	305	3.22
" 8 .	133	48	39	21	241	2.50
" 9 .	151	62	38	23	274	2.63
" 10 .	353	131	387	207	1,078	6.98
" 11 .	407	111	59	42	619	7.45
" 12 .	150	45	48	33	276	2.06
" 13 .	123	47	32	21	223	1.07
" 14 .	101	40	44	33	218	1.06
" 15 .	203	95	63	84	445	3.07
" 16 .	302	107	92	70	571	4.85
" 17 .	473	226	496	265	1,460	9.41
" 18 .	402	143	97	73	715	10.13
" 19 .	205	63	81	42	391	2.33
" 20 .	196	73	82	51	402	2.52
" 21 .	175	52	85	61	373	2.17
" 22 .	207	82	62	93	444	4.62
" 23 .	301	120	85	62	568	6.24
" 24 .	403	133	330	256	1,122	7.95
" 25.*	-	-	-	-	-	-
" 26 .	200	73	85	54	412	4.46
" 27† .	25	41	14	23	103	.26
" 28 .	150	102	75	55	382	1.93
" 29 .	225	140	85	51	501	3.48
" 30 .	375	161	98	87	721	8.82
" 31 .	368	103	478	257	1,206	6.99
Totals . . .	7,459	2,842	3,821	2,538	16,660	\$137.36

NOTE:—Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

* Closed. † Closed during a portion of the day.

The following table shows the number of baths taken at the East Boston Gymnasium during certain weeks:

WEEK ENDING.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
December 3 . . .	420	363	504	217	1,504
" 10 . . .	807	47	427	313	1,594
" 17 . . .	718	126	397	224	1,465
" 24 . . .	666	101	310	280	1,357
" 31*. . .	349	32	274	174	829
Total	2,960	669	1,912	1,208	6,749

NOTE:—At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

* Closed on Christmas Day, December 25.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, January 23, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending January 21 as follows:

Joseph H. Egan, driver for Chief of District 3, has been allowed to resign.

Daniel A. Finnigan, jr., of Engine Company 10, has been dishonorably discharged for disobedience of orders and for continued absence without leave.

Orders have been drawn as follows:

On Samuel Eastman & Co. for twenty-five 2½-inch double hook holders, and on C. T. Holloway Company for one pair of thirty-five gallon tanks for Ladder Truck 2.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, January 21, 1899.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Henry Hall, 88 Adams street, Ward 24, one cow; hearing January 26, at 11 o'clock. John J. Toomey, Binney street, Ward 19, four horses; hearing February 2, at 11 o'clock. Annie Sullivan, Lake street, Ward 25, seven additional horses (12 in all); hearing February 2, at 11 o'clock. Patrick Doyle, Neponset court, two horses; hearing February 2, at 11 o'clock.

The petition of George C. Corcoran for the occupancy of a stable on D street, between Anchor and Bullock streets, Ward 13, for nine horses, was granted.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending January 20:

Steers	236
New England cows	56
New England bulls	17
Western cows	73
Sheep	180
Calves	214
Total	776

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending January 21:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	7	21	28
Negative	54	50	104
No growth	3	—	3
Totals	64	71	135

Remarks: Typhoid diagnosis, one case; unsatisfactory.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

HOUSES ORDERED REMOVED.

The following buildings have been ordered removed by the Board of Health during the week ending Saturday, January 21:

219 Endicott street.

The ell in the rear of No. 67 Salem street.

3 Gooch place.

Second house in the rear of 24 Norman street.

Board Meetings.**Hospital Department.**

Boston, January 11, 1899.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the office of Mr. A. Shuman, on January 11, 1899, at 3.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Keany and Rueter.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$34,202.28.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of furnishing the Surgical Buildings, amounting to \$490, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof.

It was voted that there be paid to G. H. M. Rowe, Superintendent, the sum of \$1,000 on account of cash bills and petty current expenditures, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$7,500 on account of his contract of August 16, 1898, for extension of the boiler-house, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for New Buildings, Extension of Boiler-house, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$90.05, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$3,602.48, amount of accepted figure of the Electrical Construction Division for doing the electric wiring of the Ann White Vose Building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for the Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

First, respecting receipts from paying patients and other sources. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

Second, respecting the contract for laundry engine and shafting, and high-pressure steam supply. It was voted that the matter of laundry engine be referred to Mr. Burnham, as committee of one, with full powers.

Voted, That the matter of shafting and high-pressure steam supply be referred to Mr. Burnham, as committee of one, for investigation and report.

A communication was received from Dr. David W. Cheever, senior surgeon, and Dr. G. H. M. Rowe, Superintendent, announcing the award of the Herbert L. Burrell ether prize to Dr. Dwight F. Willis. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from the acting secretary of the visiting staff, enclosing reports of committees on statistics. The same was referred to the Medical Committee.

A communication was received from Dr. C. F. Folsom, asking for an appropriation for the tenth series of the Medical and Surgical Reports. It was voted that the matter be referred to the Medical Committee, with full powers, with authority to expend an amount not exceeding \$750 for the purpose requested.

A communication was received from the secretary of the gynæcological section, being an annual report of the service. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from the Assistant City Clerk, notifying the Trustees of the order passed regarding sums received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on account of the care of soldiers, as follows:

"Ordered, That all sums received by the city from the Government of the United States, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or otherwise, for the care of soldiers in the City Hospital, be credited to the appropriation for Hospital Department."

The communication was ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from the Consulting Architect, announcing the readiness for signature of the contract with the Poland Laundry Machinery Company. Upon this communication, a report was submitted by the President as to the status of said contract, and the communication was ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from the Consulting Architect, respecting the payroll of the Architectural Division for extension of the boiler-house, amounting to \$149.42, requesting payment therefor from the Hospital appropriation. It was voted that said sum of \$149.42 be paid from the Hospital appropriation, and that the act of the secretary in authorizing said payment be ratified.

It was voted that there be added to the contract of Pierce & Cox for plumbing the Ann White Vose Building the sum of \$83, for separate drainage system for conductors, as per order No. 298, by Wheelwright & Haven, Architects.

The Medical Committee reported upon issuing diplomas to house officers, and recommended that diplomas be issued to the following-named house officers:

Michael Francis Burke, second surgical house officer, 18 months 2 weeks; Frederick Winslow Stetson, third surgical house officer, 18 months 2 weeks; Ralph Emerson Stevens, first medical house officer, 18 months 2 weeks; Arthur Irving Weil, second medical house officer, 10 months 2 weeks; Herbert Edwin Buffum, third medical house officer, 18 months 2 weeks; John Harris Pettee, Gynæcological house officer, 18 months 2 weeks; Lesler Forest Potter, Ophthal and Aural house officer, 12 months; John Henry Blodgett, South Department house officer, 1 year; Theodore Spaulding Bacon, South Department house officer, 10 months 13 days.

It was voted that diplomas be issued to the above-named house officers, in accordance with the recommendation of the Medical Committee.

Upon the recommendation of the Medical Committee, it was voted that certificates be issued to the following named clinical clerks and surgical dressers:

Charles Henry Dean, first surgical dresser, six months; John Wesley Judd, second surgical dresser, six months; Dwight Fletcher Willis, first medical clinical clerk, one and one-half months; Dwight Fletcher Willis, third surgical dresser, ten months; Foster Harrington Cary, gynæcological clinical clerk, three months; Howard Augustus Milliken, clinical clerk South Department, six months.

It was also voted that a certificate be given to Earl Percy Cushman, for six months' service at the South Department as junior house officer.

A report from the Committee on General Examinations, by Dr. Charles M. Green, Chairman, was presented and referred to the Medical Committee. The Medical Committee reported back, suggesting that the matter be referred to the visiting staff for its opinion. It was voted that the suggestion of the Medical Committee be adopted, and the matter referred to the visiting staff of the City Hospital for its opinion.

A communication was received from Dr. H. L. Burrell, secretary of the visiting staff, announcing a vote of the staff, relative to a modification of Rule 214. The matter was referred to the Committee on Rules.

A communication was received from the secretary of the visiting staff, announcing the following votes:

Voted, To nominate for the position of Visiting Physician, (1) Dr. V. Y. Bowditch; (2) Dr. Henry Jackson.

Voted, To nominate for the position of Assistant Visiting Physician, (1) Dr. John L. Morse; (2) Dr. John L. Ames.

Voted, To nominate for the position of Second Assistant in Pathology, Dr. J. B. Pratt, vice Strong, resigned. The matter was referred to the Medical Committee.

Under the rules of the City Hospital, the election of Superintendent and Resident Physician for the City Hospital for the ensuing year was held, and upon ballot, Dr. G. H. M. Rowe was unanimously elected to fill this position.

C. J. RUETER, Secretary.

The Senate of Hamburg, Germany, has voted to expend \$5,000,000 to increase the number and capacity of the docks and quays at that port.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

32 Tremont Street, January 24, 1899.

Sealed Proposals to supply the Penal Institutions of the City of Boston with granite, in accordance with specifications which may be obtained at the office of the Penal Institutions Department, 32 Tremont street, Boston, will be received at said office until Monday, January 30, at 12.30 P.M., at which place and time the same will be publicly opened.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, January 19, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing spruce lumber between February 1, 1899, and February 1, 1900, according to the office copy of the contract which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond of \$2,000, satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Friday, January 27, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

January 13, 1899.

The undersigned request permission to project from building corner of Savin Hill avenue and Spring street, Ward 20, one bay-window and one circular window of the following description: To project from second and third stories, the bay-window to project over Savin Hill avenue and the circular window to project over Savin Hill avenue and Spring street. Dimensions: Both windows twenty-five feet high, bay-window twelve feet wide, circular window seven feet on each street and each one and one-half over line of street.

Crescent Associates,

E. O. MERRITT, Chairman,

74 Harbor View street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

January 23, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the sixth day of February at 3 o'clock, P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk: said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, January 20, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 in the Old Court House, at 11.45 A.M., on Friday, January 27, 1899, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered Ee 20, 21, Ft 11, 30, made by the Board of Survey, and filed January 3, 1894, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is in that part of Boston formerly Dorchester, and is bounded, approximately, by Adams and Butler streets and the Neponset river.

JOHN P. DORE,

JOHN H. DUANE,

SALEM D. CHARLES,

Street Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, January 20, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 in the Old Court House, at 11.30 A.M., on Friday, January 27, 1899, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered N 28, 27, made by the Board of Survey, and filed May 22, 1894, and January 7, 1895, respectively, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is in that part of Boston formerly Brighton, and is bounded by Commonwealth and Brighton avenues and Chester street.

JOHN P. DORE,

JOHN H. DUANE,

SALEM D. CHARLES,

Street Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

32 Tremont street, January 24, 1899.

Sealed proposals to supply the Houses of Correction at Deer Island and South Boston, of the Penal Institutions Department, and the Parental School at West Roxbury, and the House of Reformation at Rainsford Island, of the Children's Institutions Department, with beef, mutton, and fresh and salt fish, in accordance with specifications which may be obtained at the offices of the Trustees for Children and the Penal Institutions Commissioner, 32 Tremont street, will be received at the office of the Penal Institutions Department, until Monday, January 31, at 12.30 P.M., at which time and place the same will be publicly opened by the undersigned.

H. A. LAMB, Chairman.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

TO THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned hereby request permission to erect and use a boiler and engine in a building on 121 Haverhill street, Ward 6.

Boston Reed Chair Company,
T. C. WOODALL, Manager,
121 Haverhill street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER.

Old Court House, January 25, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That ten days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, when any parties, who object thereto, may file with the Commissioner their objections in writing. Said notice is to be given by publication of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD.

Per order of the Commissioner.

CHARLES S. DAMRELL, Clerk of Department.

NOTICE.

Boston, January 18, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations is filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm, and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Monadnock street, between Dudley street and the residence of W. H. Dyer, Ward 16.

Moultrie avenue, between Allston street and the residence of M. H. Barker, Ward 20.

Hewlett street, between Walter and Selwyn streets, Ward 23.

Hastings street, between Centre street and residence of S. R. Dow, Ward 23.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER,

General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

January 23, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the thirtieth day of January, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard; said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

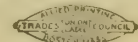
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Pauper Institutions Trustees of the City of Boston invite proposals for furnishing, to the City of Boston, each week until February 1, 1900, under separate contracts, about 2,500 pounds of Beef, 350 pounds of Mutton and 1,100 pounds of Fish for pauper institutions of said city and furnishing a bond for each contract in the sum stated in the form of proposal, for faithfully doing the work.

The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the office of said Trustees, No. 28 Court square, Room 3, in said city, and leave the proposal at said office on or before 12.30 o'clock P.M., of January 30, 1899, with a certified check, payable to the City of Boston, for the sum stated in the form of proposal aforesaid, this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city.

WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK,

Chairman of Trustees for Paupers of the City of Boston.



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Number 5.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale by the W. B. Clarke Company — Park Street Church stores A and B, Park and Tremont streets.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

MAYOR'S CIRCULARS.

The following circulars have been issued
by His Honor the Mayor:

January 23, 1899.

Circular No. 54.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO UNPAID BOARDS AT THE HEAD OF
DEPARTMENTS.

GENTLEMEN: It seems to me essential, in order to insure responsibility and avoid confusion in administration, that it should be distinctly understood that the authority vested in unpaid Boards at the head of departments is to be exercised only through their proper executive officers, acting under the express authority of votes passed at Board meetings, or under the general authority pertaining to their several offices, or through the Chairman of each Board acting under its general direction and as its representative. A member of a Board has no executive authority as an individual official, and can only exercise a voice in the government of his department through the whole Board, acting as a whole. In other words, the

charge and direction of a department is not divided among the different members of the Board at its head, but is vested in the Board itself, as an indivisible unit. No member of a Board has authority to issue any order, even though it may relate to a matter coming under the general charge of a sub-committee of which he is a member, unless by express authority from the whole Board, except that a Board may allow its Chairman a certain discretion to act on its behalf upon routine and minor matters, and subject to the ratification of his acts; all directions must emanate either from the Board itself, acting by vote, or from its paid executive officials. Any departure from this rule will inevitably lead to friction and confusion and impair effective and responsible administration, and it is expected that all members of Boards will strictly confine themselves within these necessary and proper limits in the performance of their duties.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

January 30, 1899.

Circular No. 55.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: Your attention is called to the appropriation for your department for the coming financial year contained in the maintenance budget, passed by the Board of Apportionment on January 28, and transmitted to-day to the City Council. As the latter body cannot raise the amount of any item, there is no possibility of an increase in the sum appropriated for your department; you are therefore requested to calculate at once a scale of weekly or monthly expenditure which will carry your department through the financial year upon the basis of such appropriation, and I feel it necessary to positively direct that your expenditures be kept strictly within this amount, whatever may be the restriction of the service of your department which may thereby be entailed. In the past the probability of a surplus income in excess of the estimates enabled the Mayor to allow a certain amount of latitude to the departments;

this year there is no such surplus in sight, and the only possible manner in which any appropriation can be added to is by transfer from the reserve fund — and this is not to be reckoned upon, as it is only intended to meet extraordinary exigencies, and is very limited in amount. It must be distinctly understood that when any department has exhausted the amount of its appropriation, it will neither have any authority to incur, or any method to meet, any additional expenses, and its service will have to be entirely discontinued; the only way to avoid such an unfortunate result is to establish a scale of expenditure from the very beginning of the financial year which can be continued, — with due allowance for the variation in expenses at different seasons, — within the amount appropriated, to the end of the financial year.

I have reluctantly concluded, after full consideration, that the amounts of the department appropriations — falling, as they do, not only far below the estimates, but in many instances below the appropriations or expenditures for the financial year now closing — require some general horizontal reduction in the amount of all salaries, and of certain wages paid by the city. The situation obviously compels either the suspension of a considerable number of employees whose services are actually required for the proper operation of the departments, with consequent impairment of the municipal service and injury to the interests of our citizens, or a general reduction in the scale of compensation paid to officials and employees.

It seems to me clear that it is only practicable, or fair, to make such a reduction at a uniform horizontal rate, applicable to all of the departments. While I am aware that this will work hardship, and perhaps injustice, in many cases, I can see no other course; the necessity arises from the limitation of the tax-rate established by statute law, and not from any failure on the part of the Mayor, the Board of Apportionment, or the City Council to appreciate the financial needs of the various departments, as exhibited in their estimates, or as demonstrated by past experience. The question presented is not how much the city could wisely expend during

the coming year, but in what way an amount limited by law can best be made to meet the various necessities and demands of the municipal service; the policy adopted has been that of making each department bear its share of the financial pressure, regardless of the character of the service rendered by it. I desire distinctly to disclaim any intention of expressing, or implying, the opinion that the scale of compensation now paid by the city is too high, or that it can be reduced with justice or with real advantage; my position is merely that this measure of reduction is necessary under the financial conditions which confront the city.

You are therefore directed to proceed at once to make a reduction of seven and one-half per cent. in all salaries paid in your department of one thousand (1,000) dollars a year or more, and of five per cent. in all salaries amounting to seven hundred (700) dollars a year and not exceeding one thousand (1,000) dollars, and also to make a reduction of seven and one-half per cent. in all wages amounting to three dollars and twenty-five cents (\$3.25) a day or more, and of five per cent. in all wages not less than two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) a day and not exceeding three dollars and twenty-five (\$3.25) a day.

In view, however, of the practical difficulties in the way of reducing the wages of certain classes of mechanics or laborers who perform work of just the same character as that performed for private employers below the full standard established in such employment—where there is such a recognized standard—and of the objections to having the city exert an influence to reduce any recognized scale of wages prevailing among private employees, I think it necessary to have certain exceptions made in the reductions of wages above ordered, and heads of departments will, therefore, confer with me before putting such wage reductions into effect.

It is expected that the reductions above called for will be made on the next payroll upon which it is practicable to make the necessary alterations in compensation.

While I have no legal authority to order the reduction of salaries paid to heads of departments, and established by statute or by ordinance, it is obvious that the same considerations which require the decreases above mentioned also demand a voluntary reduction, in the same ratio, in the salaries received by such officials. They are therefore, requested and expected to have their own rate of compensation placed upon the payroll with a reduction of seven and one-half per cent.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE SEWER DIVISION FORCE.

Superintendent of Streets Wells gives out the following letter and statement with regard to the temporary suspension of the Sewer Division force:

City Hall, January 26, 1899.

MR. C. R. CUTTER, Deputy Superintendent Sewer Division.

SIR: This is the last week of the financial year, and no appropriation having been provided for sewer construction or maintenance for the coming year, it is therefore necessary that all that portion of the Sewer Division force, whose services can be dispensed with, be suspended. This includes every one except such number of the office employees as may be actually required for the routine work, the force necessary to operate the main drainage works and to safeguard and care for the stables and yards, and such watchmen as may be necessary on construction work now open. You will take every precaution, in shutting down the various construction jobs, to protect the work from damage.

This suspension will take effect at the close of business tonight.

Yours very truly,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Superintendent Wells of the Street Department makes the following statement in connection with the above:

Under the Sewer Act, the expenditures allowed for six months of 1897 and the whole of 1898 were \$2,000,000, while they cannot exceed \$1,000,000 a year hereafter; the larger expenditure at first was due to the fact that a large amount of important work was in arrears and had to be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. The number of men employed would now, in any case, have to be readjusted to the lower rate of expenditure by the act.

The sewer loan for the present year was duly authorized nearly two weeks ago by the Board of Apportionment, but it cannot go into effect, under the new law relating to the finances of the city, until thirty days from the date of its passage by the Board. If it were not for the fact that the whole question of the constitutionality of the Sewer Act is pending before the Supreme Court, the Street Department might be able to arrange to keep the men at work in anticipation of the passage of the loan; but the fact that there is a legal possibility that the Court will hand down a decision any day upsetting the act to a greater or less extent makes it impossible, much to the regret of the administration, to pursue such a course.

The entire amount of the balance of the sewer appropriation is substantially expended, or under contract, and it therefore seems necessary under these peculiar conditions to shut down all the work except that

which is absolutely necessary, such as the operation of the main drainage works. It is certainly unfortunate that, with such pressing demands for the construction of sewerage works, this interruption in the work of the division should have to occur, but the Department feels that it has no control over the matter. It is hoped that a favorable decision by the Supreme Court upon the act will remedy the difficulty at an early date; or, if the decision is unfavorable to any features of the act, that the Legislature will pass some suitable legislation to provide for the continuance of sewer work.

LECTURES ON ART FOR TEACHERS.

Following is the text of a circular issued by the Superintendent of Schools in relation to lectures to be given by the Director of Drawing to teachers in the public schools of Boston:

TO TEACHERS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A course of Illustrated Lectures on Historic Ornament and Sculpture will be given by James Frederick Hopkins, Director of Drawing, in the hall of the English High School, Thursday afternoons, at 4.30 o'clock (5 o'clock when school closes at 4), on the following subjects and dates. The lectures will be repeated on Friday afternoons at the same time; they will average one hour in length:

"Classic Myths in National Art," Thursday and Friday, January 26 and 27, 1899.

"Egyptian Sculpture and Design," Thursday and Friday, February 2 and 3, 1899.

"Ornament of Ancient Greece," Thursday and Friday, February 9 and 10, 1899.

"Decoration of Imperial Rome," Thursday and Friday, February 16 and 17, 1899.

"Byzantine Design and Saracenic Decoration," Thursday and Friday, February 23 and 24, 1899.

"Chiseled Stonework of the Cathedral Builders," Thursday and Friday, March 2 and 3, 1899.

"Sculpture and Ornament of the Renaissance," Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10, 1899.

"The Making of an Artistic City," Thursday and Friday, March 16 and 17, 1899.

It will be the aim of these lectures to present the subject from the standpoint of the educator, to foster an interest in the recognition and study of ornament, and to further a wider use of the collections in our Museum of Fine Arts and Public Library by the workers in the public schools.

The course will be illustrated by the stereopticon and a special series of lantern-photographs, and will be free to all Boston teachers, but admission will be by ticket only.

All desiring to attend are expected (a) to enroll their names (on blanks furnished each master), and (b) to secure the Illustrated Syllabus of the course, which will be printed, provided a sufficient number are ordered, and furnished at twenty-five cents a copy (to be paid for on delivery in January).

(a.) Only 800 tickets can be issued for either the Thursday or Friday series, and in case a greater number of applications for

either course should be received, an impartial adjustment must be made in this office.

(b.) It is our purpose to make the Syllabus of this course of lectures even more attractive than those of previous years. Besides the outlines of the lectures and a list of helpful library material, it is proposed to illustrate the publication with full-page reproductions of sculpture and ornament, together with numerous smaller illustrations decorating the text pages. In case a full edition is ordered, it is also proposed to introduce illustrations in note-book size of the examples suggested for the "Supplementary Picture Days" throughout the nine grades of our course of study. Extra copies of the Syllabus for friends may be ordered by any teacher.

Numerous applications for extra tickets were made last year by persons who were not officials or teachers of the Boston staff. In order to satisfy this demand and render justice to all concerned, applications may be made for such tickets and Syllabi as may remain after the Boston staff has been provided with tickets. These applications, which should be addressed to James Frederick Hopkins, Latin School, Boston, (inclosing an addressed stamped envelope), will be filed in the order of their receipt, and tickets and Syllabi furnished upon these applications as long as they last.

Attention is called to the teachers' tickets of admission to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, so kindly issued by the Museum. These tickets not only freely admit the holder at all hours the Museum is open, but they provide for the admission, under the same conditions, of four pupils when accompanied by the teacher holding the ticket. It should be noticed that the enrolment for this course does not secure this special ticket. Applications for new tickets, or renewals of those already held, should be addressed (inclosing an addressed stamped envelope) to General Charles G. Loring, Director, Museum of Fine Arts.

The teachers' card, issued by the Boston Public Library, may also be made a helpful feature in aiding this study of Historic Ornament and Sculpture.

COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

At the meeting of the Common Council, held Thursday, January 26, 1899, Mr. Kiley, the President, announced the appointment of the following committees:

Common Council Rules—Messrs. Boardman, Lydon, Eddy, Rice and Stone.

Joint Rules—Messrs. Logan, Kiley, Stockton, O'Brien, Sanderson, Martin and Klemm.

Badges—Messrs. Hibbard, McInerney and Bagley.

Playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19—Messrs. McInerney, Nangle, Watson, Curley, Flynn, Casey and Doyle.

Water Tax in Boarding and Lodging Houses—Messrs. Chamberlain, Moore, Turnbull, Armistead and O'Brien.

The resignation of Mr. Casey from the Committee on Playgrounds in Wards 18 and 19 was tendered and accepted.

ELECTION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, held on January 11, 1899, Dr. G. H. M. Rowe was unanimously elected Superintendent and Resident Physician for the ensuing year.

EXPENDITURES BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following statement, dated January 16, 1899, showing expenditures made by the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, exclusive of the \$500,000 devoted to High School purposes, during 1897 and 1898, was made to the School Committee by the Committee on New Buildings on Tuesday, January 24:

AMOUNTS AVAILABLE.	
1895	\$500,000 00
1896	500,000 00
1897	400,000 00
1898	400,000 00
	<u>\$1,800,000 00</u>

EXPENDITURES FROM ABOVE AMOUNTS.

(1.) New school-houses	\$1,032,523 07 ¹
(2.) Furnishing of school-houses	100,384 98 ²
(3.) Alterations of and additions to school-houses	56,088 46
(4.) New school-house sites,	480,804 83 ³
(5.) Enlargement of school-house lots,	50,051 53
(6.) Grading, etc.,	40,789 26
	<u>\$1,760,642 13</u>
Add unexpended balances	39,357 87
	<u>\$1,800,000 00</u>

(1.) NEW SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Benjamin Cushing School-house,	\$57,626 13
Mayhew School-house	67,516 47
Paul Revere School-house (appropriation)	165,000 00
Phineas Bates School-house	30,233 58
Vernon and Auburn streets School-house	84,978 40
Washington Allston Annex (Allston Club House)	21,000 00
Longfellow School-house	78,846 81
Mary Hemenway School-house,	129,617 80
Roger Clap School-house	10,000 00
Baker-street School-house (appropriation)	30,000 00
Forest Hills School-house (appropriation)	32,500 00
Munroe-street School-house (appropriation)	51,888 95
Quincy and Perth streets School-house (appropriation)	81,255 88
Thomas N. Hart District School-house (appropriation)	50,000 00
Warren District School-house (appropriation) (no contract),	50,000 00
Webster-avenue School-house (appropriation)	50,000 00
Small wooden buildings (including furnishing)	42,059 05
⁴ Total	<u>\$1,032,523 07</u>

(2.) FURNISHING OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Brighton High School-house	\$21,000 00
Andrews School-house	2,800 00
Washington Allston Annex (Allston Club House)	1,142 20
Gilbert Stuart School-house	10,000 06
Roger Clap School-house	7,692 04
Phineas Bates School-house	1,179 30
Bowdoin School-house	11,949 24
Longfellow School-house	10,645 62
Mayhew School-house	6,042 38
Benjamin Cushing School-house,	4,765 13
Mary Hemenway School-house,	12,000 00
Vernon and Auburn streets School-house	4,168 98
Paul Revere School-house (appropriation)	7,000 00
Total	<u>\$100,384 98</u>

(3.) ALTERATION OF AND ADDITIONS TO SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Lewis School-house	\$9,826 45
Rice School-house	9,939 87
Bowditch School-house (appropriation) (two rooms)	13,000 00
Thetford-street School-house (four rooms)	23,322 14
Total	<u>\$56,088 46</u>

(4.) NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE SITES.

Paul Revere School-house (appropriation)	\$215,178 30
Longfellow School-house	8,288 10
South Boston High School-house	23,893 86
Dorchester High School-house,	24,018 00
Forest Hills School-house	9,000 00
Paul Gore street	11,810 88
Mayhew School-house	135,953 43
Elm street, Charlestown	10,291 40
Primary School-house, Charlestown, Warren District (appropriation)	25,520 60
Quincy and Perth streets School-house, Dorchester	16,850 26
Total	<u>\$480,804 83</u>

(5.) ENLARGEMENT OF SCHOOL-HOUSE LOTS.

Bigelow School-house	\$24,514 70
Cudworth School-house	1,500 00
William H. Kent School-house,	5,944 29
Sharp School-house	2,997 96
George Putnam School-house,	9,584 50
Old Gibson School-house	5,510 08
Total	<u>\$50,051 53</u>

(6.) GRADING, ETC.

Edward Everett School-house,	\$4,659 31
Brighton High School-house	6,234 04
Canterbury-street School-house,	4,000 00
Wm. Wirt Warren School-house,	5,342 10
Morton-street School-house	700 00
Blackinton School-house	4,268 54
Gilbert Stuart School-house	7,709 33
Cudworth School-house	6,772 09
Dillaway School-house	625 85
Old Gibson School-house	478 00
Total	<u>\$40,789 26</u>

¹The appropriations made for school houses now in course of construction are included in this amount as though fully expended.

²Not including small wooden buildings.

³This amount includes the total appropriation of \$215,178.30 for the Paul Revere School-house site, which is as yet unsettled; and \$23,520.60 for a new primary school-house site in Charlestown, which has not yet been taken.

⁴The foregoing statement relates to five grammar school buildings, ten primary school buildings and fourteen small wooden buildings having a total capacity of 160 rooms and four halls.

ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The following table shows by departments the appropriations for 1898-99, appropriations asked (estimates) for 1899-1900, and the appropriations granted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for 1899-1900:

NAME OF DEPARTMENT.	Appropriation granted 1898-99.	Estimates, 1899-1900.	Appropriated by Board of Apportionment for 1899-1900.
Art Department		\$2,000	\$1,000
Assessing Department	\$145,000	160,662	148,500
Auditing Department	42,000	45,000	40,000
Baths Department	35,000	168,740	69,500
Board of Aldermen, Building Department	23,500	23,600	24,600
Board of Appeal	1,300	1,800	1,800
Board of Estimate and Apportionment			3,000
Cemetery Department	45,000	73,595	43,500
City Clerk Department	45,000	57,900	46,700
City Council: Incidental expenses	10,000	5,000	5,000
City Council Proceedings	18,750	18,750	18,750
City Messenger Department	29,000	33,140	29,400
Clerk of Committees Department: Current expenses	13,000	13,000	12,050
Reference Library	150	150	150
Collecting Department	105,000	106,470	98,500
Common Council: Salaries of Councilmen	22,500	22,500	22,500
Contingent expenses	2,000	2,000	2,000
Salaries of Clerk and Assistants	5,000	5,000	5,000
Election Department	137,000	137,000	127,500
Engineering Department	75,000	88,850	78,800
Fire Department: Current expenses,	1,129,000	1,146,300	1,073,500
Pensions	42,000	42,000	42,000
Health Department,	150,000	163,300	145,000
Hospital Dept	375,000	390,600	375,000
INSTITUTIONS.			
Children's Institutions Department: Placing Out and Office Department	73,000	88,200	87,000
Marcella street Home	31,000		1,400
House of Reformation	31,000	36,350	33,000
Parental School	27,000	35,000	33,600
Infants' Summer Hospital	7,000	7,000	
Insane Hospital Department: Boston Insane Hospitals	125,000	125,000	120,000
Insane in State Institutions	165,000	205,200	185,000
Pauper Institutions Department: Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island	90,000	107,000	96,000
Almshouse, Charlestown	17,000	17,000	14,000
Pauper expenses,	3,500	2,500	2,000
Office expenses	2,500	5,200	3,500
Carried forward	\$3,107,200	\$3,435,407	\$3,077,750

NAME OF DEPARTMENT.	Appropriation granted 1898-99.	Estimates, 1899-1900.	Appropriated by Board of Apportionment for 1899-1900.
Brought forward	\$3,107,200	\$3,435,407	\$3,077,750
Institutions Registration Department	18,000	19,465	17,250
Steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee"	17,000	18,690	17,000
Steamer "John Howard"	5,000	7,485	5,500
Lamp Department,	645,000	693,856	670,000
Law Department	42,000	42,500	40,000
Library Department	245,000	287,059	255,000
Market Department,	8,200	8,700	8,250
Mayor: Office expenses	33,000	35,000	33,500
Public celebrations	29,700	27,600	27,800
Municipal Statistics Department: Department expenses	9,000	16,160	13,000
"City Record"	7,500	6,000	6,000
Music Department,	7,000	14,000	10,000
Overseeing of the Poor Department,	132,000	134,500	129,900
Park Department	135,000	185,000	140,000
Police Department,	1,682,500	1,747,793	1,638,500
Printing Department	28,800	30,312	28,250
Public Buildings Department: General expenses,	105,000	163,500	150,500
Repairs Division,	25,000	25,000	100
Electrical Construction Division	20,000	30,000	7,000
Public Grounds Department	90,000	119,209	80,000
Reserve Fund: For the payment of claims, executions and court expenses of the several departments, and for transfers	76,461		123,779
Registry Department	30,000	30,000	26,000
Sinking-Funds Department	2,500	2,500	2,350
Soldiers' Relief	225,000	232,400	227,000
Street Department: Central Office	20,000	20,000	18,800
Bridge Division	130,000	130,000	120,750
Cambridge Bridges Division	15,000	18,500	16,000
Ferry Division	220,000	230,000	212,500
Paving Division	725,000	775,000	740,000
Sanitary Division	500,000	606,580	570,000
Street Cleaning Division	315,000	325,000	315,000
Watering Division	10,000		
Street Laying-Out Department	23,000	27,000	22,000
Treasury Department	43,900	45,000	42,250
Weights and Measures Department	24,634	24,729	23,000
Wire Department		60,000	25,000
Totals for current expenses of the city	\$8,752,395	\$9,573,945	\$8,839,729

CITY DEBT REQUIREMENTS.

Sinking-Funds	\$1,844,230	\$1,856,540	\$1,856,540
Interest	2,223,243	2,035,460	2,035,460
Totals	\$4,067,473	\$3,892,000	\$3,892,000
Totals for current expenses and debt requirements of the city	\$12,819,868	\$13,465,945	\$12,731,729

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

NAME OF DEPARTMENT.	Appropriation granted 1898-99.	Estimates, 1899-1900.	Appropriated by Board of Apportionment for 1899-1900.
General expenses	\$695,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
Penal Institutions Department: Office expenses	22,000	24,125	21,500
House of Correction, Deer Island	150,000	170,150	154,500
Machinery and materials for manufacturing	48,000	15,000	15,000
House of Correction, South Boston	85,000	91,125	84,500
Machinery and materials for manufacture,	25,000	10,000	10,000
Totals	\$1,025,000	\$1,010,400	\$985,500

COUNTY DEBT REQUIREMENTS.

Sinking-Fund and Principal	\$66,287	\$60,439	\$60,439
Interest	130,280	127,210	127,210
Totals for city and county	\$14,041,435	\$14,663,994	\$13,904,878
Water Department: Current expenses, Debt requirements: Sinking-Funds	\$931,000	\$965,000	\$540,000
Interest	193,395	209,824	209,824
	844,877	791,992	791,992

The department estimates for 1899-1900 (excluding those of the Water Department, which are met out of the water-rates, and the estimates for interest and sinking-fund requirements, which are met outside the tax limit), amount to \$10,584,345, including \$9,573,945 for current expenses of the city and \$1,010,400 for current expenses of the county.

The resources available to meet these estimates are:

- (1.) Tax Levy (limited to \$9 per \$1,000, of which \$2.85 must be spent for schools) of \$6.15 \$5,993,396
- (2.) Tax for county purposes, limited to 425,000
- (3.) Auditor's informal estimate of income 3,261,833

Excess of estimates over resources 904,116

In addition to the above, \$4,079,649 is to be raised outside the \$9 limit for interest and sinking-funds, of which sum \$3,892,000 are city debt requirements, and \$187,649 for county debt requirements.

The total sum appropriated for current expenses of the city by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is \$8,839,729, which is less than the appropriation asked for (\$9,573,945) by \$734,216. The estimates for the current expenses of the County of Suffolk amount to \$1,010,400, and the appropriation granted is \$985,500, or \$24,900 less than the sum asked for. For city debt requirements, \$3,892,000 were asked and granted; and the sum of \$187,649, asked for to meet county debt requirements, was granted, making the total granted for debt requirements \$4,079,649.

The aggregate amount of the estimates for current expenses of the city and county for 1899-1900 is \$10,584,345, and the aggregate appropriated therefor by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is \$9,825,229, or \$759,116 less than the estimates. The total sum appropriated for current expenses and debt requirements of the city and county, taken together, equals \$13,904,878, or \$759,116 less than \$14,663,994—the sum of the estimates.

The total appropriations for current city expenses in 1898-99 amounted to \$8,752,395, or \$87,334 more than the sum appropriated for 1899-1900. The appropriations for city debt requirements amounted to \$4,067,473 in 1898-99 against \$3,892,000 for 1899-1900, showing a reduction of \$175,473 for the ensuing year. The sum appropriated last year for current expenses of the county (\$1,025,000) exceeded the appropriation (\$985,500) for 1899-1900 by \$39,500; while the appropriation for county debt, which amounted to \$196,567 last year is \$187,649, or \$8,918 less for the year to come.

The aggregate sum of the appropriations for city and county purposes in 1898-99 was \$14,041,435, or \$136,557 more than \$13,904,878, the corresponding aggregate of the appropriations for 1899-1900.

The total appropriations for all purposes for 1898-99 included an appropriation of \$2,700,589 for the School Committee, and amounted to \$16,742,024. In the foregoing statements regarding the budget of 1899-1900 no account is taken of estimates or appropriations for the maintenance of the schools, which will be provided for out of the tax levy, in accordance with Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

January 21, 1899.

General Order No. 569.

It is the painful duty of the Board of Police to officially notify the Department of the death of Captain George A. Walker of Division 12, at his home, at 68 Maple street, in the West Roxbury District, at 6 o'clock A.M., on the twentieth instant.

Captain George A. Walker was born at Stratford, N.H., in 1842, and appointed on the police force on May 18, 1874. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant March 18, 1877, Lieutenant October 31, 1885, and Captain July 12, 1888.

As a mark of respect to his memory and in recognition of his long and faithful service in the Department, the Superintendent is directed to cause Station 12 to be draped in mourning for thirty days, and to make a suitable detail to represent the Department at his funeral.

January 21, 1899.

General Order No. 570.

General Order No. 568 is hereby amended so as to read Patrolman Timothy A. McCarthy from Division 14 to Division 4, in place of John D. McCarthy.

Election Returns.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION, DECEMBER 13, 1898.

The following tables show the number of votes cast in the City of Boston for members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and Street Commissioner, at the municipal election held on Tuesday, December 13, 1898:

Members of Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

WARDS.	FOR TWO YEARS.		FOR ONE YEAR.	
	Peter Morrison, Rep.	John H. Sullivan, Dem.	Laurence Minot, Dem.	Thomas Russell, Rep.
1	1,666	1,272	1,146	1,594
2	597	2,025	1,860	528
3	635	1,450	1,460	559
4	671	1,010	1,015	655
5	617	1,126	1,151	565
6	680	1,688	1,696	566
7	447	990	958	395
8	1,275	1,029	1,129	1,124
9	734	1,535	1,561	654
10	1,389	603	775	1,236
11	1,388	1,029	1,288	1,167
12	1,187	910	1,010	1,073
13	338	2,013	1,959	310
14	1,055	1,894	1,943	969
15	839	1,462	1,507	782
16	1,232	1,214	1,299	1,135
17	953	1,765	1,805	907
18	837	1,397	1,446	810
19	828	2,072	2,056	748
20	1,976	1,445	1,631	1,805
21	1,825	1,013	1,238	1,593
22	1,522	1,418	1,496	1,392
23	1,513	1,363	1,522	1,384
24	1,753	1,244	1,348	1,631
25	1,224	1,102	1,214	1,104
Totals,	27,181	34,069	35,513	24,686

NOTE.—There were three scattering votes cast.
* Elected.

Street Commissioner.

WARDS.	Salem D. Charles, Dem.	George H. Innis, Rep.	Stephen Shaughnessy, Soc. Lab.
1	1,074	1,760	69
2	1,846	569	93
3	1,408	620	82
4	955	700	71
5	1,024	688	67
6	1,611	619	123
7	900	478	92
8	1,115	1,062	174
9	1,465	699	157
10	568	1,433	59
11	647	1,758	44
12	841	1,209	79
13	1,716	521	172
14	1,583	1,310	138
15	1,126	1,121	128
16	1,072	1,329	117
17	1,735	938	146
18	1,400	815	167
19	1,980	800	210
20	1,308	2,113	89
21	877	1,973	79
22	1,529	1,417	145
23	1,473	1,391	127
24	1,157	1,853	85
25	1,095	1,254	65
Totals	31,505	28,430	2,778

Proportion of men registered who voted, 63.70 per cent.

* Elected.

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOSEPH J. CORBETT,
Board of Election Commissioners.

According to the recent report of the State House Construction Commissioners, work is progressing very satisfactorily, and another year will see the State House finished. Authority is asked to change the present slovenly appearance of the approach to the archway upon the westerly side of the State House.

VOTES CAST FOR ALDERMEN, CITY OF BOSTON, MUNICIPAL ELECTION, DECEMBER 13, 1898.

WARDS.	Willbur F. Adams,* Rep.	Charles I. Albee, Rep.	Herbert R. Ayerill, Rep., Ind., Nom. Paper.	Joseph Ballam, Soc. Labor.	David F. Barry,* Dem.	Godfred Beck, Soc. Labor.	William Berwin,* Rep.	Austin Bigelow, Rep. Ind., Nom. Paper.	Sewall C. Brackett, Dem.	Monasah E. Bradley, Dem., Clt., Nom. Paper.	Michael W. Brick,* Dem.	George S. Brooks, Rep.	Charles H. Bryant, Rep. Ind. Nom. Paper.	Daniel C. Casey, Dem. Clt. Nom. Paper.	Franklin L. Codman,* Rep.	John H. Colby,* Rep.	George Uriel Crocker, Rep.	Frederick W. Day,* Dem.	Edward W. Dixon,* Dem.	James H. Doyle,* Dem.
1	1,165	1,607	78	42	684	46	1,132	215	485	147	638	874	82	87	1,122	980	777	1,711	651	407
2	367	540	30	09	1,147	61	361	83	697	544	1,100	256	41	124	330	279	257	1,737	1,179	736
3	337	311	37	43	767	69	310	140	518	118	726	237	58	179	325	286	281	662	671	557
4	480	383	44	56	593	51	412	149	414	109	600	311	53	110	428	350	315	506	517	442
5	401	316	47	38	673	42	375	133	409	96	605	255	70	129	364	343	277	507	670	605
6	290	264	61	62	1,050	59	595	86	465	291	1,118	198	46	228	297	316	253	938	1,712	647
7	242	174	10	34	537	48	277	48	290	55	482	163	41	90	260	233	222	286	392	527
8	511	400	53	113	690	104	1,017	126	392	126	864	269	65	822	506	489	344	455	610	1,096
9	449	330	48	95	1,414	122	519	93	600	103	1,067	351	75	173	423	445	351	721	621	1,100
10	909	666	102	45	437	41	904	267	247	44	293	1,034	121	50	1,035	1,011	1,042	229	259	291
11	1,099	778	115	29	587	33	1,036	485	453	34	385	858	145	65	1,300	1,359	1,790	266	299	263
12	772	580	72	51	575	61	836	206	351	39	433	599	137	134	806	1,143	777	328	378	897
13	138	155	28	81	816	76	157	60	587	107	691	86	42	391	153	116	87	628	693	945
14	678	489	45	76	900	77	631	192	541	59	661	391	142	189	683	548	456	620	803	748
15	513	338	27	70	770	99	477	138	563	66	586	286	58	245	511	476	352	559	610	693
16	987	535	56	84	672	102	803	197	524	51	564	455	101	283	939	731	676	489	461	674
17	610	477	85	72	960	77	576	207	666	80	726	393	256	1,078	584	548	478	689	767	1,223
18	504	355	71	80	662	76	495	155	447	71	540	349	496	409	455	408	332	408	516	926
19	467	307	54	131	1,122	132	438	165	952	115	850	263	298	416	442	389	375	778	807	1,485
20	1,845	1,005	96	62	882	70	1,301	433	548	72	579	842	214	205	1,800	1,361	1,226	534	568	553
21	1,365	905	174	59	671	78	1,244	390	509	62	420	857	253	255	1,299	1,217	1,234	379	370	473
22	978	673	94	126	719	119	905	264	1,276	63	556	629	260	314	1,060	935	877	503	591	783
23	1,067	771	75	106	890	104	973	264	1,625	37	649	706	202	115	1,142	980	915	590	479	682
24	1,425	816	81	67	755	91	1,105	335	528	47	541	924	149	157	1,709	1,207	1,058	528	563	537
25	767	545	81	43	704	46	523	1,518	467	41	547	500	137	73	761	723	660	458	513	672
Totals,	18,366	13,720	1,664	1,734	19,677	1,884	17,402	6,349	14,554	2,577	16,221	12,086	3,542	6,321	18,734	16,878	15,412	15,509	15,700	17,962

* Elected.

VOTES CAST FOR ALDERMEN, CITY OF BOSTON, MUNICIPAL ELECTION, DECEMBER 13, 1898. — *Concluded.*

William R. Dyer, Soc. Lab.	Samuel L. Freedman, Soc. Lab.	George Gilgule, Soc. Lab.	Leon Greenman, Soc. Lab.	Henry C. Hess, Soc. Lab.	Francis J. Horgan, Dem., Cit., Noul. Paper.	Charles M. Langen, Soc. Lab.	Albert W. Lyon, Rep.	John J. Mahoney, Dem.	Patrick F. McDonald,* Dem.	Joseph Murphy, Soc. Lab.	Alfred Newmarch, Rep.	Michael W. Norris, Dem.	Joseph J. Norton, Dem.	Frank J. O'Toole,* Dem.	Milton C. Paige, Rep.	Edward W. Prescho,* Rep.	John Quinn, jr., Dem.	Herman W. A. Raasch, Soc. Lab.	Jay Robert Simmons, Soc. Lab.	Florentin Thiebault, Soc. Lab.	Ernest C. Wagner, Rep.	WARDS.
61	41	31	24	19	108	16	262	396	414	28	565	431	316	427	651	919	554	10	15	14	262	1
59	55	38	31	35	177	18	100	801	688	54	181	751	664	846	200	405	1,274	24	17	19	77	2
54	26	21	18	22	281	24	113	1,361	580	48	199	470	376	614	248	851	659	9	14	15	93	3
51	30	26	24	24	146	14	126	816	394	45	216	330	251	454	330	777	477	10	16	16	181	4
38	29	26	19	16	246	9	120	878	462	32	248	384	360	533	273	888	438	10	15	14	113	5
72	68	40	36	40	328	23	97	761	505	36	150	826	631	824	185	455	639	37	27	37	109	6
52	50	33	31	30	175	40	85	415	536	48	152	461	332	410	241	330	923	15	15	15	334	7
118	131	86	100	81	1,276	41	108	1,033	921	65	313	362	269	397	285	449	342	44	44	45	122	8
118	91	82	75	73	183	33	144	655	635	46	222	657	482	743	342	414	850	29	33	28	189	9
48	37	24	33	32	93	27	364	199	220	21	363	170	142	214	714	861	288	18	21	17	417	10
34	24	20	17	15	134	7	309	185	193	10	450	197	166	209	651	989	566	5	15	12	253	11
52	50	34	33	29	147	22	263	331	376	93	386	331	255	402	564	644	378	31	23	42	236	12
80	46	45	34	31	574	25	68	751	956	69	79	1,770	1,171	823	606	351	960	17	41	35	69	13
96	62	52	48	42	289	25	182	693	794	67	375	1,181	1,731	771	1,387	763	860	39	48	68	225	14
76	62	44	37	33	347	21	150	612	778	49	239	953	1,041	562	1,071	629	713	19	34	46	199	15
90	56	59	48	47	225	26	837	445	744	41	431	538	551	520	817	756	531	21	42	26	244	16
81	49	41	35	49	295	23	199	600	815	59	412	644	572	1,030	438	566	734	34	32	23	151	17
99	78	65	63	84	190	35	130	417	521	95	338	504	464	1,412	371	424	487	30	35	36	181	18
127	110	76	84	180	394	45	132	769	873	91	404	827	600	1,394	363	503	657	40	47	42	376	19
63	47	32	32	34	208	31	716	450	1,340	49	841	508	520	576	1,174	1,196	536	34	22	25	301	20
54	48	31	34	34	156	22	394	334	420	39	1,443	348	257	489	898	1,151	355	14	17	8	341	21
131	140	92	131	121	265	47	286	486	675	71	812	560	393	858	736	1,036	462	56	41	67	561	22
108	127	80	81	76	108	34	262	477	737	39	927	556	391	718	784	955	499	27	35	30	356	23
68	41	35	37	33	113	23	602	452	921	37	676	505	450	558	1,048	1,051	483	22	27	18	306	24
58	28	27	22	28	114	14	194	468	438	56	403	383	454	561	442	696	343	20	15	11	207	25
1,888	1,526	1,140	1,127	1,208	6,572	645	6,243	14,740	15,936	1,288	10,825	14,647	12,839	16,345	14,819	18,059	15,011	615	691	709	5,853	T't's

NOTE.—There were 233 scattering votes cast. * Elected.

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOSEPH J. CORBETT,
Board of Election Commissioners.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, at 7.30 P.M., Tuesday, January 24, 1899. Present, all the members, except Messrs. Aldrich and Strange. President Huggan occupied the chair.

The Chair read the following:

(1.) IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND AP-
PORTIONMENT.

January 24, 1899.

Voted, That the Chairman notify the School Committee that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will be ready on February 1 to receive and consider any applications for loans for school buildings, and that the Board believes that applications for such loans should be made to it rather than to the Legislature.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

(2.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, January 18, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with the Trustees under the will of D. W. Williams upon the sum of \$4,107.60 as payment for 5,868 square feet of land on Munroe street at Roxbury, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, May 19, 1898 (taking recorded same day), upon said Trustees giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, the request of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Municipal Lectures that the distribution of announcements of the lectures be permitted in the schools was granted.

(3.) DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS.

January 13, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

GENTLEMEN: I am requested by the Board in charge of this Department to inform you that we shall ask your co-operation during the coming year in collecting certain statistics relating to school buildings.

We started an inquiry during the past year into the cost of maintaining the different school buildings, with a view of throwing some light upon the question of how far it is possible to establish a relation between the character and first cost of a building and the annual expense of maintenance. In order to gather anything of value on this point it is necessary to know what sums have been expended since the date of their completion on the various school buildings, and for what purposes. We have not yet been able to find any published information of this sort, the classification in the Audi-

tor's report having regard to the character of the work performed, as plumbing, painting, roofing, etc., but not defining the buildings on which the work was done.

I think you will recognize that the information which we propose to gather will be of value, and I beg leave to suggest that your appropriation order for the coming year contain the following items among others:

1. Repairs and alterations of school buildings.
2. Salaries of janitors.
3. Fuel, gas and water; thus continuing the classification hitherto adopted by the Auditor; and to further suggest that your accounts be kept in such manner as to show what proportion of each of these items is properly chargeable to each individual school building. By so doing you will gather information which will not only be of value to yourselves for administrative purposes, but will also greatly facilitate the collection of statistics by this Department.

Very respectfully,

LAURENCE MINOT, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The resignations of six teachers presented by the Superintendent of Schools were accepted. The Superintendent of Schools presented the names of one special assistant and one temporary teacher for appointment, the names of six temporary teachers for re-appointment, of one teacher for appointment on probation, of twelve teachers for confirmation, and of thirteen teachers for transfer—all of which were laid over under the rules. Leave of absence was granted to seventeen teachers. Under a suspension of the rules one temporary teacher was re-appointed on the recommendation of the Superintendent.

It was, on motion of Mr. Coolidge for the Committee on New Buildings, ordered that from the total amount of \$145,000 appropriated September 22, 1896, and February 9, 1897, out of the amount granted the School Committee, under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, for West End School-house site, the following transfer be made:

To Munroe-street School-house, enlargement of lot, \$4,107.60.

Mr. Davison, for the Committee on School-houses, reported for the approval of the Board the appointment of Charles L. Glidden as janitor of the Webb School from December 12, 1898.

The appointment was approved.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on New Buildings, presented a report of expenditures which was accepted.

It was ordered:

(1.) That a kindergarten, to be known as the Paul Revere Kindergarten, be established in the Paul Revere School-house, Hancock District, from and after February 1, 1899.

(2.) That the kindergarten at No. 39 North Bennet street, Eliot District, of which Mary C. Peabody is principal, be discontinued on and after February 1, 1899.

(3.) That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to include in their estimates of the expenses of the public schools for the ensuing financial year, a sum not exceeding \$250,000 for alterations and repairs on school buildings, and temporary accommodations for school purposes.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Special Committee on Paris Exposition, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to include in their estimate of the expenses of the public schools for the ensuing financial year the sum of \$5,000, for the preparation of an exhibit of the work of the Boston Public Schools at the Paris Exposition during the year 1900.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, the sum of \$16.65, paid for tuition, was remitted to W. B. Sargent, formerly of Somerville, and the sum of \$9.99 to F. A. Londoner.

Mr. Coolidge offered the following for the Committee on Accounts:

The Committee on Accounts respectfully represent to the Board that under date of September 13, 1898, it was

Ordered, That the salaries of all persons in the employ of the School Committee during the month of August, 1899, be reduced 10 per cent. from the amount due them for said month, with the exception of those whose salary for said month will be less than \$60. In computing said deduction no account shall be taken of any fraction of \$10.

The Committee on Salaries, in their report recommending the passage of this order, stated that if a sufficient saving could be made in other directions, the amount deducted from the salary of each individual should be restored. In view of the fact that sufficient money may be available to carry on the schools without levying the assessment proposed, the Committee on Accounts would recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That, if in the opinion of the Committee on Accounts, it will not be necessary to carry out the provisions of order No. 7 in the schedule of salaries, as passed by the School Board under date of September 13, 1898, in order that sufficient funds may be available to carry on the schools, the said Committee be authorized in making up their estimates for 1899-1900, to disregard said order, with the understanding that the question of the reduction as proposed be left for future action by the School Board.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan it was

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be requested to provide additional primary school accommodations in the Gaston District.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be instructed at once to petition the Legislature for legislation as follows:

To amend Section 6 of Chapter 241 of the Acts of 1875 as amended by striking out the words "order to be made," and inserting in place thereof the word "make," so that the Section shall read:

Section 6. The School Committee shall have full power to make on the school buildings any additions, alterations, and repairs for school purposes which it deems necessary; to provide temporary accommodations for school purposes; to select land and purchase the land required for school buildings and their yards, and to fix finally and conclusively the plans for school buildings to be erected, provided that nothing herein shall

authorize said School Committee in behalf of the City of Boston to expend or assume to expend for such purposes any money in excess of the amount previously appropriated therefor.

Passed.

The Chair read the following:

January 24, 1899.

- (1.) MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, President of the Boston School Committee.

DEAR SIR: I beg to tender herewith my resignation as a member of the Committee on the Third Division.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. MERRITT.

January 24, 1899.

- (2.) MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, President of the Boston School Committee.

DEAR SIR: I herewith present my resignation as a member of the Committee on the Ninth Division.

Yours truly,

J. CARLTON NICHOLS.

January 24, 1899.

- (3.) MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, President of the Boston School Committee.

DEAR SIR: I beg to hand you herewith my resignation as a member of the Committee on Legislative Matters, and of the Committee on Truant Officers.

Yours very truly,

FRANK E. BATEMAN.

The resignations were accepted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Merritt a member of the committee on the Ninth Division, and Mr. Nichols a member of the Committee on the Third Division.

Approved.

Bids for the construction of the new Boston dry dock were opened at the Navy Department at Washington January 31, 1899. There were sixteen bidders, the lowest bid being that received from O'Brien & Sheehan, of New York, and was \$857,200 for the dock without electrical machinery. The lowest bidder for providing the electrical machinery was the Thresher Electric Company of Dayton, Ohio, the bid being \$149,892. The Government specifications call for a dock 788 feet in length and 114 feet in breadth.

The following statistics relative to the public schools of the State of New York in 1898 are given in a statement recently issued by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction:

Number of school districts . . .	11,752
Value of school-houses and sites .	\$71,832,511
Number of children of school age, .	1,518,808
Number of children attending school some portion of the year, .	1,168,994
Number of private schools . . .	901
Number of children attending private schools . . .	81,448
Expended for teachers' salaries .	\$15,156,277
Expended for school libraries . .	\$164,969
Total expenditures	\$28,475,871

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following is a record of the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

City Hall, January 25, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on January 25, at 4 P.M., at the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present: All the members.

The Mayor submitted a communication from the City Auditor, showing how the amount which the Board could appropriate was made up; also communications from the Superintendent of Lamps and the Water Commissioner, giving certain information requested in regard to their annual estimates.

The annual estimates were taken up and considered.

Adjourned at 6.40 P.M. to meet on January 26 at 3 P.M.

City Hall, January 26, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held January 26, at 4 P.M., at the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present: All the members.

The annual estimates were taken up and considered.

Adjourned at 6.43 P.M. to meet on January 27 at 8 P.M.

City Hall, January 27, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held January 27, at 8 P.M., at the Mayor's office, Boston.

Present: All the members.

A communication was received from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$2,424.45 from the appropriation for Street Department, Ferry Division, to the appropriation for Street Department, Sanitary Division.

Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Voted, That this Board approve the transfer of the sum of \$2,424.45 from the appropriation of the Ferry Division of the Street Department to the Sanitary Division of the said Department. The vote was passed and signed by all the members of the Board.

A communication was received from the Water Commissioner stating that of the \$500,000 requested by him for the extension of mains, \$410,000 would be expended for twelve-inch pipe and upwards.

The annual estimates were taken up and considered.

Voted, That Mr. Minot be appointed a committee of one to draft the orders to accompany the annual appropriation bill.

Adjourned, to meet on Saturday, January 28, at 2 P.M.

City Hall, January 28, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held at 2 P.M., January 28, at the Mayor's office, Boston.

Present: All the members.

Mayor Quincy submitted a communication requesting the passage by the Board of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of four hundred and ten thousand (410,000) dollars be appropri-

ated, to be expended by the Water Department in the extension of water mains, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose. The communication was placed on file.

Mr. Sullivan moved the adoption of the order, and it was declared adopted. Mr. Kiley asked that the yeas and nays be recorded. The order was passed — Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay), and was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the original order that the appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars be appropriated to the Public Buildings Department, Repairs Division, for working capital; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose. The communication was placed on file.

The order was passed — Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay), and was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the original order that the appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Mr. Kiley moved that a verbatim report of the proceedings of the Board in reference to the loan orders and the appropriation bill be taken. The motion was declared rejected. Mr. Kiley doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays, and the motion was rejected — Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea).

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars be appropriated to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, for working capital; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose. The communication was placed on file.

The order was adopted — Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay), and was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the original order that the appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars be appropriated to the Printing Department for working capital, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose. The communication was placed on file.

The order was adopted — Yeas, 4; nay 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay), and was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the original order that the appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Mayor Quincy submitted a communication from the Board of Sinking-fund Commissioners, certifying, in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898,

that the amount that can be raised by taxation within the tax limit of the city is \$6,418,396.78, made up as follows: \$6.15 on a thousand on \$974,536,062.41, the average valuation for five years, less abatements, equals \$5,993,396.78; exempt for county purposes, under Chapter 281, Acts of 1887, \$425,000. Total, \$6,418,396.78.

Placed on file.

A communication was also received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a communication from the City Auditor, giving the estimated income of the city available for appropriation.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy submitting his recommendations to the annual estimates. [See Appropriation Bill, in Messages from the Mayor, page 59, THE CITY RECORD.]

Mr. Minot, who at the meeting held on January 27 was appointed a committee of one to draft the orders to accompany the annual appropriation bill, reported that he had conferred with the Corporation Counsel, the City Auditor and Mayor Quincy, and that the orders as submitted by the Mayor in his recommendations had been approved by him. The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Minot it was

Voted, That the several orders in the appropriation bill be taken up and placed upon their passage. The four orders preceding the items were separately passed.

On motion of Mr. Minot it was

Voted, That each item in the appropriation bill be read, and that, unless objection is made thereto by some member of the Board, the item be considered as adopted by the Board.

Mr. Kiley moved that the item for the Art Department be reduced by \$500. The motion was declared lost. Mr. Kiley asked that the yeas and nays be taken, and the motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea). The question came on the adoption of the item as recommended by the Mayor, and it was adopted—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

When the Baths Department item was reached, Mr. Kiley moved that it be reduced by the amount of \$19,500, and asked that the yeas and nays be taken on his motion. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea). The item was adopted, as recommended—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

When the item for Memorial Day was reached, Mr. Kiley moved that it be reduced by the amount of \$1,000. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea). The item was adopted, as recommended—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

When the item for June Seventeenth was reached, Mr. Kiley moved that it be increased to \$500. The motion was carried.

Mr. Kiley also moved that the item for July Fourth be increased \$1,000, and the motion was carried.

When the item for free public lectures was reached, Mr. Kiley moved to strike out the item. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea). The item was adopted as recommended—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

Mr. Kiley moved that the item for the Music Department be reduced \$5,000. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea). The Board voted to

adopt the item as recommended—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

When the item for Public Buildings Department, general expenses, was reached; Mr. Kiley moved to reduce the item by \$3,000. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea).

Mr. Minot moved to reduce the item by \$1,500. The motion was adopted—Yeas, 5. The item was adopted as amended—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

Mr. Kiley moved that the item for the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department be reduced by \$500. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea). The item was adopted as recommended—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

Mr. Kiley moved that the item for the Repairs Division of the same Department be reduced by \$300. The motion was carried.

When the item for the Statistical Department, general expenses, was reached, Mr. Kiley moved to strike out the whole item. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea). The item was adopted, as recommended—Yeas, 4; nays, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

Mr. Kiley moved to strike out the item of \$6,000 for THE CITY RECORD. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea). The item was adopted, as recommended—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

When the item for the Sanitary Division of the Street Department was reached, Mr. Kiley moved that, in view of the fact that the estimates for the Sanitary Division contain an item of \$47,400 for the garbage plant contract, the amount recommended be reduced by said amount. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea). The item was adopted as recommended—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

When the item for the Street Cleaning Division of the Street Department was reached, Mr. Minot moved that it be reduced by three thousand (3,000) dollars. The motion was carried, and the item was adopted as reduced.

When the item for the Weights and Measures Department was reached, Mr. Kiley moved that it be reduced one thousand (1,000) dollars. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea). The item was adopted as recommended—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

When the item for machinery and materials for manufacturing at the House of Correction at Deer Island was reached, Mr. Kiley moved to reduce the item by five thousand (5,000) dollars. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea). The item was adopted as recommended—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

When the item for machinery and materials for manufacturing at the House of Correction at South Boston was reached, Mr. Kiley moved that it be reduced by four thousand (4,000) dollars. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea). The item was adopted as recommended—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

Mr. Minot moved that the appropriation for the Reserve Fund be increased thirty-three hundred (3,300) dollars, this being the net amount by which the Mayor's recommendations had been reduced. The motion

was carried—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

The question came on the adoption of the item as amended. Mr. Kiley moved that it be reduced by \$13,729. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea). The item was adopted as amended, on Mr. Minot's motion—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

On motion of Mr. Minot it was

Voted, That, in case any error in addition may be discovered by the City Auditor in verifying the appropriations and comparing the same with the amount available, the Chairman be authorized to increase or diminish the amount agreed upon for the Reserve Fund by the amount of such error.

On motion of Mr. Barry it was

Voted, That this Board regards the question of the fixing of the salaries and wages under the appropriations voted by it for the several departments as coming solely within the province of the Mayor and the heads of departments, except so far as salaries are fixed by ordinance or statute.

Mr. Barry moved that the several orders and items in the appropriation bill having been adopted separately, they now be adopted and passed as a whole. The motion was carried—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay), and the orders and appropriations were signed by the four members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Kiley moved that he be accorded the privilege of having an explanation of his vote on the appropriation bill recorded in the records of the Board. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea).

Mr. Minot moved that it be voted that it is the sense of this Board that its records should contain only action taken by the Board, and that they should not embody any matters of discussion or explanation within the Board.

Mr. Kiley moved, as a substitute, that the doings of this Board with reference to the appropriation order, involving the expenditure of \$13,000,000 and upwards, should be made public, and should be spread upon the records of this Board.

Mr. Minot moved to amend Mr. Kiley's substitute by inserting the words "when approved by the Board" after the words "should be made public." Mr. Kiley accepted the amendment, upon which Mr. Minot accepted Mr. Kiley's substitute, withdrawing his original motion.

The question came on the adoption of Mr. Kiley's motion. Mr. Sullivan moved that it be amended by striking out the word "doings" and inserting in place thereof the words "action taken." Mr. Kiley raised the point of order that his substitute motion had been once amended, and was not therefore susceptible to another amendment.

The Chairman ruled that, as the substitute motion of Mr. Kiley had been accepted and the original motion withdrawn, it stood in the place of the latter, and was therefore subject to amendment.

Mr. Kiley called for the yeas and nays on the adoption of the amendment, and it was adopted—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay). The motion was adopted as amended—Yeas, 5.

Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Voted, That it is the sense of this Board that its records should contain only action

taken by the Board, and that they shall not embody any matters of discussion within the Board.

Mr. Kiley moved, as a substitute, that the records of the Board should contain matters of discussion, when they involve the expenditures of the appropriation bill, and particularly the final action of the Board upon that bill.

The question came on substituting Mr. Kiley's motion for that of Mr. Minot, and the Board refused to make the substitution; the vote on doing so being—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea).

The vote moved by Mr. Minot was passed—Yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of \$55,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners in making plans of territory or sections of land under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, under the provisions of said act, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

The communication was placed on file. Mr. Sullivan moved the adoption of the order. Mr. Kiley moved that further consideration of the matter be assigned to the next meeting. The motion was lost—Yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea). The order was passed, yeas, 4 (Mr. Kiley not voting), and was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative they certifying upon the original order that the appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

On motion of Mr. Barry, it was voted that the Mayor's recommendations on the annual estimates, together with the action by the Board thereon and the votes passed incidental thereto, be given to the press tonight.

Adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, January 31, at 4 P.M.

JOHN H. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

The appropriation bill recommended to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by His Honor the Mayor, which is alluded to above, corresponds in most respects with that contained in his message to the Board of Aldermen (as printed in the columns following).

The changes made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the appropriation items recommended by the Mayor are six in number as follows:

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation recommended for.	Appropriation passed for.
Public Celebrations:		
Seventeenth of June	\$4,000	\$4,500
Fourth of July . .	10,000	11,000
Public Buildings Department:		
General Expenses .	152,000	150,500
Repairs Division . .	400	100
Reserve Fund	120,479	123,779
Street Department:		
Street Cleaning Division	318,000	315,000
Total	\$604,879	\$604,879

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, a quorum being present, and Chairman Barry presiding, was held Monday, January 30, 1899, at 3 P.M.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Appropriation Bill.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 30, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith the annual maintenance budget as passed by the Board of Apportionment. It will be noticed that considerably more than half of the departments are given smaller appropriations than they had last year, and, consequently, it will be found this year more difficult than ever to conduct their operations with the appropriations, particularly as no surplus income, available for transfer at the end of the year, is to be anticipated. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment has endeavored to apportion the available financial resources of the city for the coming year as fairly as possible among the different departments; but, of course, the total sum available for such distribution is fixed by law, and is beyond the control of the Board. I hope to present, later to the City Council, some analysis of the growth of the expenditures of the city, which will throw further light upon the situation presented by the budget for the coming year. I will only state now that the causes of the increased pressure upon the \$9 tax limit are to be found chiefly in the larger proportion of the available revenue which has been assigned by law to the use of the School Committee, to the increase in the population of our city institutions at a more rapid ratio than the population of the city and its valuation have grown, and to the greater variety and better quality of the services demanded of the city by the citizens.

The expenses of the Police Department have increased faster than the proceeds of the limited tax levy, and in spite of the fact that the Board of Police is given power by statute to draw upon the City Treasury in excess of its appropriations, it seemed to me proper that this appropriation should be cut about in proportion to others, in the hope that the Board would be willing to do its part toward meeting the financial exigencies of the situation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

January 28, 1899.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year, beginning with the first day of February, 1899, of performing the duties and exercising the powers developed by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston or the County of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof, and to meet their respective obligations for interest on debt, sinking-fund requirements and maturing debt not provided for by sinking-fund, the respective sums of money hereinafter specified be, and the same are hereby, appropriated for the several departments, and for the objects and purposes, hereinafter stated.

Ordered, That the appropriations for Water Department, current expenses, and the payments to the State under the provisions of Chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895 and acts in addition or amendment thereto, and for the interest or sinking fund requirements for loans issued for water purposes, be met by the income from said works; that the appropriation for maintenance of the Sewer Division of the Street Department, and for the interest and sinking-fund requirements for loans issued for sewerage works, be met with the sewerage charges determined as provided in Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897; that the appropriation for the Street Watering Division of the Street Department be met with the assessments for watering streets laid under the provisions of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1897; that the other appropriations hereinafter specified be met out of the money remaining in the treasury at the close of business on January 31, 1899, exclusive of the money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and by the income of the financial year beginning February 1, 1899, and by taxes to the amount of \$10,498,045, and that said amount be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston.

Ordered, That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city, but shall be paid for services rendered or work done by any department or division for any other department or division, or for any person or corporation other than the City of Boston, be paid into the general treasury and then credited to the appropriation of the department or division rendering such service or doing such work, and that all contributions made to any appropriation be expended for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations aforesaid, the City Treasurer issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston, not exceeding eight million dollars in the total, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year; that all such bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness be dated the day the money for the same is received, be made payable with the interest thereon at the office of the City Treasurer within the current municipal year, from the taxes of said year, and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as said Treasurer shall deem proper.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Art Department	\$1,000
Assessing Department	148,500
Auditing Department	40,000
Bath Department	69,500
Board of Aldermen:	
Salaries	\$19,600
Contingent expenses	5,000
	24,600
Building Department	88,500
Board of Appeal	1,800
Board of Estimate and Apportionment	3,000
Cemetery Department	43,500
City Clerk Department	46,700
City Council:	
Incidental expenses	\$5,000
City Council Proceedings	18,750
	23,750
City Messenger Department	29,400
Clerk of Committees Department:	
Current expenses	\$12,050
Reference Library	150
	12,200
Collecting Department	98,500
Common Council:	
Salaries of Councilmen,	\$22,500
Contingent expenses	2,000
Salaries of clerk and assistants	5,000
	29,500
Election Department	127,500
Engineering Department	78,800
Fire Department:	
Current expenses	\$1,073,500
Pensions	42,000
	1,115,500
Health Department	145,000
Hospital Department	375,000
Institutions—	
Children's Institutions Department:	
Placing out and office division	\$87,000
Marcella-Street Home	1,400
Parental School	33,600
House of Reformation, Rainsford Island	33,000
	155,000
Insane Hospital Department:	
Boston Insane Hospitals	\$120,000
Insane in State Institutions	185,000
	305,000
Pauper Institutions Department:	
Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island	\$96,000
Charlestown Almshouse	14,000
Pauper expenses	2,000
Office expenses	3,500
	115,500
Institutions Registration Department	17,250
Steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee"	17,000
Steamer "John Howard"	5,500
Lamp Department	670,000
Law Department	40,000
Library Department	255,000
Market Department	8,250
Mayor:	
Office	33,500
Public Celebrations and Lectures:	
Patriots' Day, April 19	\$500
Memorial Day, May 30	8,000
Veteran Firemen's Memorial Day, June 12	300
June Seventeenth	4,500
July Fourth	11,000

Labor's Holiday, September 5	\$500
Free Public Lectures	3,000
	\$27,800
Music Department	10,000
Overseeing of the Poor Department	129,900
Park Department	140,000
Police Department:	
Current expenses	\$1,562,310
Pensions	76,190
	1,638,500
Printing Department	28,250
Public Buildings Department:	
General expenses	\$150,500
Electrical Construction Division	7,000
Repairs Division	100
	157,600
Public Grounds Department	80,000
Registry Department	26,000
Reserve Fund:	
For the payment of claims, executions, and court expenses of the several departments, and for transfers	123,779
Sinking-Funds Department	2,350
Soldiers' Relief	227,000
Statistics Department:	
General expenses	\$13,000
"City Record"	6,000
	19,000
Street Department:	
Central office	\$18,800
Bridge Division	120,750
Cambridge Bridges Division	16,000
Ferry Division	212,500
Paving Division:	
General expenses, \$690,000	
Removal of snow, 50,000	
	740,000
Sanitary Division	570,000
Street Cleaning Division	315,000
	1,993,050
Street Laying-out Department	22,000
Treasury Department	42,250
Weights and Measures Department,	23,000
* Wire Department	25,000
Total appropriations for current expenses of city	\$8,839,729

CITY DEBT REQUIREMENTS.

Sinking-funds	\$1,856,540
Interest	2,035,460
	3,892,000

Total appropriation for current expenses and debt requirements of city \$12,731,729

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

General expenses	\$700,000
House of Correction, Deer Island, \$154,500	
Machinery and materials for manufacturing	15,000
	169,500
House of Correction, South Boston \$84,500	

Machinery and materials for manufacturing	\$10,000
	\$94,500
Office expenses, Penal Institutions	21,500
Total	\$985,500
Debt requirements:	
Sinking-fund and principal	\$60,439
Interest	127,210
	\$187,649
Total for city and county	\$13,904,878

* By the order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment January 12, \$10,000 was appropriated for the current expenses of this Department.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

(To be raised by assessment.)

SEWER DIVISION.

Maintenance and operation of the sewerage works	\$350,000 00
Debt requirements for loans for sewerage works:	
Sinking-funds	\$39,195 00
Interest	83,474 88
	122,669 88
	\$472,669 88

STREET-WATERING DIVISION.

Maintenance	\$150,000
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WATER DEPARTMENT.

(To be raised by water-rates.)

Current expenses	\$540,000
Debt requirements:	
Sinking-funds	\$209,824
Interest	791,992
	1,001,816
	\$1,541,816

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

January 28, 1899.

The foregoing orders and appropriations were passed:

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

January 28, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of four hundred and ten thousand (410,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Department in the extension of water mains, and that the City Treasurer be authorized, to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

January 28, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty-five thousand (55,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners in making plans of territory or sections of land under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, under the provisions of said act, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

January 28, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars be appropriated to the Public Buildings Department, Repair Division, for working capital; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

January 28, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars be appropriated to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, for working capital; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

January 28, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars to be appropriated to the Printing Department for working capital; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting.

Appointment of Weigher of Coal.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR;

City Hall, January 30, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint E. W. Johnson a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

Veto — Use of Sammet Hall.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 24, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my signature an order instructing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to allow the use of Sammet Hall, Ward 22, to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, for a whist party on the evening of January 31, 1899, waiving the usual fee, for the reason that, as stated in my communication of January 16, the granting of the use of ward-rooms without any payment therefor imposes a material extra expense upon the Public Buildings Department, and one which it has no means at its disposal to meet.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The order was reconsidered, and the question came on its passage, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall and County Buildings.

Veto — Order to Box Tree.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 19, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith, without my signature, the vote passed by your Board on January 16, granting permission to L. Wingersky to box two trees in front of 51 Devon street, Roxbury, "for protection purposes only."

My reason for taking this action is that if it is merely desired to place a suitable guard around these trees for their protection, that can be done without any vote of your Board; while, on the other hand, if a sign

is to be placed on the box, the vote of your Board would be illegal.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote granting leave was reconsidered, and the veto of the Mayor was sustained — Yea, 0; nays, 12.

Watering Streets by Assessment.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 13, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

It is necessary to make provision at once in regard to the watering of streets under the assessment plan during the ensuing year, and I, therefore, recommend the speedy passage of the accompanying order, which is the same in form as that passed by the City Council of last year, except that it includes the whole city, instead of a limited district. A petition will be presented to the Legislature requesting an amendment of the law, to authorize the division of the city into street watering districts, so that the service and the rate of assessment per front foot may be varied in different parts of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That all streets and portions of streets within the city limits be watered during the current year wholly at the expense of the abutters.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto — Use of Curtis Hall.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 27, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith, without my signature, an order authorizing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to allow the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, on the evening of February 7, 1899, for the reason that, as stated in my communication of January 16, the granting of the use of this hall without charging the customary fee entails a considerable extra expense upon the Public Buildings Department, and one which it has no funds to meet.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The previous action of the Board was reconsidered, and the message and order were referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held on Thursday, January 26, 1899, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M. President Kiley occupied the chair.

The following message from His Honor the Mayor was received:

Reconstruction of Faneuil Hall.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 26, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I respectfully transmit, under the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898, the accompanying order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, under said act, on January 24.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

January 24, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT:

I request the passage of the accompanying loan order appropriating twenty-three thousand (23,000) dollars for finishing the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall.

Respectfully yours,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

January 24, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-three thousand (23,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department to meet the expense of the electric lighting, plumbing, painting and plastering work on Faneuil Hall, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

JOHN H. SULLIVAN,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

In connection with the above the following were sent to the City Council for its information:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 24, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT:

I herewith submit communications received from the Chiefs of the Electrical Construction and Architect Divisions requesting loan appropriations of eight thousand (8,000) dollars for electric lighting work on Faneuil Hall, five thousand (5,000) dollars for heating purposes, three thousand (3,000) dollars for plumbing work and seven thousand (7,000) dollars for painting and plastering.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION DIVISION.

January 24, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I desire to call attention to the fact that there is no provision for re-

wiring Faneuil Hall in connection with the work of reconstruction now in progress, and I am informed that the builders have reached a point in their work where it is desirable to have the work of wiring proceeded with. I therefore desire to ask whether a loan cannot be appropriated at once for this purpose.

Yours respectfully,

H. F. COTTLE,

Chief of the Electrical Construction Division.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, ARCHITECTURAL DIVISION.

January 25, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: As regards the reconstruction work now in progress at Faneuil Hall, I would say that an additional appropriation of \$15,000, divided as follows, will be needed to properly complete the building:

Heating apparatus	\$5,000
Plumbing	3,000
Painting, plastering, etc.	7,000
	\$15,000

The original appropriation was but \$80,000. When the advertised bids were opened Woodbury & Leighton were found to be the lowest, and the contract was awarded to them for the sum of \$78,500. This contract does not include the heating apparatus or plumbing work.

In order to allow us to go ahead with the work and to give us a leeway on the appropriation, the sum for painting, plastering, etc., on the building, which would be the last work done, was temporarily deducted from their contract. This amounted to \$7,000.

Respectfully,

F. W. CHANDLER,

Consulting Architect.

Assigned to the next meeting.

At the annual business meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers, held on January 18, Mr. Desmond FitzGerald, General Superintendent of the Western Division of the Water Department, City of Boston, was elected President of the association for the ensuing year. The total membership of the Society is 2,124.

At a meeting held recently in Chicago, at which the representatives of thirty railroad companies were present, it was decided to raise \$100,000 for an exhibit at the Paris Exposition in 1900. It has been suggested that a large map be constructed showing the route of every railroad in the country by electrical devices, with elevations and natural features of the surrounding country.

A commission appointed to investigate railroads in Wisconsin reported that, with one exception, the dining and buffet-car service was not a paying investment.

City Government Orders.**ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.**

By the City Council.

The following was approved January 28, 1899:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized, in the name and behalf of the city, to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whereby the city shall release the right to maintain its water-pipes in E street, South Boston, as heretofore located, from Fargo street to Summer street, and any other rights which it may have in said portion of E street, as heretofore located, in consideration that the said Commonwealth shall fill to the grade of sixteen feet above mean low water a proposed extension of said E street, from Fargo street to Summer street, as shown on a plan of said proposed extension, dated December 28, 1898, signed by Frank W. Hodgdon, Engineer Harbor and Land Commissioners, and hereto attached; shall grant to the city the right to lay and maintain its water-pipes in said proposed extension of E street, as shown on said plan, and shall pay to the city the reasonable cost of removing said water-pipes from their present location, and relaying them in the new location to be provided as aforesaid.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved January 21, 1899:

Ordered, That so much of order of the Board of Aldermen, approved December 29, 1898, levying an edgestone assessment of \$132 against the estate of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company on Commonwealth avenue, at the corner of Essex street, Ward 25, be and the same is hereby rescinded on account of error in measurement.

The said land and corporation is hereby assessed for \$129.90.

Ordered, That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved December 29, 1898, levying an edgestone assessment of \$15.12 against the estate of Hannah Prescott on Centre street, at the corner of a private way, Ward 23, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Ordered, That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen, approved March 6, 1898, levying a sidewalk assessment of \$15.60 against estate of Catherine Tobin, No. 26 Mt. Vernon street, Ward 16, be and the same is hereby rescinded, on account of a previous sidewalk in front of said estate.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Peter Pastene to construct, maintain and use an area with one coal-hole opening and sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate Nos. 69-71 Fulton street, Ward 6, according to dimensions as shown on plan dated January 16, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The following was approved January 25, 1899:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

To I. Williams & Co., 71 Warren avenue, Ward 10.

To William J. Logan & Co., 40 Province street.

To Thomas J. Shanney, 1 Green street.

To John F. Ketterer & Co., 168 and 170 Canal street.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to move a wooden building, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

The John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company, one Mansard roof, 38 feet in length, by 27 feet in width, by 32 feet in height, from 14 Ashford street, along Ashford, Pratt and Wadsworth streets, to 7 Wadsworth street, Ward 25.

John Soley, one pitch roof, 30 feet in length, by 20 feet in width, by 16 feet in height, from the corner of Brandon and Birch streets, through and across Brandon street to South street, south side, to lot next to the railroad bridge, Ward 23.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Stephen Brennan, to erect, maintain and use four guy-posts with the necessary ropes attached in the following locations in Ward 6, viz.:

One at or near the corner of Merchants' Row and North street, one at or near 23 North street, two in Creek square, the same to be placed in locations to be approved by the Superintendent of Streets.

Holbrook, Cabot & Daly, to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with ropes attached in the following locations, viz.:

One in Dorchester avenue, 275 feet from Blake street; one in Blake street, 200 feet from Boston street; one in Boston street, 400 feet from Blake street, for use in constructing the Boston street abutments for City of Boston.

McNeil Brothers, to erect, maintain and use three guy-posts with ropes attached thereto, on the easterly side of Beacon street, between Somerset and Park streets, Ward 11.

J. J. and T. F. Mack, to stretch, maintain and use two guy-ropes over and across Pinckney street, at or near No. 15, Ward 11.

The following were approved January 27:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Holbrook, Cabot & Daly to close the roadway on Boston street, from Blake street, for about 300 feet, northerly, during the time necessary for building the Boston street abutments for the City of Boston.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Curtis street, between Chelsea and Pope streets, East Boston, during the time necessary for sewer construction on said street.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The two following orders were presented to the Mayor January 10, 1899, and were

not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John T. Kennedy to erect, maintain and use a post with a clock surmounted thereon, in the sidewalk in front of the estate No. 40 Warren street, Ward 17, the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of estate No. 130 Saratoga street, East Boston, Ward 1; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

The two following orders were presented to the Mayor January 17, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place electric lights on Hancock street and Cushing avenue, Ward 20.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to light up that part of Covington street, that leads to Thomas Park, South Boston.

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

Bids for building trucks for the draws of Summer-street bridge were opened at the office of the City Engineer, on Friday, January 20, with the following results:

Bidders.	Bids.
Coffin Valve Company, Boston . . .	\$3,705
Atlantic works, Boston	4,230
Whittier Machine Company, Boston . .	4,243
George T. McLauthlin & Co., Boston . .	4,300
Lockwood Manufacturing Company, Boston	4,895
Bertelsen & Petersen, Boston	4,990

The contract was awarded to the Coffin Valve Company.

WILLIAM JACKSON,
City Engineer.

Park Department.

Bids for building a wall at Franklin Park of Roxbury seam-faced stone, were opened at the office of the Board of Park Commissioners on January 11, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Roxbury seam-faced stone. Per lin. ft.	Granite. Per lin. ft.
D. F. O'Connell	\$1 75	\$1 75
T. H. Connally	1 90	1 90
M. Russo & Co.	2 25	2 20
Robert L. Barrett	2 29	
John C. Coleman & Son	2 70	2 50
John A. Whittemore's Sons,	3 10	1 74

The contract was awarded to D. F. O'Connell.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

An authority states that in 1836 the expenditure for street-cleaning of the whole City of New York was \$87,000 or about 32 cents per capita.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Trustees in City Hall, January 19, 1899, at 2.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Fallon, Hersey and Atteaux.

It was

Voted, That the plans submitted by Wood & White, architects, for a mortuary chapel, administration building and gateway at Mt. Hope Cemetery, be forwarded to His Honor the Mayor for approval.

Voted, That the action of the Chairman in notifying the Custodian of the Phipps-street Cemetery to prohibit the use of certain tombs in the cemetery by a Mrs. Garno be approved.

A communication was received from Mrs. Garno, asking for a hearing on the matter.

Voted, That the request be denied.

Voted, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to obtain from the Corporation Counsel an opinion as to whether the title of the Kearsarge-avenue burial ground is in the City of Boston or in the Trustees of the Roxbury Latin School, and to instruct this Department in reference to its responsibilities.

A communication from the Roxbury Military Historical Society, requesting the removal of a large sign on the north side of the Eustis-street burial ground was received.

Voted, That the Society be notified that the Board has no authority to order the removal of the sign.

A communication was received from the same Society, requesting the removal of the small brick office building used for mercantile purposes at the Eustis-street burial ground.

Voted, That the Society be notified that the matter is not within the province of the Board, but should be brought to the attention of the Law Department.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, January 13, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De-Normandie, Lincoln and the Librarian.

Communications received: Circular from the Mayor, dated January 11; from E. A. Abbey, dated December 23, 1898; from the S. Homer Woodbridge Company, dated January 13; the Librarian's report.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$6,304.17; chargeable to trust funds, amounting to \$461.35; chargeable to the "Broadway Extension Improvements" appropriation, amounting to \$21.67; chargeable to the Library building furnishing appropriation, amounting to \$1,940; chargeable to the Library building appropriation, amounting to \$15,182.05; and the President was authorized to sign special drafts in favor of

Connery & Wentworth for \$12,650.86, Lynch & Woodward for \$1,319.80, Lamson Consolidated Store-service Company for \$670, the S. Homer Woodbridge Company for \$501.79, Public Buildings Department (Electrical Construction Division) for \$39.60.

Resignation received: Alice Browne of grade B special of the ordering department, to take effect February 11.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$318.78; to trust funds, \$336.93; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$4.73; to Station P, \$10.61; miscellaneous articles, \$594.60.

Applications for special privileges were received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, January 2, 1899.

Salem D. Charles, elected at the municipal election, Tuesday, December 13, 1898, to the Board of Street Commissioners, was duly sworn by the City Clerk. The Board organized with John P. Dore as Chairman and J. H. Jenkins as Secretary.

Tuesday, January 3, 1899.

It was voted to pay M. J. Tighe \$75 for damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Alexander street, at Dorchester.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Millet street, and for two catch-basins in Congreve street.

Thursday, January 5.

Sewers were ordered to be built in Lanark and Kilsyth roads, and in K street.

A remonstrance was received from F. W. Webber, against the laying out of the tract of land known as Brighton Hill, without a cross street which will continue Hunnewell avenue from the Newton line to either Matchett street or to Oak square.

Monday, January 9.

On advice of the Law Department, it was voted to pay Benjamin F. Brown, mortgagee, and Sarah W. D. Brown, mortgagee, \$800 with interest at 5 per cent. from August 9, 1897, and \$1,100 with interest at 5 per cent. from April 15, 1898, respectively.

Remonstrances were received against the laying out of Cummington street at fifty feet in width; and against the location of an extension of Hunnewell avenue in Newton, as shown on Board of Survey plan.

Tuesday, January 10.

Orders of notice were passed of the Board's intention to relocate the Faneuil Valley brook at Brighton, and the Neponset avenue branch of Stony Brook.

Notice to quit was issued to the abutters on Charlestown street, as widened.

It was voted to pay H. B. Robinson \$265 for damages occasioned his estate by the widening of Adams street at Dorchester.

Remonstrances were received against the location of Hunnewell avenue at Brighton, as proposed on the Board of Survey plan.

A petition was received for a sewer in Prentiss place at Roxbury.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, January 23, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending January 21, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
2...	1	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	1	-
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
6...	-	4	-	-	1	-	6	3	4	37
7...	-	4	-	2	-	-	8	-	7	47
8...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	15
9...	1	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	2	17
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	18
11...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	71
12...	4	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	5	39
13...	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	3
14...	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	5
15...	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	3
16...	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
17...	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	2	11
18...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7
19...	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	6
20...	13	1	-	-	1	20	1	-	9	17
21...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	16
22...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
23...	1	-	3	-	-	1	-	1	4	2
24...	-	1	1	-	4	-	-	1	5	4
25...	5	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	5	5
T'ls..	34	15	5	6	10	25	27	21	62	335

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, January 23, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending January 21, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	125
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	17
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	6
Number of bills of sale	2
Number of assignments of wages	34
Number of married women's certificates, .	8
Number of assignments for the benefit of .	
creditors	4
Number of notices of foreclosure of mort- .	
gages	1

Two suits, both being actions of contract, have been entered against the city, by Elizabeth F. Coleman and Emma L. Coleman, damages being placed at \$200 each. Catherine Harrington has also entered suit, for \$4,000, the same being an action of tort.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending January 21, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week 26.6
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898, 19.1

Number of deaths:

Males 154
Females 123

Total 277

Total deaths in corresponding week,
1898 195

Increase 82

Of the 277 decedents, 266 were white and 11 colored; 171 were born in the United States, 101 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 5 was unknown; 50 were of American parentage, 184 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 43 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	44	4
Scarlatina	17	-
Typhoid fever	2	4
Measles	154	1
Totals	217	9

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	25
Pneumonia	66
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	20
Bronchitis	19
Marasmus	5
Violent causes	15

Total from principal causes 152

Total from infectious diseases 9

Total from other causes 116

Total from all causes 277

Deaths of children under 1 year 42

Deaths of children under 5 years 61

Deaths of persons over 60 years 61

Deaths in public institutions 67

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

STATE ELECTION.

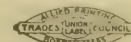
January 20, 1899.

In accordance with the provisions of the Election Act of 1893 and amendments thereof, notice is hereby given that the meetings of the citizens of Ward 13 in this city, qualified to vote for State officers, will be held in the several polling places in said ward designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the seventh day of February next, and all such citizens will, on said date, in the several precincts in which they are entitled to vote, give in their votes for one Representative in the General Court.

The polls at said election will be opened at six o'clock A.M., and closed at four o'clock P.M.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting held on Monday, February 6, 1899, voted to confirm the following appointment of His Honor the Mayor:

E. W. Johnson, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

MAYOR'S CIRCULARS.

The following circulars have been issued by His Honor the Mayor:

Circular No. 56.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

January 31, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: You were asked by Circular 51, dated December 1, 1898, to furnish your requests for loans for your department for the coming calendar year on or before December 31. Such requests have only been received from a portion of the departments. If your department has not yet sent in its requests of this character, please see that it is done immediately, as the Board of Estimate and Apportionment intends to proceed at

once to give hearings to heads of departments upon their requests for loans, the first hearing for this purpose being fixed for February 3.

The requests for loans should specify as exactly as possible the purposes of the expenditures, and should be based upon actual estimates, as far as possible, and requests will only be considered where definite amounts are specified. Such requests for loans must be received by Monday next at latest.

Heads of departments will be notified of the times at which they are to be heard.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Circular No. 57.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

February 4, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: The Chief of the Civil Service Division of the Auditing Department has substantially completed a card list of all the present employes of the city, and it is now possible to establish stricter regulations as to the addition of new names to the pay-rolls. Some cases have been discovered where persons were working under other names than their own, and I desire to take every precaution to render such a fraudulent evasion of the Civil Service law impossible in the future. Heads of departments are therefore directed to see that every person entering the employment of the city on and after this date, other than as a temporary substitute, or under an emergency employment to continue not more than five days, appears personally at the office of the Civil Service Division, Room 7, Old Court House, to sign his card; and no new name will be passed by the Auditor upon a pay-roll until such card has been duly signed. Heads of departments are also directed to give immediate notice of suspensions and discharges to the Civil Service Division; and in order to make it impossible for any one to work under the name of a man who has died, they will also give strict orders that every death of an employe shall be reported to them within twenty-four hours after it occurs, and will return the information of

such death to the Chief of the Civil Service Division as soon as possible, in order that the card of the deceased may be returned to the Civil Service Commission, as required by its rules. Heads of departments are also directed to notify any of their subordinates, having charge of the employment of men, that they are expected to prevent any impersonation upon the pay-rolls of the city, and that any negligent or intentional failure to do so will be considered a serious offence.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

INVESTIGATION OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

The Commission to examine the Building Department, consisting of Hon. William F. Wharton, representing the Boston Real Estate Exchange, Osborne Howes, representing the Boston Board of Fire Underwriters, Herbert Jaques, representing the Boston Society of Architects, and Neil McNeil, representing the Master Builders' Association (for letter of His Honor the Mayor to the various organizations requesting appointments, see page 3 of THE CITY RECORD), met in the Mayor's office Monday afternoon, February 6, and organized by the choice of Mr. Wharton as Chairman and Mr. Jaques as Secretary. The Mayor explained fully to the Commission the objects and purposes for which it was constituted, and methods of procedure were fully discussed.

The Commission voted to begin by hearing the officials of the Building Department, in order to inform its members fully as to its system and methods of work. Any persons having suggestions to make in regard to the work of the Commission, or information to furnish, are requested to communicate with the Secretary, Mr. Herbert Jaques, at No. 8 Beacon street, Boston.

FREE MUNICIPAL LECTURES FOR FEBRUARY.

The free municipal lectures for the month of February, as arranged and offered by the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Free

Lectures, will be given on Monday evenings at the old Public Library Building on Boylston street. The general subject of the lectures is "Boston," and the first in the series was given on Monday evening, February 6, by Prof. William T. Sedgwick, on "The Water Supply of Boston," illustrated by stereopticon. Below is a list of the lectures to follow:

Monday evening, February 6 — Mr. George G. Crocker, "Passenger Transportation," illustrated by stereopticon.

Monday evening, February 20 — Mr. C. Howard Walker, "Civic Architecture," illustrated by stereopticon.

Monday evening, February 27 — Hon. Josiah Quincy, "Baths and Gymnasia," illustrated by stereopticon.

INVITATION FROM THE HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

The following invitation from the Hospital Trustees was read at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on Monday, February 6, and accepted:

BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL.

Boston, February 6, 1899.

HON. DAVID F. BARRY, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, Boston, Mass.

MY DEAR SIR: The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital present their compliments to the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, and cordially request the pleasure of their company at the opening of the new surgical department and amphitheatre, on Wednesday, February 15, at 12 o'clock M.

Invitations have been extended to His Honor Mayor Quincy and to the Honorable Common Council.

Luncheon will be served in the library immediately after the members of the City Council have inspected the surgical branch of the service and the general hospital as well, as far as time will permit.

I have the honor to be, for the Board of Trustees, awaiting your acceptance.

Very truly yours,

A. SHUMAN, President.

OPINION REGARDING PASSAGE OF ORDERS SENT TO MAYOR.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on Monday, February 6, 1899, the following communication from the Corporation Counsel was read and placed on file:

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Boston, February 3, 1899.

J. M. GALVIN, Esq., City Clerk.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your inquiries as to (1.) "Whether an order passed by the Board of Aldermen or City Council, and presented to the Mayor within a period of less than ten days prior to the expiration of the

municipal year, and the Mayor neither approves said order nor vetoes it, is to be considered as passed," I have to say that, in my opinion, such order is not to be considered as passed.

(2.) "Whether in case an order for a location for a railway company is passed and submitted to the Mayor, as set forth in question 1, and the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes said order, you are to receive and file a paper purporting to be an acceptance of the location specified in said order," I have to say that, in my opinion, you have no authority to receive and file any such paper.

Respectfully,

ANDREW J. BAILEY,
Corporation Counsel.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

City Hall, January 31, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held January 31, at 4 P.M., at the Mayor's office.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Kiley moved that the records be amended so as to show that at the time when Mr. Minot accepted his substitute motion, he objected to the withdrawal by Mr. Minot of his original motion, to the effect that it is the sense of the Board that its records shall contain only action taken by the Board.

The motion was declared lost. Mr. Kiley asked that the yeas and nays be recorded, and the motion was lost — yea, 1; nays, 4 (Mr. Kiley voting yea).

Mr. Minot moved that the records be approved as read.

The motion was declared carried. Mr. Kiley asked that the yeas and nays be recorded, and the motion was carried — yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay).

Mayor Quincy submitted a communication from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Mayor and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, he had transferred \$6,063.80 from the Bailey-street School, additional land, the Brighton High School-house and the grammar school-house, Stoughton District, building, to school buildings, improvements in; \$2,692.11 from the Mystic Water Works, land, etc., to additional supply of water; \$30,498.16 from the Mystic Water Works, land, etc., grammar school-house, Stoughton District, building, Granger-street extension to Dorchester avenue, Essex and Lincoln streets, Old Harbor court and Atlantic street, Whitney-street extension and engine-house and site, North End, to playground, North End; \$4,449.10 from engine-house and site, North End, to Gold-street bridge; \$7,651.22 from the Street Laying-out Department, widening and extending, to Gold-street bridge, public bath-house, Stony Brook damages, Washington street, Ward 25, and Centre street, Ward 24.

The communication was placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That the Board approve the following transfer:

From Bailey-street School, additional land	\$2,750 00
From Brighton High School-house	1,965 70
From grammar school - house, Stoughton District, building	1,348 10

To school buildings, improvements in \$6,063 80

The vote was signed by Mayor Quincy and Messrs. Sullivan, Barry and Minot, they certifying upon the vote that the said transfer is not to meet a current expense.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That the Board approve the following transfer:

From Mystic Water Works, land, etc., to additional supply of water, \$2,692.11.

The vote was signed by all the members, they certifying on the vote that the said transfer is not to meet a current expense.

Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Voted, That the Board approve the following transfer:

From Mystic Water Works, land, etc.	\$951 64
From grammar school-house, Stoughton District, building	1 65
From Granger-street extension to Dorchester avenue	1,577 17
From Essex and Lincoln streets	302 54
From Old Harbor court and Atlantic street	1,200 00
From Whitney-street extension	36 19
From engine-house and site, North End	26,428 97

To playground, North End . . . \$30,498 16

The vote was declared passed. Mr. Kiley asked that the yeas and nays be recorded, and the vote was passed — yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay), and was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the vote that the said transfer is not to meet a current expense.

Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Voted, That the Board approve the following transfer:

From engine-house and site, North End, to Gold-street bridge, \$4,449.10.

The vote was passed — yeas, 4; nay, 1 (Mr. Kiley voting nay), and was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the vote that the said transfer is not to meet a current expense.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That the Board approve the following transfer:

From Street Laying-out Department, widening and extending:

To Gold-street bridge	\$4,878 92
To public bath-house	1,069 03
To Stony-brook damages	526 13
To Washington street, Ward 25	1,000 00
To Centre street, Ward 24	177 14
	\$7,651 22

The vote was signed by all the members, they certifying upon the vote that the said transfer is not to meet a current expense.

Mayor Quincy submitted a communication from the City Auditor stating that, at the request of the Superintendent of Streets, he had transferred \$4,519.76 from the Ferry Division of the Street Department and

\$208.67 from the Bridge Division of the said Department, to the appropriation for Street Department, Sanitary Division; also \$538.38 from the Bridge Division and \$450.44 from the Central Office to the appropriation for Street Department, Street-Cleaning Division.

The communication was placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That the Board approve the following transfer:

From the appropriation for Street Department, Ferry Division . . .	\$4,519 76
From the appropriation for Street Department, Bridge Division . . .	208 67

To the appropriation for the Street Department, Sanitary Division . . .	\$4,728 43
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The vote was signed by all the members.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That the Board approve the following transfer:

From the appropriation for Street Department, Bridge Division . . .	\$538 30
From the appropriation for Street Department, Central Office . . .	450 44

To the appropriation for Street Department, Street-Cleaning Division, . . .	\$988 74
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The vote was signed by all the members.

Mayor Quincy also submitted a communication from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Mayor and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, he has transferred \$48.78 from the Street Laying-out Department, widening and extending, to the Insane Hospital Department, improvement of water service.

The communication was placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That the Board approve the following transfer:

From the Street Laying-out Department, widening and extending to Insane Hospital Department, improvement of water service, \$48.78.

The vote was signed by all the members, they certifying upon the vote that the said transfer is not to meet a current expense.

On motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, That the communications from heads of departments requesting loans be printed, for the information of this Board, together with a statement of the several requests for loans referred to this Board by either branch of the City Council, or received by it from other sources from time to time.

On motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, That when this Board adjourns it be to meet at 3 P.M. on Friday, February 3, 1899, and that the Board at that time proceed to hear heads of departments in regard to their loan requests.

Adjourned at 6.03 P.M.

City Hall, February 3, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on February 3, at 3 P.M., at the Mayor's office.

Present: All the members.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars be appropriated to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical

Construction Division, for additional working capital; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

On motion of Mr. Minot, Mr. H. F. Cottle, Chief of the Electrical Construction Division, was heard in regard to the proposed loan of \$15,000 for working capital, after which the Board went into executive session.

Mr. Sullivan moved the adoption of the order, and it was adopted — yeas, 4; nays, 0.

Yeas — Messrs. Barry, Sullivan and Minot and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nays — 0.

The order was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the original order that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars be appropriated for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden Bridge; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city, payable in ten years from their date, to said amount for said purpose.

On motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, That Mr. William Jackson, City Engineer, be requested to appear before the Board to give information in regard to the necessity of the proposed loan.

Hearings were also given to Hon. Joseph J. Corbett, representing the Charlestown Improvement Association, in regard to the proposed widening of Chelsea street, Charlestown; to Prof. William T. Sedgwick, Chairman of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, in regard to the requests made by the Trustees for loan appropriations, and Mr. H. F. Cottle, Chief of the Electrical Construction Division in regard to the requests of his Division for loan appropriations; after which the Board went into executive session.

Mr. Sullivan moved the adoption of the order as printed above, appropriating \$50,000 for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden Bridge.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Kiley, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 7, 1899.

The Mayor submitted a communication from the City Auditor stating that, subject to his approval and that of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, he had transferred \$50,419.15 from Surplus Revenue for the year 1898-99 to the appropriations for Baths Department, Engineering Department, Hospital Department, Children's Institutions Department, Parental School, Lamp Department, Library Department, Music Department, Overseeing of the Poor Department, Public Grounds Department, Reserve Fund and Street Department, Street-watering Division.

Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Voted, to approve the transfer of \$50,419.15, from Surplus Revenue 1898-99 to the following appropriations, namely:

Baths Department	\$1,836 08
Engineering Department	3,155 97

Hospital Department	\$9,349 37
Children's Institutions Department, Parental School	79 97
Lamp Department	6,267 41
Library Department	1,498 98
Music Department	524 45
Overseeing of the Poor Department	42 23
Public Grounds Department	1,360 80
Reserve Fund	6,991 70
Street Department, Street-watering Division	20,203 19

Mr. Kiley moved that the matter be assigned to Tuesday, February 7; declared lost.

Mr. Kiley asked that the yeas and nays be recorded, and the motion was lost — yeas, 1; nays, 4.

Yea — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Nays — Messrs. Barry, Sullivan and Minot and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Mr. Kiley moved as a substitute that he be accorded the privilege of inquiring into the legality of the transfer before it be approved by the Board.

The Chairman ruled that the motion was not a proper substitute.

The vote proposed by Mr. Minot was adopted — yeas, 4; nay, 1.

Yeas — Messrs. Barry, Sullivan and Minot and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Mr. Kiley moved reconsideration, so that he might be able to inquire into the legality of the transfer before final action was taken by the Board.

The motion was lost — yea, 1; nays, 4.

Yea — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Nays — Messrs. Barry, Sullivan and Minot and Mayor Quincy — 4.

The vote was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to his approval and that of the Board of Apportionment, he had transferred \$404.09 from the appropriation for Children's Institutions Department to the appropriation for House of Reformation, Rainsford Island, and \$43.62 from the same appropriation to the appropriation for the Parental School; also \$72.99 from the appropriation for Marcella-street Home to the appropriation for Parental School.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, it was

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of \$447.71 from the appropriation for the Children's Institution Department, Placing-out and Office Division, \$404.09 of said amount to be transferred to the appropriation for House of Reformation, Rainsford Island, and \$43.62 of the appropriation for the Parental School; also the transfer of \$72.99 from the appropriation for Marcella-street Home to the appropriation for Parental School.

The vote was signed by all the members of the Board.

A communication was also received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a communication from the City Auditor stating that, subject to his approval and that of the Board, he had transferred \$14.23 from the appropriation for Insane Hospital Department, Insane in State Institutions, to the appropriation for Austin Farm, and \$15.93 from the same appropriation to the appropriation for Pierce Farm.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, it was Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of \$30.16 from the appropriation for Insane Hospital Department, Insane in State Institutions, support of, \$14.23 of said amount to be transferred to the appropriation for Insane Hospital Department, Austin Farm, and \$15.93 to the appropriation for Insane Hospital Department, Pierce Farm.

The vote was signed by all the members. Adjourned at 6.13 P.M., to meet on Tuesday, February 7, 1899, at 4 P.M.

JOHN H. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending January 28, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	24.7
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898	18.4
Number of deaths:	
Males	135
Females	122
Total	257
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	188
Increase	69

Of the 257 decedents, 250 were white and 7 colored; 160 were born in the United States, 94 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 62 were of American parentage, 172 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 23 was unknown

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	49	6
Scarlatina	23	—
Typhoid fever	5	2
Measles	159	1
Totals	236	9

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	31
Pneumonia	55
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	17
Bronchitis	15
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	10
Total from principal causes	133
Total from infectious diseases	9
Total from other causes	115
Total from all causes	257
Deaths of children under 1 year	43
Deaths of children under 5 years	66
Deaths of persons over 60 years	61
Deaths in public institutions	62

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held on Monday, February 13, 1899, at 3 P.M., in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, February 6, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Appointment by the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 6, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Charles R. Williams a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

Financial Condition of the City.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 6, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Statistics, which throws a great deal of light upon the present financial situation of the city and the causes which have led to it, and I recommend that it be printed as a document.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS.

Boston, February 3, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: With reference to the appropriation orders now before the City Council, the following figures are of interest:

In the six-year period, from 1892-93 to 1897-98, inclusive, the ordinary expenditures of the city, excluding Water Department expenditures, have increased from \$14,371,643.97 to \$17,229,851.40, or a little less than 20 per cent.

Excluding also expenditures for interest and sinking-funds and payments to the State, they have increased from \$10,592,231.85 to \$12,914,425.83, or a little less than 22 per cent.

The amount available for department appropriations (Auditor's Report 1897-98, page 256), has increased from \$10,450,000 to \$11,993,997 or a little less than 15 per cent.

The population of the city, as estimated by the Board of Health, has increased from 467,260 to 528,912, or a little more than 13 per cent.

Expenditures for interest, sinking-funds and payments to the State have increased from \$3,779,412.12 to \$4,315,425.57, or a trifle over 14 per cent.

It may fairly be said, therefore, that 14

per cent. is a normal increase for the six years in any given line of work.

During the six years, expenses of the various institutions for the care of the sick, paupers and criminals, increased from \$1,026,021.01 to \$1,369,072.88, or a little more than 33 per cent.

Or, if we take the net cost, after deducting income covered into city treasury, they increased from \$867,887.89 to \$1,209,857.66, or a little more than 39 per cent.

The expenses of the Park Department have increased from \$77,779.88 to \$143,517.21, or 84½ per cent.

The expenses of the Police Department, including liquor license expenses, and cost of police signal system, have increased from \$1,228,291.73 to \$1,667,887.26, or a little less than 36 per cent.

The School expenses increased from \$1,988,606.15 to \$2,482,542.47, or nearly 25 per cent.

The general expenses of the county increased from \$520,009.12 to \$688,883.46, or over 32 per cent.; or, if we deduct the income, from \$393,626.40 to \$502,352.96, or 27½ per cent.

These five classes of expenditures have increased, as a whole, from \$4,840,707.89 to \$6,351,903.28, or a little over 31 per cent.

The expenditures of all other departments increased from \$5,751,523.96 to \$6,562,522.55, or a little over 14 per cent., equal to the normal increase warranted by the increasing resources of the city.

If we take a fresh start, and compare the actual expenditures of 1897-98 with the appropriations asked for to meet the expenditures of 1899-1900, we get the following results:

Amount available for department appropriations has increased in two years from \$11,993,997 to \$12,610,229, or a trifle over 5 per cent. (Tax of \$2.85 per \$1,000 for schools is included in latter amount.)

The amount (asked) for support of dependent and criminal population has increased from \$1,369,072.88 to \$1,509,590, or a little more than 10 per cent.; or, if estimated income is deducted, from \$1,209,857.66 to \$1,329,090, or nearly 10 per cent.

The amount (asked) for expenses of Park Department has increased from \$143,517.21 to \$185,000, or nearly 29 per cent.

The amount (asked) for expenses of Police Department has increased from \$1,667,887.26 to \$1,747,793, or nearly 5 per cent.

The amount (now fixed by statute at \$2.85 per \$1,000 in 1899-1900) for school expenses has increased from \$2,482,542.47 to \$2,777,428, or nearly 12 per cent.

The amount (asked) for general expenses of the county has increased from \$688,883.46 to \$700,000, or less than 2 per cent.

The five classes of expenditures mentioned above have increased (based on appropriations asked for) from \$6,351,903.28 to \$6,919,811, or a trifle under 9 per cent.

All expenditures (except Water Department, interest, sinking-funds and payments to State, but including schools—now fixed by statute—and maintenance of sewers and street-watering—now paid for by assessment) would increase (on basis of appropriations asked for) from \$12,914,425.83 to \$13,861,773, or not quite 7½ per cent.

For the five classes of expenditures named above, from \$6,351,903.28 to \$6,919,811, or a trifle less than 9 per cent.

For all other departments, including maintenance of sewers and street-watering, from \$6,562,522.55 to \$6,867,466, or a little less than 5 per cent.

On the basis of appropriations as passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the figures are:

Increase in all expenditures, except Water Department, interest, sinking-funds and payments to State, but including schools, (now fixed by statute), maintenance of sewers and street-watering, from \$12,914,425.83 to \$13,102,657, or not quite $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Dependent and criminal classes, from \$1,369,072.88 to \$1,405,650, or a little more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Parks — From \$143,517.21 to \$140,000, or a decrease of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Police — From \$1,667,887.26 to \$1,638,500, a decrease of a little less than 2 per cent.

Schools (fixed by statute) — From \$2,482,542.47 to \$2,777,428, or nearly 12 per cent.

County, general expenses — From \$688,883.46 to \$700,000, a trifle over $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

The five classes above mentioned from \$6,351,903.28 to \$6,661,578, or a little less than 5 per cent.

Omitting schools, the increase is from \$3,869,360.81 to \$3,884,150, or about four-tenths of 1 per cent.

All other departments, including maintenance of sewers and street-watering, decrease from \$6,562,522.55 to \$6,441,079, or a trifle less than 2 per cent.

The estimates for 1899-1900 on account of sewer maintenance and street-watering, (to be provided for by assessment), were \$350,000 and \$150,000, respectively.

The excess of income over the Auditor's estimates since 1892-93 has been as follows:—

1892-93	\$331,606 72
1893-94	247,322 38
1894-95	475,536 95
1895-96	329,276 60
1896-97	666,980 84
1897-98	855,567 65

SUMMARY.

Applying these figures to the present financial situation, we have the following results:

The ordinary expenditures for all purposes, except for Water Department and for interest, sinking-funds and payments to the State were in 1892-93:

For the five classes specified . . .	\$4,840,707 89
For all other departments . . .	5,751,523 96

Total \$10,592,231 85

The appropriations, including schools, maintenance of sewers and street-watering, are, for 1899-1900:

For the five classes specified . . .	\$6,661,578
For all other departments . . .	6,441,079

Total \$13,102,657

So that the increase in seven years is:

For the five classes specified . . .	\$1,820,870 11 or 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
For all other departments . . .	689,555 04 or 12%

Total \$2,510,425 15 or nearly 24%

If the expenditures of the five classes enumerated had increased only in propor-

tion to the increase of all expenditures, there would have been available for the other departments about \$659,000. If the expenditures of the five classes enumerated had increased only in the same proportion as the other departments, there would have been available for the other departments about \$1,240,000 in excess of present appropriations.

Very respectfully,
LAURENCE MINOT, Chairman.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Appropriation for Electrical Construction.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 6, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I respectfully transmit, under the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898, the accompanying order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment under said act at its meeting on February 3, 1899.

Respectfully,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

February 3, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars be appropriated to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, for additional working capital; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Sewer Expenditures.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 6, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in relation to proposed sewer expenditures.

Respectfully,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, February 6, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I submit herewith a statement in relation to sewerage works, and would respectfully suggest that this be forwarded to the City Council, in order that the situation may be made clear to its members, and

more intelligent action be taken on the sewerage loan than was indicated by the statements and votes of the Common Council at its last meeting.

The figures are those submitted by me to the Board of Apportionment. In further explanation, I would say that it is necessary to lay out and plan the sewerage work for the entire year. If but \$500,000 is to be authorized, this will only cover the work already in hand or contracted for, and no new work can be authorized or planned. The Sewer Division would necessarily be organized on a smaller scale, and petitioners for sewers would be advised that only such work as was provided for by the appropriation could be undertaken.

I would say further that there is nothing novel in the authorization of a considerable sum for sewerage works. Under the old act, there was available such portion of the \$3,000,000 authorized by Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 as the Superintendent of Streets deemed necessary to expend therefor.

The statement submitted shows the demands for work to be far in excess of the maximum appropriation that is possible under the act.

A rough estimate of the cost to finish work now in progress, by districts, is as follows:

City Proper	\$45,438
Roxbury	29,428
Dorchester	156,566
South Boston	8,370
Charlestown	11,700
East Boston	10,500
West Roxbury	35,342
Brighton	16,295
	\$313,639

To this must be added the cost of completing work at Pumping Station	54,500
And cost of completing contracts at Moon Island	239,000

Total estimated cost of completing work now in progress	\$607,139
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The work contemplated by the Sewer Division, and sewerage works ordered by the Street Commissioners, but not yet begun, by districts, is as follows:

Brighton	\$299,357
West Roxbury	226,266
East Boston	276,100
Charlestown	72,000
Dorchester	287,748
South Boston	125,151
Roxbury	248,288
City Proper	49,964
	\$1,584,874

In addition to the amounts named above, there is always a considerable amount of small work petitioned for, and which we find too urgent to be put off, but of which we have no knowledge at the beginning of the year. The amount of such work brought to the attention of the Division last year, and built, came to \$164,000, and I see no reason why an even larger amount should not be necessary this year, more particularly as the work of the Division the past year has been largely that of building large mains which now render it possible to build a large number of small lateral sewers which could not previously have been built.

In addition to the amounts previously mentioned, the following is the estimated

cost of sewers petitioned for and not yet ordered:

Dorchester	\$145,049	
Roxbury	50,484	
West Roxbury	88,614	
Charlestown	140	
City Proper	276	
South Boston	4,040	
Brighton	3,345	
East Boston	29,777	
		\$321,725

SUMMARY.

Total estimated cost of completing work now in progress . .	\$607,139
Total estimated cost of completing work ordered by the Street Commissioners, but not yet begun .	1,584,874
Total estimated cost of constructing sewers petitioned for, but not ordered	321,725
Total estimated cost of constructing necessary small sewers, not yet petitioned for	164,000

Grand total \$2,677,738

On the lower portion of Stony Brook, from the property of the Boston Belting Company down to the park, the city will surely be compelled to do some work. The total estimated cost of rebuilding the proposed channel is \$220,000. I should think it safe to estimate that the city could hardly escape expending at least \$50,000 of this amount during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Read and sent down.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., Thursday, February 2, 1899.

The following message was received from the Mayor:

Reduction of Salaries and Wages.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 2, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a copy of a circular issued to heads of departments in relation to a reduction in salaries and wages during the current financial year. It is clearly inequitable that the largest salaries fixed by ordinance should remain unaffected while smaller ones are reduced. While I believe that the reduction requested by me will be voluntarily accepted by heads of departments and other officials whose salaries are fixed by ordinance, it seems to me proper that this reduction should be provided for by an amendment of Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances, by which salaries are now fixed. I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(For the circular to heads of departments accompanying the Mayor's message, see Mayor's Circular No. 55, January 30, 1899, on page 49 of THE CITY RECORD).

An ordinance to amend Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Provided, however, that during the financial year 1899-1900 the several salaries above specified shall be fixed at sums $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. less than the several amounts above named."

The communication was read and referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved February 2, 1899:

Ordered, That all applications for money for memorial purposes under the provisions of Chapter 76 of the Acts of 1886 be submitted to the City Council on or before the first day of April, 1899, and that a special committee, to consist of five members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to consider said applications and report to the City Council an apportionment of the money that may be appropriated for said memorial purposes.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved January 31, 1899:

Orders authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue permits, as follows:

To C. S. Roberts, to construct, maintain and use a coal-hole opening, eighteen inches in diameter, with iron cover, in the sidewalk in front of the estate 15 Pinckney street, Ward 11.

To Charles E. Stratton and others, trustees, to construct, maintain, and use a coal-hole opening not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with iron cover, in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 4 Post Office square.

To M. Frankel, to construct, maintain and use a coal-hole opening, fourteen inches in diameter, with an iron cover, in the sidewalk in front of 82 Windsor street, Ward 18.

To William Minot and another, trustees, to construct, maintain and use a coal vault, forty feet by six feet, with one coal-hole opening, not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface under and in the sidewalk in front of estate Nos. 19, 21 and 23 Beacon street, Ward 6.

The following were approved February 2: Permit to James P. Stearns et al., trustees, to construct basement floor of building 44-50 Clinton street, Ward 6, at grade 7.33. Permits to project illuminated signs, as follows:

George Bleiler, jr., at 82 Bedford street.

Albert J. Benfield, at 1051 Washington street.

Julius Johnson, at 930 Washington street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George I. Robinson, jr., to erect, maintain and use, for the period of two months, posts with plain, unlettered incandescent lamps thereon—one each in Dewey square and Central square; the location of said lamps to be approved by the Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That the City Engineer be directed to prepare plans and estimates of the cost of such alterations of all the crossings of railroads and public ways in that part of Boston called East Boston as will avoid crossings at grade, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 491 of the Acts of 1895, entitled "An act relative to the grade crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston."

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The following was presented to the Mayor January 24, 1899, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be authorized to increase the pay of any member of the Fire Department who distinguishes himself by conspicuous bravery, to the amount of twenty-five (25) dollars per annum.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The value of foreign exports and imports at the Port of Boston for the calendar year, 1898, is given below:

MONTH.	Exports.	Imports.
January . . .	\$9,073,519	\$3,177,083
February . . .	10,427,909	5,151,640
March	10,746,817	5,730,571
April	10,443,058	5,481,318
May	13,172,528	4,337,964
June	9,089,466	3,996,158
July	7,744,234	3,755,978
August	10,039,684	3,073,772
September . .	8,878,254	3,366,360
October	10,572,412	3,379,938
November . . .	11,892,470	3,674,994
December . . .	12,794,430	3,689,145
Total	\$124,874,781	\$48,814,921

ELECTION RETURNS, MUNICIPAL
ELECTION, DECEMBER 13, 1898.

Common Council.

WARD ONE.

PRECINCT.	A. Dudley Bagley,* Rep.	George H. Battis,* Rep.	John A. Brant, Dem.	John D. Murphy, Dem.	James J. O'Rourke, Dem.	David W. Simpson,* Rep.
1 . .	199	190	60	49	52	192
2 . .	255	253	34	24	22	247
3 . .	307	304	68	61	51	322
4 . .	293	285	46	43	37	289
5 . .	207	190	118	96	105	197
6 . .	92	69	222	197	204	79
7 . .	227	195	167	161	170	204
8 . .	254	159	195	163	174	162
9 . .	111	119	41	40	39	109
Totals,	1,945	1,764	951	834	854	1,801

* Elected.

WARD TWO.

PRECINCT.	Robert Goodman, Rep.	Joseph F. Hickey,* Dem.	Frank J. Johnson,* Dem.	Paul K. Olufson, Rep.	Thomas F. Rice,* Dem.	Lewis W. Wolfson, Rep.
1 . .	56	272	264	45	270	43
2 . .	57	194	191	39	190	39
3 . .	77	245	249	72	240	68
4 . .	50	227	228	41	235	40
5 . .	47	213	187	36	179	32
6 . .	76	238	218	74	212	70
7 . .	43	317	295	37	295	28
8 . .	70	325	321	51	308	57
Totals,	476	2,031	1,953	395	1,929	377

* Elected.

WARD THREE.

PRECINCT.	Henry B. Carroll,* Dem.	Frederick A. Churchill, Rep.	Percy A. Dodge, Rep.	Francis J. Doherty,* Dem.	Charles A. Horrigan,* Dem.	Walter L. Wood, Rep.
1 . .	84	185	181	81	81	179
2 . .	268	93	85	258	244	89
3 . .	206	114	117	239	190	117
4 . .	354	33	37	320	318	39
5 . .	332	57	54	318	315	54
6 . .	289	23	29	271	261	24
Totals,	1,583	505	503	1,513	1,409	502

* Elected.

WARD FOUR.

PRECINCT.	George A. Garland, Rep.	Thomas A. Kelly,* Dem.	Fred M. Kimball, Rep.	John P. Sullivan,* Dem.	Henry B. Taylor, Rep.	Joseph A. Turnbull,* Dem.
1 . .	77	253	72	221	67	218
2 . .	148	66	136	68	136	75
3 . .	182	127	175	122	177	125
4 . .	105	205	111	199	136	192
5 . .	48	286	50	302	62	273
6 . .	92	125	107	123	90	111
Totals,	652	1,062	651	1,035	668	994

* Elected.

WARD FIVE.

PRECINCT.	William F. Bennett,* Dem.	Nathaniel E. Cushing, Rep.	John F. Gibbons,* Dem.	Edward H. Madden,* Dem.	H. Seward Meloney, Rep.	William A. Sargent, Rep.
1 . .	123	174	104	111	182	168
2 . .	249	114	243	248	101	109
3 . .	274	31	267	268	32	31
4 . .	132	72	134	131	64	68
5 . .	249	82	261	252	73	79
6 . .	195	71	204	158	70	70
Totals,	1,222	544	1,213	1,168	522	525

* Elected.

WARD SIX.

PRECINCT.	Andrew A. Badaracco,* Dem.	Joseph Barron, Rep.	Patrick H. Bradley,* Dem.	Frederick L. Corcoran, D. C. N. P., R.	Timothy F. Dacey, Dem. Ind. N. P.	Charles J. Douglas, Dem. Cit. N. P.	Wm. J. O'Brien,* Dem.	Harwood S. Palmer, Rep.	Samuel T. Sullivan, Dem.	Bryan N. P.
1 . .	149	25	184	141	21	4	250	13	30	
2 . .	100	34	235	134	25	11	228	21	17	
3 . .	210	43	186	168	11	18	205	25	19	
4 . .	193	26	181	95	12	12	231	14	58	
5 . .	193	102	148	138	9	18	150	72	20	
6 . .	35	135	45	108	9	8	48	142	6	
7 . .	128	86	161	170	11	7	152	45	17	
8 . .	187	12	271	105	9	6	243	7	12	
Totals,	1,285	463	1,411	1,059	107	84	1,507	339	179	

* Elected.

WARD SEVEN.

PRECINCT.	John L. Donovan,* Dem.	James H. Norris, Rep.	Czeslaw V. Skokowski, Rep.	James H. Stone,* Dem.	James A. Sweeney,* Dem.	Frank P. Volk, Rep.
1 . .	117	97	78	124	114	70
2 . .	126	62	49	117	141	71
3 . .	140	84	68	141	121	80
4 . .	58	91	65	63	61	84
5 . .	273	35	22	262	258	27
6 . .	282	31	21	251	223	28
Totals,	996	400	303	958	928	340

* Elected.

WARD EIGHT.

PRECINCT.	William H. Cuddy,* Dem.	John L. Derby, Rep. Cit. Nom. P.	Jacob Epstein, Soc. Labor.	Ernest F. Flanders, Rep.	Arthur B. Glover, Rep. Cit. Nom. P.	Daniel J. Kiley,* Dem.	Martin Leftovith,* Dem.	William D. Le Roy, Rep.	Isaac Levin, Dem. Soc. Nom. P.	Edw'd L. Rosemann, Soc. Labor.	James F. Stevens, Soc. Labor.	Frank Wasserman, Rep.
1 . .	366	10	32	33	9	317	313	32	22	21	29	36
2 . .	25	31	31	33	26	217	200	38	13	74	40	65
3 . .	54	6	6	167	47	48	39	157	3	6	10	63
4 . .	61	23	29	36	23	267	285	71	23	26	29	62
5 . .	272	23	29	36	23	267	285	71	23	26	29	62
6 . .	272	23	29	36	23	267	285	71	23	26	29	62
7 . .	272	23	29	36	23	267	285	71	23	26	29	62
8 . .	272	23	29	36	23	267	285	71	23	26	29	62
9 . .	272	23	29	36	23	267	285	71	23	26	29	62
Totals,	1,421	289	288	267	267	1,421	1,443	439	130	139	121	127

PRECINCT.	Jorgen Anderson, Soc. Labor.	Colon A. Batson, Rep.	Frank H. Cowin, Dem. Ind. Nom. P., R.	John Crislawer, Soc. Labor.	Samuel W. Houston, Rep.	Samuel Kasanof,* Dem.	Michael Leonard,* Dem.	Stephen O'Shaughnessy, Soc. Labor.	John J. Tobin,* Dem.
1 . .	32	76	93	24	72	197	184	31	201
2 . .	27	85	113	25	87	185	199	32	240
3 . .	16	15	101	10	13	219	267	28	267
4 . .	29	70	128	20	66	190	216	32	207
5 . .	15	151	165	25	150	102	113	14	126
6 . .	23	131	124	16	132	72	88	20	90
7 . .	18	47	123	10	42	198	291	22	252
Totals,	160	575	847	130	562	1,163	1,358	179	1,383

* Elected.

WARD TEN.

PRECINCT.	Charles A. Atkins, Rep. Ind. Nom. Paper,	John Bordinan, jr., Rep.	James Conner, Dem.	Thomas J. Devlin, Dem.	Walter R. Mansfield,* Rep.	George H. Moore,* Rep.
1 . .	45	66	82	91	71	83
2 . .	74	123	70	63	127	139
3 . .	60	157	31	31	161	156
4 . .	60	139	32	33	140	138
5 . .	36	104	15	17	97	97
6 . .	76	189	29	32	184	166
7 . .	119	242	39	46	225	215
8 . .	176	200	59	56	219	174
9 . .	74	126	31	35	139	116
Totals,	720	1,346	388	401	1,363	1,284

* Elected.

WARD ELEVEN.

PRECINCT.	Edward A. Armistead,* Rep.	William A. L. Razeley, Dem.	Charles H. Bowie, Dem.	William S. Mitchell, Dem.	William S. B. Stevens,* Rep.	Lawrence M. Stockton,* Rep.
1 . .	217	66	64	69	229	227
2 . .	183	51	101	116	160	157
3 . .	168	123	120	135	187	177
4 . .	158	130	86	87	208	222
5 . .	168	68	30	24	209	231
6 . .	159	41	18	20	184	192
7 . .	215	50	26	23	239	253
8 . .	163	64	23	11	206	232
9 . .	178	35	22	17	195	200
Totals,	1,609	628	490	502	1,817	1,891

* Elected.

WARD TWELVE.

PRECINCT.	David B. Chamberlain,* Rep.	Timothy M. Clifford, Dem.	Donald N. MacDonald,* Rep.	J. Frank McBarron, Dem.	Patrick C. O'Donnell, Dem.	Arthur K. Peck,* Rep.
1 . .	249	52	261	56	48	252
2 . .	243	48	238	42	34	244
3 . .	134	91	131	92	89	134
4 . .	215	100	203	103	88	204
5 . .	182	70	174	64	62	180
6 . .	139	232	132	232	224	138
7 . .	92	199	118	169	189	105
Totals,	1,254	792	1,257	758	734	1,257

* Elected.

WARD THIRTEEN.

PRECINCT.	Thomas J. Collins,* Dem.	Morgan J. King, Rep.	Frank J. Linehan,* Dem.	Michael J. Lydon,* Dem.	George E. Roulston, Rep.	George F. Walton, Rep.
1 . .	259	20	229	253	22	6
2 . .	270	51	268	279	33	15
3 . .	225	38	221	256	18	12
4 . .	259	32	270	281	26	23
5 . .	259	45	247	249	40	30
6 . .	201	46	189	199	43	41
7 . .	242	34	234	207	74	18
8 . .	227	26	228	218	31	14
Totals.	1,942	292	1,886	1,942	287	159

* Elected.

WARD FOURTEEN.

PRECINCT.	John McK. Cameron, Rep.	George A. Donahoe,* Dem.	Herman Hornel, Rep.	Edward L. Logan,* Dem.	James F. Mulcahy,* Dem.
1	106	366	119	396	360
2	24	354	56	366	366
3	95	204	107	242	220
4	142	156	154	191	173
5	182	159	195	199	161
6	154	141	182	187	159
7	115	199	152	241	222
8	133	209	147	240	234
Totals . .	951	1,788	1,112	2,062	1,895

* Elected.

WARD FIFTEEN.

PRECINCT.	Amos Cummings, Rep.	John D. Fenton,* Dem.	Joseph P. Foley, Soc. Labor.	David A. Gavagan, Rep.	John H. Giblin,* Dem.	John Le Fort, Soc. Labor.	William Martin,* Dem.	Nickolas Oster, Soc. Labor.	Herbert Riley, Rep.
1	42	147	9	48	120	5	123	8	39
2	27	250	26	44	254	15	240	13	23
3	68	211	20	97	196	13	207	11	58
4	87	180	10	120	190	3	174	2	77
5	80	197	25	87	232	13	200	9	70
6	129	131	35	124	149	17	145	18	119
7	86	144	66	92	142	27	162	26	88
8	96	184	54	89	174	27	190	21	104
Totals .	615	1,444	244	701	1,457	120	1,441	108	578

* Elected.

WARD SIXTEEN.

PRECINCT.	Frank S. Atwood,* Rep.	Edwin D. Baker, Dem.	Lawrence J. Earle, Dem.	Charles E. Eddy,* Rep.	Michael I. Tully, Dem.	Frank E. Wells,* Rep.
1 . .	115	117	165	106	111	101
2 . .	98	188	220	93	182	97
3 . .	159	221	239	165	221	164
4 . .	258	131	111	263	90	247
5 . .	198	132	123	195	117	191
6 . .	271	76	38	253	23	253
7 . .	170	244	236	160	301	160
Totals,	1,269	1,109	1,132	1,235	1,045	1,213

* Elected.

WARD SEVENTEEN.

PRECINCT.	Patrick H. Brennan,* Dem.	Timothy L. Connolly,* Dem.	George A. Flynn,* Dem.	George A. Lord, Rep.	David D. Piller, Rep.	Walter A. Woods, Rep.
1 . .	224	243	223	37	39	39
2 . .	228	232	232	61	56	55
3 . .	116	117	110	154	147	158
4 . .	148	148	153	176	174	174
5 . .	204	183	210	64	69	62
6 . .	239	220	251	34	43	40
7 . .	248	225	258	55	56	48
8 . .	283	250	284	114	101	117
9 . .	145	139	160	159	148	145
Totals,	1,835	1,757	1,881	854	833	838

* Elected.

WARD EIGHTEEN.

PRECINCT.	Daniel N. S. Barker, Rep.	James J. Casey,* Dem.	John J. Curley,* Dem.	Isaac L. Verveer, Rep.	Joseph E. Wagner, Rep.	James A. Watson,* Dem.
1 . .	68	255	232	91	81	229
2 . .	113	187	187	113	123	204
3 . .	149	117	106	157	173	117
4 . .	162	227	217	195	174	227
5 . .	67	305	322	59	62	362
6 . .	142	254	248	132	143	279
Totals,	701	1,345	1,312	747	756	1,418

* Elected.

WARD NINETEEN.

PRECINCT.	William H. Doyle,* Dem.	Frank J. Kelter, Rep.	James McInerney,* Dem.	Charles P. Nangle,* Dem.	William H. Tobin Rep.	James F. Vila, Rep.
1 . .	196	107	204	175	132	85
2 . .	199	106	172	163	131	80
3 . .	281	141	332	249	142	35
4 . .	218	120	250	200	158	63
5 . .	154	112	150	144	145	101
6 . .	208	143	202	181	157	108
7 . .	260	212	288	205	173	87
8 . .	261	90	245	229	117	57
Totals,	1,777	1,031	1,843	1,546	1,155	617

* Elected.

WARD TWENTY.

PRECINCT.	Frank P. Ball, Rep. In. Nom. Pap., Dem.	Louis T. Howard, Rep.	Frank D. Hove, Rep. In. Nom. Pap., Dem.	John R. McVey, Dem.	George R. Miller, Rep.	George O. Wood, Rep.
1 . . .	194	302	170	171	247	259
2 . . .	186	260	169	165	260	250
3 . . .	154	185	162	181	186	181
4 . . .	226	117	226	256	108	118
5 . . .	230	212	256	186	243	220
6 . . .	177	292	153	102	281	298
7 . . .	146	285	159	111	302	314
8 . . .	121	261	139	85	286	291
Totals,	1,434	1,914	1,434	1,257	1,913	1,931

* Elected.

WARD TWENTY-ONE.

PRECINCT.	Martin P. F. Curley, Dem.	Herbert E. Edmonds, Dem.	Fred A. Emery, Rep.	Frederick W. Klemm, Rep.	Matthew M. Morris, Dem.	Temple A. Winsloe, Rep.
1 . . .	107	92	202	194	93	189
2 . . .	160	119	190	186	119	163
3 . . .	92	68	140	137	66	121
4 . . .	100	70	232	217	80	214
5 . . .	119	103	208	205	121	204
6 . . .	57	45	254	242	49	242
7 . . .	147	142	218	210	140	210
8 . . .	75	67	292	281	63	275
9 . . .	102	95	243	229	93	220
Totals,	959	801	1,979	1,901	824	1,838

* Elected.

WARD TWENTY-TWO.

PRECINCT.	John M. Brauneis, Rep.	Charles J. Grace, Dem.	Abram Jordan, Rep.	George W. Lorey, Rep.	William G. Roemer, Rep.	Charles F. Sefton, Dem.
1 . . .	209	174	281	302	319	171
2 . . .	263	225	100	124	117	232
3 . . .	227	244	53	57	50	266
4 . . .	115	134	227	225	257	119
5 . . .	156	122	174	196	215	122
6 . . .	59	47	229	236	238	46
7 . . .	71	75	255	253	252	74
8 . . .	177	181	163	173	185	175
Totals,	1,277	1,202	1,482	1,566	1,633	1,205

* Elected.

WARD TWENTY-THREE.

PRECINCT.	Andrew Brauer, Dem.	John H. Broderick, Dem.	Francis J. V. Dakin, Dem.	Chas. W. Dennis, Rep.	Guy F. Newhall, Dem.	Frank R. Pumphrey, Rep.	Robert J. Stronge, Rep. Ind. Nom. P.
1 . . .	145	108	92	142	96	155	40
2 . . .	64	297	227	85	251	62	19
3 . . .	73	273	235	61	254	72	21
4 . . .	119	199	187	115	199	102	42
5 . . .	212	175	228	175	179	159	118
6 . . .	241	73	94	178	115	179	170
7 . . .	189	48	81	169	95	142	133
8 . . .	202	43	54	247	109	201	91
9 . . .	81	104	98	85	134	67	20
Totals,	1,326	1,320	1,296	1,257	1,432	1,139	654

* Elected.

WARD TWENTY-FOUR.

PRECINCT.	John Devine, Dem.	Edmund J. Hardy, Dem.	William E. Harvey, Rep.	Willard W. Hibbard, Rep.	Thomas H. Meade, Dem.	Samuel H. Mildram, Rep.
1 . . .	175	169	102	116	180	107
2 . . .	119	131	150	155	117	169
3 . . .	105	111	240	245	118	244
4 . . .	121	137	159	167	140	172
5 . . .	66	66	200	222	79	208
6 . . .	128	129	164	179	134	171
7 . . .	104	95	273	266	97	274
8 . . .	150	132	318	320	137	302
9 . . .	110	114	182	202	111	181
Totals,	1,078	1,084	1,788	1,872	1,113	1,828

* Elected.

WARD TWENTY-FIVE.

PRECINCT.	Martin F. Devine, Dem.	William A. Kelley, Dem.	Thomas M. Roddy, Dem.	Ezra N. Rolland, Rep.	Clarence W. Sanderson, Rep.	Harvey W. Walker, Rep.
1 . . .	114	139	112	198	220	215
2 . . .	47	47	45	271	270	277
3 . . .	38	42	39	152	249	250
4 . . .	222	235	220	66	87	71
5 . . .	200	194	173	126	172	131
6 . . .	126	119	105	203	230	212
7 . . .	222	223	209	138	149	140
Totals,	969	999	903	1,254	1,377	1,296

* Elected.

Shall Licenses Be Granted for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this City?

WARDS.	Yes.	No.
1	1,473	1,204
2	1,525	763
3	1,126	795
4	886	734
5	1,038	613
6	1,532	662
7	865	463
8	1,467	674
9	1,312	810
10	1,157	807
11	1,603	698
12	1,156	823
13	1,242	966
14	1,509	1,357
15	1,142	1,081
16	1,306	1,096
17	1,567	1,038
18	1,250	906
19	1,849	989
20	1,604	1,724
21	1,506	1,248
22	1,792	1,132
23	1,451	1,397
24	1,281	1,627
25	1,429	865
Totals	34,068	24,472

NOTE.—Proportion of men registered who voted, 59.46 per cent.

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOSEPH J. CORBETT.
Board of Election Commissioners.

Bids have been received by the City of Philadelphia for furnishing music for the public squares. There will be ninety-five concerts, and the contract has been let out for \$13,900. Special or extra concerts will be charged for at \$190 each. The band will be composed of forty-six uniformed players.

The Alabama House has voted to increase the general appropriation for public schools from \$350,000 to \$600,000.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following bills concerning the City of Boston have been presented to the Massachusetts Legislature and referred to appropriate committees:

In the Senate.

SENATE BILL No. 25 accompanies the petition of John F. Wood; it was referred to the Joint Judiciary Committee. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATING TO THE SELLING OF ARTICLES IN THE STREETS AND FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. No person shall sell any goods, wares or merchandise, or any other article, to any person on a street in the City of Boston, unless licensed so to do by the Superintendent of Streets of said city, who shall impose such conditions for the protection of travellers and the cleanliness of the streets as he may deem proper; and any person so licensed, or authorized to sell goods from house to house in said city, shall on request therefor, and in accordance with the powers conferred upon them, sell the goods, wares, merchandise or articles which he is authorized to sell to any person desiring to purchase the same.

Sect. 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall, for each offence, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$50.

SENATE BILL No. 27 accompanies the petition of Orsino G. Sleeper; it was referred to the Committee on Public Service. It is entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE CLERICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR CIVIL BUSINESS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, for civil business, shall be paid by the County of Suffolk \$2,500 for additional clerical assistance, in addition to and in the manner provided for the amount now paid said clerk by said county for clerical assistance.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 29 was presented by Senator Donovan of Suffolk; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TUNNEL TO EAST BOSTON.

Whereas, One of the considerations which led to the enactment of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1894 was the authority thereby given to the Boston Rapid Transit Commission to construct a tunnel or tunnels from Scollay square to Maverick square in East Boston, of sufficient size for two railway tracks, and for running railway cars

therein, to connect with the subways provided for by said act; and,

Whereas, the principal subways provided for by said act have been completed; and,

Whereas, when said Commission was about to enter upon the construction of said tunnel, legal proceedings were instituted, and are still pending, to prevent such construction;

Resolved, That it is the sense of the General Court that the tunnel provided for by said act ought to be constructed as soon as practicable, and that it would be a great injustice to the citizens of East Boston, and a breach of good faith, if the construction of the tunnel should be prevented or delayed.

SENATE BILL No. 30 accompanies the petition of William J. Donovan; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LAYING OUT AND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Treasurer of the City of Boston, for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in laying out, locating anew, altering, widening and constructing highways in the City of Boston, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891, and of acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, shall from time to time, on request of the Mayor, issue and sell negotiable bonds or certificates of said city to the amount of \$2,000,000 in addition to the amounts already authorized for said purposes, and said bonds shall not be reckoned in determining the limit of indebtedness of said city. The proceeds of said bonds shall be used only for laying out, locating anew, altering, widening and constructing streets fifty feet or less in width.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 35 accompanies the petition of the South Boston Citizens' Association; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXTENSION OF COVE STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City Treasurer of the City of Boston, to pay the expenses incurred in constructing the extension of Cove street, from Kneeland street across the Terminal Company's lands, provided for in Section 11 of Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896, as amended by Chapter 388 of the Acts of the year 1897, shall from time to time at the request of the Mayor of said city, issue bonds to the amounts required for that purpose, and said bonds shall not be taken into consideration in determining the debt limit of said city.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 36 accompanies the petition of John A. Keliher. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO SARAH E. LEAVITT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to Sarah E. Leavitt, widow of William D. Leavitt, late a member of the Police Department of the City of Boston, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to serve as a police officer until the close of the present fiscal year.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 42 accompanies the petition of the Cambridge Bridge Commission; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, TO CONSTRUCT THE BRIDGE TO BE BUILT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE, WITHOUT A DRAW.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Cambridge Bridge Commission, created by Chapter 467 of the Acts of the year 1898, may, with the consent of the United States Government, construct the new Cambridge Bridge, the construction of which was authorized by said act, without a draw; said bridge to be constructed at a height over the main ship channel of not less than twenty-six feet above mean high water, and with a distance between piers at said point of at least forty feet.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 49 accompanies the petition of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Libraries and Joint Judiciary, sitting jointly. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BEQUEST OF THE LATE CHARLOTTE HARRIS TO THE CHARLESTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston are hereby authorized to keep in the Central Library Building in the City of Boston all books heretofore or that may hereafter be purchased under the legacy in the will of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library; but nothing herein contained shall authorize anything to be done contrary to the terms of said will.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 59 accompanies the petition of Henry D. Yeaton; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION AND CAUCUS OFFICERS, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston shall, prior to the first day of August, 1899, divide each ward in said city into voting districts, to be

known as election districts, and numbered numerically beginning with number one in each ward; said election districts shall contain as near as may be two hundred registered voters on the basis of the number of registered voters in each ward for the city election in 1898.

Sect. 2. On or before the first day of September, 1899, and during the month of June in each and every year hereafter, said Board of Election Commissioners shall appoint two election inspectors and two deputy election inspectors, who shall be members of the two leading political parties and registered voters in the wards in which they are appointed, and as near as may be in the election districts to which they are assigned; they shall be equally divided between said political parties; and shall hold office until their successors are appointed and qualified. They shall be examined by said Board of Election Commissioners as to their qualifications before appointment, shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties and may be removed from office by said Board of Election Commissioners for any cause it may deem sufficient, which cause shall be stated in the order for removal.

Sect. 3. Said election inspectors shall be and act as the registers of voters in the several districts for which they are appointed.

Sect. 4. Said Board of Election Commissioners shall provide places of registration in each election district in said city, which shall be open on the day prior to each and every caucus from twelve o'clock noon until ten o'clock in the afternoon, and for four days next prior to the close of registration for any general or special election held in said city or any ward or wards thereof, from nine o'clock in the forenoon to ten o'clock in the afternoon. All voters shall be registered in the election district in which they are assessed for a poll tax.

Sect. 5. Said election inspectors and said deputy election inspectors shall be and act as the election officers in the district for which they are appointed. They shall be organized as such election officers by said Board of Election Commissioners by the appointment of one election inspector as warden and the other as clerk to be divided between the two political parties according to the present custom. In case of the absence or neglect of any election officer to attend at any election, the qualified voters present shall elect some registered voter in the ward who shall be of the same political party as the absent officer to act in his place during said election. Said person so elected shall be sworn by the warden, clerk or justice of the peace, and shall have all the rights and be subject to all the liabilities of an election inspector or deputy election inspector.

Sect. 6. Said election inspectors shall be and act as the caucus officers in the ward in which they are appointed at all caucuses of the party to which they belong. Before acting as such caucus officers they shall organize by the election from their members of a warden and clerk by majority vote, and in case they are unable to so organize, they shall select said warden and clerk by lot, and the clerk shall keep a record of said organization.

Sect. 7. All duties, rights and liabilities relating to assistant registrars of voters and election and caucus officers shall hereafter be held and performed by and imposed upon

said election inspectors and deputy election inspectors.

Sect. 8. Deputy election inspectors shall act only in the absence of an inspector except at an election.

Sect. 9. Said election inspectors and deputy election inspectors, shall be paid such compensation for their services by said city as said Board of Election Commissioners shall determine.

Sect. 10. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sect. 11. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL NO. 67 was reported by the Committees on Harbors and Public Land and Federal Relations. It is entitled

AN ACT TO CEDE CERTAIN LAND IN BOSTON HARBOR, AND JURISDICTION OVER THE SAME, TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING THE PRESENT LIMITS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY YARD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of enabling the United States of America to extend the present limits of the Navy Yard in Boston harbor, the Commonwealth hereby grants and cedes to the United States jurisdiction over, and all right and claim of the Commonwealth to, that portion of land covered by navigable water lying between the limits of the wharf-line of the said Navy Yard, as now constructed, and the pier and bulkhead line established by the Secretary of War of the United States, shown on a plan entitled "Boston harbor, Mass. Plan showing pier and bulkhead line in front of United States Navy Yard. Recommended for adoption by Col. S. M. Mansfield, Corps of Engineers, United States Army." Approved by the Secretary of War September 7, 1898; provided, that a copy of said plan shall be filed by the United States in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth within one year from the passage of this act: and provided, always, that the Commonwealth shall retain concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over said ceded land, so far that all civil processes and all criminal processes, issuing under the authority of the Commonwealth, may be executed on said ceded land, and in any building to be erected thereon, in the same way and manner as if jurisdiction had not been ceded as aforesaid: and provided, further, that the title to, and the exclusive jurisdiction over, said ceded land shall revert to, and revest in, the Commonwealth, whenever said land ceases to be used by the United States for the purpose herein mentioned.

Sect. 2. The United States government is hereby authorized to fill said ceded area, in accordance with plans to be filed with and approved by the Harbor and Land Commission, and to place such structures in or over the said ceded area as may be necessary for the purpose for which the same is granted.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL NO. 72 was introduced on leave by Senator Innes of Suffolk; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON APPLYING TO VOTE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO WRITE HIS NAME ON THE VOTING LIST.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The last paragraph of Section 222 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1898, being lines twelve to eighteen, both inclusive, of said section, is hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL NO. 76 accompanies the petition of John Bordan, jr.; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 434, Acts of 1898, entitled "An Act Relative to the Finances of the City of Boston," is hereby repealed, and all duties and powers of boards or officials by it affected are hereby reinvested in the same manner as before that act was passed.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL NO. 90 was taken from the Senate files of last year; it was referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CROSSINGS OF RAILROADS AND PUBLIC WAYS IN EAST BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Upon a petition hereafter filed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, praying for such alterations of the crossings of public ways and the railroads of the Boston and Maine Railroad and the Boston and Albany Railroad Company in that part of Boston called East Boston as will avoid crossings at grade, the Superior Court or any justice thereof sitting in equity for the County of Suffolk, after such notice by public advertisement or otherwise as the court or justice shall deem desirable, and a hearing, may appoint a Commission of three disinterested persons to determine whether said grade crossings or any of them should be abolished as hereinafter provided, or the use thereof changed or regulated.

Sect. 2. If said Commission shall determine that the public convenience, necessity and economy require that no alteration should be made at present in the grade or location of said public ways, or of said railroads, or that in view of existing conditions and circumstances it is prudent that further protection at said grade crossings, or any of them, should be made, or that the use thereof should be changed or regulated, it shall so report to the court, with its recommendations relative thereto, and the recommendations and decision of the Commission being confirmed by the court, shall be forthwith carried out.

Sect. 3. If said Commission shall determine that the public convenience, necessity and economy require the abolition of said grade crossings, or any of them, said Commission shall prescribe the manner and limits

within which alterations of the grade crossings of Curtis street, Saratoga street, Bennington street, Maverick street, Sumner street and Webster street shall be made by lowering the tracks of said railroads within the limits thereof and by carrying said streets over said tracks; Prescott street and Porter street shall also be carried over said tracks; provided, however, that Prescott street and Porter street may also be carried over Bremen street, and that Saratoga street and Bennington street may be carried over said tracks on one and the same bridge if the Commission determines that the public interest so requires.

Sect. 4. If said Commission determines that said grade crossings, or any of them, shall be abolished, it may, instead of proceeding as provided by the preceding section, prescribe new locations in and along public streets of East Boston for the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company, and in such case it may prescribe that a portion of such new locations shall commence at or near its present location on or near Saratoga street; thence upon Saratoga street, or private land to Bennington street; thence upon said Bennington street to Chelsea street or Bremen street; thence upon said Chelsea or Bremen street and other streets or private lands, so that said railroad may connect with all ferries to Boston proper, and with the tunnel or tunnels to be built by the Boston Transit Commission; may prescribe suitable locations for side tracks, switches and turn-outs to be used in operating said railroad; may prescribe that the ferry-boats and ferry-landings, and other lands and terminals of said railroad company in Boston proper, and all the superstructures of said company in East Boston which are not required to be transferred to another railroad company, and the land on which such superstructures are built, shall be transferred to the City of Boston; may prescribe that all other lands, locations, terminals and tunnels of said railroad company in East Boston shall be transferred to such other of said railroad companies or the city as said Commission shall deem necessary for carrying out the purposes of this act; may prescribe that, for the purpose desired in in this section, railroad tracks shall go over highways, that highways shall go over railroad tracks, that land shall be taken and used for public ways, or for new locations for the Boston and Maine Railroad, the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company, or any of said companies; may prescribe that all the locations, terminals, lands, tunnels and other property belonging to any such railroad company or the city, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be transferred by such company or city to, and the same shall be taken for, another railroad company or for the city, and be used as prescribed for railroad or street purposes; and shall prescribe that said city shall operate a ferry from East Boston from a terminal at or near the South Ferry, so called, to the terminal now belonging to and used by said Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company on Atlantic avenue in Boston proper, and upon the carrying out of the directions and prescriptions of said Commission said Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company shall use as its motive power in such public streets, electricity, or

such other motive power, except steam, as the Board of Railroad Commissioners may require and the provisions of Chapter 428 of the Acts of the year 1890 and acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, shall not apply to said railroad company in respect to any locations which may be prescribed for it along any public streets in said East Boston. Said Commission shall prescribe the sum to be paid as damages for any property taken under authority of this act, and shall determine as such damages the amount which they find to be: first, the cost of the tunnels and the value of lands in, through and upon which they are built; second, the value of any and all other structures, and of the lands upon which they are built, all values of land to be determined as if the railroad company owning the same owned the fee thereof. If any party is aggrieved by any sum so prescribed, such party may have such sum determined by a jury in the Superior Court for the County of Suffolk, according to the above directions, and subject to the same rules of law so far as applicable and not inconsistent herewith, as the value of lands taken in laying out highways in said city are determined, on petition therefor filed in the clerk's office of said court within one year after the date of the decree of the court confirming the decision of said Commission.

Sect. 5. The cost of carrying out the recommendations and decision of said Commission, as confirmed by the court, including land damages, shall be borne in the following proportions: twenty per centum by the City of Boston, thirty per centum by the Commonwealth and fifty per centum by said railroad companies in the proportion for each railroad company that shall be determined and apportioned by said Commission; but if one only of said companies abandons or discontinues its location under the provisions of the following section, said fifty per centum shall be borne by the other company.

Sect. 6. If said Commission shall decide that any of said grade crossings should be abolished, or the use thereof further regulated, either of said railroad companies within two months after the report of said Commission has been confirmed by the court, may discontinue or abandon its locations in all the public ways in East Boston and file a notice to that effect in the court which has confirmed said report, and in such case the decision of said Commission, so far as it relates to the railroad company making such abandonment or discontinuance, shall not be enforced, but such company may retain possession and control of the docks, wharves and other property owned or occupied by it outside of the public ways: provided, however, that whatever property of the company making such abandonment or discontinuance is taken by said Commission, and is required to carry out its determinations and prescriptions, shall not be retained by such company, and the company making such abandonment or discontinuance shall, within six months after such filing, remove its railroad tracks from within the limits of every public way in East Boston, and any court having jurisdiction in equity shall have authority in equity to compel such removal.

Sect. 7. In case any land, wharf or dock heretofore taken by purchase or otherwise by either of said railroad corporations or by said city is taken under authority of this act, the

damages to be paid to such corporation or city, on account of the taking of such land, wharf or dock shall be assessed as if the railroad corporation or city were the sole owner thereof; and either of said railroad corporations may sell and convey any land, wharf or dock occupied by it for railroad purposes in East Boston, and the purchaser thereof for any public purposes shall have the right to occupy the same thereafter for said public purposes, and if either of said railroad corporations is required by the order of said Commission to abandon any part of its location, and thereupon abandons the same, the value of the land, wharf or dock so required to be abandoned shall be included in the total cost of the alterations.

Sect. 8. The provisions of Chapter 428 of the Acts of the year 1890 and acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall apply to said Commission and to the carrying out of its decisions.

Sect. 9. No change in the grade of either of said railroads shall be prescribed by said Commission until such change has received the consent and approval of the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

Sect. 10. Chapter 491 of the Acts of the year 1895 is hereby repealed.

Sect. 11. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

In the House of Representatives.

HOUSE BILL No. 90 was introduced on leave by Mr. Whall of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SEWERAGE WORKS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1, Chapter 426, Acts of 1897 be amended by inserting after the words "surface or ground water" in the twenty-first line the words "hereafter constructed."

Sect. 2. That Section 6, Chapter 426, Acts of 1897, be amended by striking out the words "heretofore or" in the third line.

Sect. 3. That Section 7, Chapter 426, Acts of 1897, be amended by inserting after the words "estates in said city" in the fourth line the words "directly benefited by and bordering on said sewers, water-courses and ways." Said Sections 1, 6 and 7 of Chapter 426, Acts of 1897 as corrected to read as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Boston shall annually appropriate, to be met by the issue of bonds as hereinafter provided, sums not exceeding \$1,000,000 in any one year, for constructing sewerage works in said city, and shall also appropriate, to be met by the annual charges hereinafter provided for, such sums as the Mayor of said city shall deem sufficient for maintaining and operating the sewerage works, and such sums as the City Treasurer of said city shall each year determine to be the amount to be used for the sinking-funds for bonds issued for sewerage works, which, with all other amounts so used and their accumulations, will pay all such bonds at maturity; and there shall also be used for said sinking-funds all premiums received from the sale of said bonds, and all amounts received for breach of any contract for constructing sewerage works, or for securities deposited as security for making such contracts and

declared to be forfeited to the city, or for sales of property. All sewers, drains, pumping-stations and other works for the collection or disposal of sewage, or surface or ground water hereafter constructed in said city, shall be included in the term "sewerage work," as used in this act, and no such work shall hereafter be constructed in said city, except under authority of this act, unless the same has been ordered to be constructed before the passage thereof.

Sect. 6. The Treasurer of said city, to meet the expenses incurred in constructing any sewerage works hereafter ordered to be constructed in said city shall from time to time on the request of said Board, approved by the Mayor, issue to the total amount appropriated, but not exceeding \$1,000,000 in any one year, bonds of said city, registered or coupon, as said Treasurer shall from time to time determine, and the same shall not be considered in determining the limit of indebtedness of said city; said bonds shall have printed on the face thereof the words, Sewerage Loan; shall be countersigned by the Mayor and be payable in terms of thirty years from their date; and shall bear such rates of interest not exceeding four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and the first day of July of each year, and be issued and disposed of in such amounts, in such modes, and at such times and prices, as said Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, shall from time to time determine.

Sect. 7. The Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, shall annually before the first day of July determine just and equitable sewerage charges to be paid by estates in said city directly benefited by and bordering on said sewers, water-courses, and ways, for the construction, maintenance and alteration of the sewerage works, taking into consideration in determining the charges the necessity of the works as caused by each estate, the amount of use thereof, if any, by the estate or its occupants, the benefit received therefrom by the estate, the amount of any assessment for a sewer paid by any owner of the estate, the length of time which has elapsed since such payment, and the use, if any, that has heretofore been made of the sewerage works by the occupants of the estate, and such other matters as they shall deem just and proper. The determination of such charges as aforesaid shall be final in all cases, and the amount thereof as determined for each estate shall be a lien thereon until paid, and said Board shall notify the Board of Assessors of said city of the amount thereof forthwith after it has been determined, and the same shall be included in the next tax bill on the estate transmitted by said Board to the Collector, or in a tax bill therefor if no other tax bill is issued for such estate, and be collected as a part of the taxes on the estate.

Sect. 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

HOUSE BILL No. 92 was introduced on leave by Mr. Whall of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is divided into eleven aldermanic districts as follows:

District one shall consist of Wards 1 and 2. District two shall consist of Wards 3, 4 and 5. District three shall consist of Wards 6 and 8. District four shall consist of Wards 7, 9 and 13. District five shall consist of Wards 14 and 15. District six shall consist of Wards 10 and 19. District seven shall consist of Wards 12 and 18. District eight shall consist of Wards 11 and 25. District nine shall consist of Wards 17 and 21. District ten shall consist of Wards 22 and 23. District eleven shall consist of Wards 16, 20 and 24.

Sect. 2. The registered voters of said city at every annual municipal election, shall elect in district one, one alderman; district two, one alderman; district three, one alderman; district four, two aldermen; district five, one alderman; district six, one alderman; district seven, one alderman; district eight, one alderman; district nine, one alderman; district ten, one alderman; district eleven, two aldermen; for the term of one year under the provisions of law so far as applicable.

Sect. 3. There shall also be elected by the registered voters of each of the twenty-five wards of said city at every annual municipal election, under the same provisions of law as those under which members of the Common Council of said city are elected, two members of the Common Council.

Sect. 4. The term of each of said aldermen and common councilmen shall begin with the first Monday in January next following the election; and the aldermen and common councilmen so elected shall meet and be sworn as now provided for members-elect of the City Council of said city.

Sect. 5. Nominations of candidates for the members of the Board of Aldermen in said city to be placed on the official election ballot, made by a political party, which at the preceding annual State election polled for Governor at least three per centum of the entire vote cast in the Commonwealth for that office, shall be so made only when the registered voters of the party in caucuses make nominations as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 6. Nomination papers for the nomination of alderman in any district to be voted for at a caucus of such party shall contain the signatures of not less than twenty-five registered voters of the ward, who are members of such party.

Sect. 7. Each of the members of the Board of Aldermen shall be paid, in monthly payments, a salary of \$1,000 per year, which shall include all expenses incurred by him in the performance of his official duties; and each of the members of the Common Council shall be paid, in monthly payments, a salary of \$300 per year, which shall include all expenses incurred by him in the performance of his official duties.

Sect. 8. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of aldermen or councilmen, there shall be a new election in such district or ward to fill the vacancy, as is now provided by law.

Sect. 9. All rights to use the public streets of said city for the laying of conduits, pipes and wires under or above the surface thereof, all grants of locations of railroads and the right to lay the rails thereof in public streets, and the right to erect poles and other structures in streets shall be granted only by the

concurrent vote of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, as in the case of other votes passed by the City Council, and thereafter any person or corporation so authorized may open and occupy the public streets for the purposes granted only on the permit of the Superintendent of Streets of said city, subject to such conditions as he shall deem necessary for the protection of the public.

Sect. 10. All acts and parts of acts providing for the election of aldermen and councilmen of said city, or inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed, and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this act are hereby annulled.

Sect. 11. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 162 was presented by Mr. John J. Toomey of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations. It is entitled

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE PLACING OF A STEAM LAUNCH AND SEARCH-LIGHT AT THE LIFE-SAVING STATION IN DORCHESTER BAY.

Whereas, The life-saving station established by the United States government in the year 1896 in that part of Boston harbor known as Dorchester bay, an anchoring ground for numerous yachts, has already proved of inestimable value, more than one hundred lives having been saved by the keeper and his crew; and

Whereas, A steam launch and a search-light would add greatly to the efficiency of the said station,

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to take such steps as may induce the United States government to furnish a steam launch and a search-light for the life-saving station in Dorchester bay, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the said Senators and Representatives.

HOUSE BILL No. 164 was introduced on leave by Mr. King of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. All patrol wagons and ambulances under the control of the Police Department of the City of Boston shall be driven by regular police officers.

Sect. 2. All drivers who are not regular police officers, who have been employed by the Police Department for three years or upward, shall be eligible for appointment as such at the discretion of the Police Commissioners.

Sect. 3. This act to take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 176 accompanies the petition of Frank O. Squire; it was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM THE FRANCHISES AND LOCATIONS OF FRANK O. SQUIRE AND OF THE EASTERN COLD STORAGE COMPANY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The franchises or licenses heretofore granted and the locations given by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to Frank O. Squire and to the Eastern Cold Storage Company respectively, to lay, maintain and use pipes and conduits in and under certain streets of the City of Boston for the distribution of refrigerating materials and for purposes of refrigerating and cooling, and the acts done thereunder, are hereby ratified and confirmed. The right under said licenses or franchises, and to the said locations, may be exercised and used by assigns of said Frank O. Squire and said Eastern Cold Storage Company respectively; provided, that said rights shall from and after the passage of this act be exercised and used only by the Eastern Cold Storage Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 182 accompanies the petition of Richard L. Gay; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NOMINATION OF SENATORS IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every nomination of a candidate for Senator in the several Suffolk districts to be made by a political party which at the preceding State election polled for Governor 3 per centum of the entire votes cast in the State for that office shall be made only by direct plurality vote at party caucuses held in the several wards and towns in which the candidates are to be voted for at the election thereof, and the name of a person who is a candidate for Senator who in the aggregate of all the votes cast for senator in the several wards and towns comprising a district shall receive the highest number of votes so cast, shall have his name placed on the official ballot as the nominee of such party for Senator in such district.

Section 2. The nomination papers of every candidate for Senator to be voted for at a caucus in the City of Boston, or in any city or town in Suffolk County which has adopted the provisions of Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1898, shall contain the signatures of not less than five registered voters of each ward of a city and of each town in the senatorial district for which the nomination is to be made, each of whom shall be a member of the political party holding such caucus.

Section 3. The name of every candidate for Senator to be voted for at such caucuses shall be printed on a separate ballot in all wards and towns other than Boston.

Section 4. All ballots and returns for such candidates shall be returned to the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston as ballots and returns of elections in said city are returned, and said Board shall have the same powers and perform the same duties in relation to the counting, tabulating and determining the results of the votes cast at the caucuses for the nomination of such candidates as they have in relation to votes cast at elections in the several precincts of said city, and shall certify and file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth certificates

of nomination of all candidates for Senator nominated as aforesaid; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall place on the official ballots to be used at State elections the names of all candidates for Senator nominated as aforesaid.

Section 5. All provisions of law relating to caucuses and elections, and to the votes cast therein, applicable to, and not inconsistent with, the provisions of this act, shall apply to caucuses for the nomination of Senators as aforesaid, and to the votes cast at such caucuses.

Section 6. The member of the State Committee for each Suffolk senatorial district shall hereafter be selected by the delegates elected to attend the annual State convention of such political party who are residents of such district or substitutes for such residents.

Section 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 183 accompanies the petition of Richard L. Gay; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NOMINATION OF MAYOR IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. All nominations of candidates for Mayor of the City of Boston, to be made by a political party which at the preceding State election polled for Governor three per centum of the entire votes cast in the State for that office, shall be so made only by direct plurality vote at party caucuses held in the several wards in which the candidates are to be voted for at the election thereof; and the name of the person who is a candidate for Mayor who in the aggregate of all the votes cast in the several wards of said city shall receive the highest number of votes as such candidate, shall have his name placed on the official election ballot as the nominee of said party for Mayor.

Section 2. All provisions of law relating to caucuses and elections and to the votes cast therein applicable to, and not inconsistent with, the provisions of this act, shall apply to caucuses for the nomination of Mayor aforesaid, the preparation of ballots, and to the votes cast at such caucuses.

Section 3. All ballots and returns for such candidates shall be returned to the Board of Election Commissioners of said city, as ballots and returns of elections in said city are returned.

Section 4. The Board of Election Commissioners of said city shall have the same powers and perform the same duties in relation to the counting, tabulating and determining the results of the votes cast at such caucuses for such candidates as they have in relation to the votes cast at elections in the several precincts of said city; and the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston shall place on the official ballots to be used at municipal elections in the City of Boston, the names of all candidates for Mayor aforesaid so nominated.

Section 5. Nomination papers for the nomination of Mayor to be voted for at the caucuses of such party shall contain the signatures of not less than five registered voters of such ward of the city, each of whom shall be a member of the political party holding such caucuses.

Section 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 184 is a bill taken from the files of last year on motion of Mr. Clark of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE VOTING DAY IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. In the City of Boston the election of candidates for municipal offices, as provided by statute, shall be held at the same time and at the same places as the election of candidates for State offices.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 187 accompanies the petition of Charles E. Stratton; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO FINISH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ITS PUBLIC PARKS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston shall continue the construction of the public parks of said city other than playgrounds, and to pay the expenses incurred therefor, including payments for land, the Treasurer of said city shall from time to time, on request of the Mayor, issue bonds of said city to the total amount of \$1,000,000, and the same shall not be taken into account in determining the debt limit of said city: provided, however, that no part of said bonds shall be used for the payment of land not already taken or purchased.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 189 accompanies the petition of Willard H. Hodgkins; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FINANCES OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of Chapter 434 of the Acts of the year 1898 is amended by striking out in the seventh and eighth lines the words "at least four of its members including the Mayor," and inserting in place thereof the words "all its members," so as to read as follows:

"Section 2. The Mayor, as early as practicable in the month of January, shall submit to said Board with his recommendations thereon, the department estimates furnished as required by Section 8 of Chapter 266 of Acts of the year 1885, and said Board by the affirmative vote and signatures of all its members shall, prior to the first day of February, prepare and pass a general maintenance appropriation order, containing appropriations to enable the City of Boston to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with said day, of performing the duties and exercising the

powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston or the County of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof."

Sect. 2. Section 3 of Chapter 434 of the Acts of the year 1898 is amended by striking out in the eleventh and twelfth lines the words "at least four of the members, including the Mayor," and inserting in place thereof the words "by the unanimous vote of said board," so as to read as follows:

"Section 3. The Mayor, as early as practicable in the the month of January or February, shall submit to such Board, with any recommendations which he may desire to make thereon, any requests for loan appropriations furnished to him by the several departments; and said Board by vote and signatures as aforesaid shall, prior to the first day of March, prepare and pass a general loan appropriation order, containing such appropriations to be met by loan; and for such purposes as said Board shall deem the public necessity or convenience may require, not exceeding in the aggregate four-fifths of the estimated amount which can be raised in that municipal year by loans within the debt limit of said city; but such loan appropriation order shall not be passed unless by the unanimous vote of said Board, and said Board shall in writing certify upon said order that no item therein is to meet a current expense, or that certain specified items therein and no others are to meet current expenses, but that public necessity requires the borrowing of money therefor."

Sect. 3. Section 6 of Chapter 434 of the Acts of the year 1898 is amended by striking out in the eleventh line the words "as provided by law," and inserting in place thereof the words "by a majority vote of the members of both branches of the City Council acting separately," so as to read as follows:

"Section 6. The Mayor shall, within three days after any such appropriation order has been passed as aforesaid, submit the same to the City Council of said city, and the City Council shall forthwith proceed carefully to consider and investigate the same, and may, within a period of thirty days following such submission, pass a vote or votes reducing or striking out any appropriation therein, except an appropriation the amount of which is fixed by law, or an appropriation for interest and sinking-fund requirements, but shall not pass any other vote relating to any appropriation, or insert any new appropriation; and any such vote of reduction or striking out shall be subject to the veto of the Mayor and to passage over his veto by a majority vote of the members of both branches of the City Council acting separately. At the expiration of said period of thirty days the orders with the appropriations therein as passed by said Board, or as altered in accordance with the preceding provisions, shall stand and be in force as appropriation orders of said city."

Sect. 4. Section 7 of Chapter 434 of the Acts of the year 1898 is amended by striking out in the second and third lines the words "a majority of its members and of the Mayor," and inserting in place thereof the words "all its members" so as to read as follows:

"Section 7. The City Auditor of said city, with the approval of said Board, acting by vote and signatures of all its members, may from time to time during the year make transfers from the appropriation for current expenses of one division of a department to the appropriation for current expenses of any other division of the same department, and transfers from the general treasury or from the appropriation for reserve fund to the appropriation for current expenses of any department, and may, to balance and close the accounts of the city for the financial year, between the first day of December of each year and the first day February of the following year, make transfers from any appropriation not met by loan to any other appropriation, or from any appropriation met by loan to any other appropriation met by loan, and apply any of the income and taxes not disposed of."

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 202 was introduced on leave by Mr. Frost of Lawrence; it was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STEAMSHIP PASSENGER LISTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every steamship company engaged in the business of carrying passengers from Boston to any port seventy-five miles or more distant by water from Boston, and having an office in Boston, shall keep on record in its office a list of all passengers booked by it, and no ticket shall be sold, before the departure of the steamship on which it is to be used, without first adding to said list the name and residence of the passenger for whom it is intended.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 214 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Newton; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE CITY OF NEWTON TO MAKE CONTRACTS FOR THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN SEWAGE AND WATER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. If the City of Newton and the City of Boston shall so agree, the City of Newton may deliver sewage from its sewers now constructed or hereafter to be constructed in the easterly part of said city, and ground and surface water from conduits therefor now constructed or hereafter to be constructed in said part of said city, and the City of Boston may take into its sewers and conduits said sewage and water and dispose of the same under such agreement or agreements as have been or shall hereafter be made for the purpose by the two cities.

Sect. 2. The agreement purporting to be made by said cities relating to said sewage, dated the fourth day of January, 1899, is hereby ratified and confirmed as an agreement which has been made by said cities relating to said sewage.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 228 accompanies the petition, taken from the files of last year, of J. B. L. Bartlett; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOULEVARD FROM MORTON STREET TO WASHINGTON STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston may borrow outside of its debt limit such sum of money as may be necessary to meet the expense of constructing a boulevard eighty feet wide from the junction of Blue Hill avenue and Morton street to Washington street in said city according to the plan of the Board of Survey.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 258 was introduced on leave by Mr. Toomey of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Labor. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CONTRACTS MADE BY THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston shall, in every contract made by it on public works, require the insertion of a stipulation that no work or labor shall be performed under said contract except by citizens of the United States.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 264 was introduced on leave by Mr. Dumond of Boston; it was referred to the Committees on Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs, sitting jointly. It is entitled

AN ACT TO DIVIDE THE CITY OF BOSTON INTO ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston shall be, and hereby is, divided into eleven aldermanic districts; and Wards 1 and 2 shall constitute one district, to be known as the first aldermanic district; Wards 3, 4 and 5 shall constitute one district, to be known as the second aldermanic district; Wards 6 and 8 shall constitute one district, to be known as the third aldermanic district; Wards 7, 9 and 13 shall constitute one district, to be known as the fourth aldermanic district; Wards 10 and 19 shall constitute one district, to be known as the fifth aldermanic district; Wards 11 and 25 shall constitute one district, to be known as the sixth aldermanic district; Wards 12 and 18 shall constitute one district, to be known as the seventh aldermanic district; Wards 14 and 15 shall constitute one district, to be known as the eighth aldermanic district; Wards 16, 20 and 24 shall constitute one district, to be known as the ninth aldermanic district; Wards 17 and 21 shall constitute one district, to be known as the tenth aldermanic district; Wards 22 and 23 shall constitute one district, to be known as the eleventh aldermanic district.

Sect. 2. The qualified voters of said city, at every municipal election, shall elect in

the first aldermanic district, one alderman; in the second aldermanic district, one alderman; in the third aldermanic district, one alderman; in the fourth aldermanic district, two aldermen; in the fifth aldermanic district, one alderman; in the sixth aldermanic district, one alderman; in the seventh aldermanic district, one alderman; in the eighth aldermanic district, one alderman; in the ninth aldermanic district, two aldermen; in the tenth aldermanic district, one alderman; in the eleventh aldermanic district, one alderman; who will serve for a term of one year, beginning with the first Monday of January next following the election; and all candidates must be residents and legal voters in their respective districts.

Sect. 3. In case one or more members of the Board of Aldermen have not been elected, the members who have been elected, whether constituting a quorum or otherwise, shall order a new election for the number of aldermen not elected at such time and place as they may deem advisable; and in case no member of the Board of Aldermen has been elected, the President of the Common Council shall order a new election for members of the Board of Aldermen at such time and place as he may deem advisable, and the same proceeding shall be as are provided in the preceding section. The course herein prescribed shall be repeated from time to time until a full Board of Aldermen shall be elected.

Sect. 4. Whenever there is a vacancy on said Board by removal from the city, death, resignation or otherwise, the members of said Board who shall continue in office shall order an election to fill such vacancy, at such time and place as they may deem advisable.

Sect. 5. Nominations of candidates for the Board of Aldermen in the City of Boston, made by a political party which at the preceding annual State election, polled for Governor at least 3 per centum of the entire vote cast in the State for that office, shall be made directly in the caucuses, and not by convention or committees, and the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes of the total vote cast in the several ward caucuses in his respective district shall be the nominee for said district.

Sect. 6. Each of the members of the Board of Aldermen shall be paid a salary of \$1,500, to be paid in equal monthly instalments.

Sect. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 279 accompanies the petition of Charles F. Kittredge; it was referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO GRANTING LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of determining the number of licenses of the first five classes which may be issued for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, the said city is hereby divided territorially into eight districts, each to be composed of the wards hereinafter named by their numbers.

Sect. 2. District No. 1, to be known as the East Boston District, shall include Wards numbered 1 and 2. District No. 2, to be known as the Charlestown district, shall include Wards numbered 3, 4 and 5. District No. 3, to be known as the Boston district, shall include Wards numbered 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. District No. 4, to be known as the South Boston district, shall include Wards numbered 13, 14 and 15. District No. 5, to be known as the Dorchester district, shall include Wards numbered 16, 20 and 24. District No. 6, to be known as the Roxbury district, shall include Wards numbered 17, 18, 19 and 21. District No. 7, to be known as the West Roxbury district, shall include Wards numbered 22 and 23. District No. 8, to be known as the Brighton district, shall be composed of Ward numbered 25.

Sect. 3. The Board of Police of the City of Boston may grant licenses of the first five classes for the sale of intoxicating liquors in any district of said city in accordance with existing provisions of law, subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

First—There shall be printed upon all ballots used at the municipal elections of the City of Boston the name of the district as specified in Section 2 of this Act, in which the ballot is to be cast, with an enumeration of the wards comprising such district and an interrogatory in the following form: "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this district?" and the ballot shall be "yes" or "no" in answer to said question.

Second—If a majority of the votes cast at any municipal election, in any district of the City of Boston, shall be "no" in answer to said question, the Board of Police of said city shall not grant any license of the first five classes in such district or districts, for the license year next ensuing, nor until a majority of the votes cast in said district or districts shall be "yes" in answer to said question.

Third—If a majority of the votes cast at any municipal election shall be "yes" in answer to said question, in any such district or districts, then the Board of Police may grant licenses of the first five classes in such districts and according to the combined population of such districts only.

Sect. 4. All existing laws relating to balloting, the ballots cast, the return of votes, the preservation of ballots and recounts, shall apply to the said districts, and all laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sect. 5. Each city or town which may hereafter be annexed to the City of Boston, shall constitute a district for all purposes of this act.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect as to voting at the next annual city election, and as to granting licenses at the end of the then current license year.

HOUSE BILL No. 303 accompanies the petition (taken from the files of last year) of Walter L. Sears; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A MORE EQUITABLE METHOD OF RAISING MONEY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Water Commissioner for the City of Boston shall annually during the month of January, beginning in the year 1899, furnish the Mayor and City Council of said city with an estimate of the amount of money required for his Department during the next financial year.

Sect. 2. The City Council of said city shall levy a general tax on all real estate, as hereinafter provided, beginning on the first day of February in the year 1899, and annually thereafter, a sum estimated to be sufficient to pay for all expenditures of the said Water Department of said city for the aforesaid financial year.

Sect. 3. Beginning in the year 1899, and annually thereafter, the Board of Assessors of said city shall assess by a general tax levied upon all real estate such amount as the City Council, with the approval of the Mayor, may deem sufficient to meet all expenditures of said Department; and all moneys so raised shall be placed to the credit of said Water Department.

Sect. 4. Said Board of Assessors shall assess, and the City Collector shall collect such water-rates existing, or as may be established by said Water Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, for all water used for mechanical purposes in the same manner as at present, and the revenue derived from such collections shall be placed to the credit of the Water Department, to meet interest on debt, or sinking-fund requirements of said Water Department, as the Mayor may determine.

Sect. 5. On and after the first day of January in the year 1899, water for domestic purposes shall be furnished free by the City of Boston to its inhabitants; and the aforesaid Board of Assessors, together with the Water Commissioner, shall determine who are domestic users; and all other users shall be liable to assessment as provided in Section 4.

Sect. 6. Said Water Commissioner with the approval of the Mayor shall make such rules and regulations for the proper enforcement of this act and the prevention of waste as may be necessary; and the City Council may, by ordinance, provide such penalties as they deem proper for any violations of said rules and regulations.

Sect. 7. Any city by majority vote of its City Council and approval of the Mayor may adopt the general provisions of this act.

Sect. 8. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

HOUSE BILL No. 304 was introduced on leave by Mr. King of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ASSESSING OF MEN IN THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR POLLS AND FOR VOTING PURPOSES; AND FOR ASSESSING WOMEN FOR VOTING PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Election Commissioners are hereby empowered to assess, for polls and for voting purposes all men residing in the City of Boston; and also to assess all registered women voters.

Sect. 2. The said Board of Election Commissioners on the first day of April in each year shall appoint for this purpose a suitable number of qualified male voters, but not less than four to a ward, equally divided between the two parties casting the highest number of votes at the municipal election next preceding. These appointees shall receive as compensation for their services the sum of five dollars per day, eight hours to constitute one day's work. They shall be called "Commissioners' assistants."

Sect. 3. Annually in the month of May or June the said Commissioners' assistants shall proceed to canvass and record, in the manner hereinafter provided, the names of all men residing in the City of Boston. The Commissioners' assistants shall visit every building in the City of Boston, and make a diligent inquiry, and shall return true lists, containing, as nearly as the facts can be ascertained, the name, age, occupation and residence on the first day of May in the current year, and the residence on the first day of May in the preceding year, of every male person twenty years of age or upward. They shall inquire at the residence of the women voters whose names are contained in the lists furnished by the Election Commissioners, whether such women voters are resident thereat, and shall thereupon make true lists of the women voters found by them.

Sect. 4. The said Commissioners' assistants, in proceeding with the canvass of polls, shall observe the following rules, to wit: Two Commissioners' assistants, being not of the same political party, shall call at each house, and they shall verify each others work upon the spot; when calling at a house which is inhabited, if no response is given, they shall make a note of the fact, and make every reasonable endeavor to find the person or persons so missed at a future time.

Sect. 5. The Commissioners' assistants shall, upon the personal application of an assessed person for the correction of any error in their original lists, and whenever informed of any such error, make due investigation, and, upon proof thereof, correct the same on their books. They shall cause all applications, certificates and affidavits received by them under this section to be preserved for two years.

Sect. 6. The Commissioners' assistants shall, from time to time, and before the fifteenth day of July in each year, transmit the lists made, as provided in the preceding sections, or certified copies thereof, to the Collector of Taxes, and shall transmit to said Collector of Taxes notice of every addition to and correction in the lists afterward made by them.

Sect. 7. The Commissioners' assistants shall, on or before the fifteenth day of July in each year, prepare street lists containing the names of all persons assessed by them for poll taxes for the current year, which lists shall be arranged by voting precincts. They shall print such lists in pamphlet form; shall deliver to the various political committees as many copies as they may require, and hold the remaining copies for public distribution.

Sect. 8. The Commissioners' assistants shall name or designate in such street lists all buildings used as residences, in their order on the street where they are located, by giving the number or other definite description of each building, so that it can be readily identified, and shall place opposite

to or under each number or other description of a building, the name, age and occupation of every person residing therein on the first day of May in the current year and assessed for a poll tax, and his residence on the first day of May of the preceding year.

Sect. 9. If a male person twenty-one years of age, resident in the City of Boston on the first day of May, was not assessed for a poll tax, he shall, in order to establish his right to assessment, present himself to the registrars of voters in the ward in which he resides or at the office of the Election Commissioners. He must be identified by two legal voters of his ward, under oath, whose names are on the voting lists (the registrars first having ascertained by reference to the voting lists, that said voters are eligible), and the applicant may then, after having been sworn, be assessed and registered as a voter.

Sect. 10. The Commissioners' assistants shall enter the name and residence of each person thus assessed or certified, in a book provided for that purpose, and opposite to each name the names, occupations and residences of the persons who have testified as above provided.

Sect. 11. All assessments made in accordance with Section 9 of this act shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73 of Chapter 11 of the Public Statutes, and shall be entered in the tax list of the Collector of Taxes and be collected by him according to law.

Sect. 12. The City Registrar of deaths shall, on the first day of every month, and also two days before every election, transmit to the registrars of voters a list of the names of all residents of such city or town of twenty-one years of age or upwards who died in the preceding month or since the date of the list previously transmitted, with a statement of the ward, street and number therein, if any, where such person resided at his death.

Sect. 13. Annually on the first day of September the Board of Election Commissioners shall establish a convenient place or places in each ward in the City of Boston for sub-assessment and for registration purposes, to continue open up to and including the first day of October, when assessment and registration shall close for the year.

Sect. 14. The Mayor, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, Board of Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Boston are empowered to raise funds, in the usual manner, to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sect. 15. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 16. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 305 was introduced on leave by Mr. Minton of Boston. It is entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE BETTER ENFORCEMENT OF THE BUILDING LAWS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. No owner, contractor, mechanic or other person shall construct or alter a building in the City of Boston, except in accordance with plans bearing the approval of the Building Commissioner of said city, and shall exhibit said plans when de-

manded by any building inspector or police officer of the City of Boston.

Sect. 2. No building in the City of Boston hereafter constructed or altered to be occupied as a dwelling-house for more than two families, or as a tenement-house, or lodging-house, shall be so occupied until the Building Commissioner of said city issues a certificate to the owners thereof that the building is constructed in accordance with the statutes and ordinances relating thereto.

Sect. 3. All violation of acts relating to the construction, alteration, maintenance and repair of buildings in the City of Boston shall be subject to the same penalties provided for violation of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892.

HOUSE BILL No. 321 accompanies the petition of the Boston Terminal Company; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN RELATIVE TO THE EXTENSION OF COVE STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 388 of the Acts of the year 1897, entitled "An act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston," is hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 323 accompanies the petition of the President of the Common Council of the City of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO EXAMINE WITNESSES AND OBTAIN INFORMATION IN CERTAIN CASES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Any head of a department, or other employee of the City of Boston, may be summoned to attend and testify as a witness, and to produce books and papers, before the Common Council of said city, or before any committee thereof, and such witness shall be examined in the same manner, and be paid the same fees, and be subject to the same penalties for default, as witnesses before police courts. The presiding officer of such Council, and any member of any such committee, may administer oaths to witnesses appearing before such council or committee, respectively.

Sect. 2. No order or request for information from any head of a department, made by the Common Council, shall require the approval of the Mayor of said city.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 331 was introduced on leave by Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF
ALDERMEN IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston shall consist of twelve members, who shall be elected at large by the registered voters of said city at each annual municipal election; and each registered voter of said city shall be entitled to vote for twelve candidates for said Board of Aldermen.

Sect. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of Section 1 hereof are hereby repealed, and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this act are hereby annulled.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 332 was introduced on leave by Mr. J. J. Toomey of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LEASING OF
BUILDINGS AND THE GRANTING OF CON-
CESSIONS BY THE PARK COMMISSIONERS
OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows.

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 365 of the Acts of the year 1897 is hereby amended by striking out all after the words "Section 1," and substituting the following: Public bath-houses and bathing-places and public wharves or floats under the control of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston shall be leased annually to the highest bidder by the Mayor and Aldermen of the said city. The said Commissioners may lease any other lands or buildings under their control, and may grant concessions to keep carriages for hire, or to do other things for the accommodation of the public, not involving the use of said bath-houses, bathing-places, wharves or floats, upon such terms and conditions as the said Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, may deem proper.

Sect. 2. No lease or concession shall be made under this act except to citizens of the United States.

Sect. 3. This act shall not affect any leases or other contracts already made by the said Commissioners.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 333 was introduced on leave by Mr. Root of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION
OF VOTERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 61 of the Acts of the year 1895, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 401 of the Acts of the year 1898 is hereby amended by adding, in the twenty-second line thereof, after the word "May," the following: "If such person is accepted as a voter, his name and residence and the names and residences of the persons vouching for him as aforesaid shall be published as soon as possible in a daily paper, published in the city or

town concerned, and if no daily paper is published in such city or town, then in any weekly paper published there, or if there be no weekly paper published there, then in that weekly paper the place of publication of which is nearest to the said city or town," so as to read as follows:

Section 1. Every male applicant for registration shall present a certificate from the assessors, or a tax bill or notice from the collector of taxes, showing that he has been assessed as a resident of the city or town on the preceding first day of May, and the same shall be accepted by the registrars as prima facie evidence of such residence, or he shall present a certificate from the assessors that he has been a resident for the six months next preceding the election at which he claims the right to vote, and the same shall be accepted by the registrars as prima facie evidence of such residence. If a male person was a resident of the city or town on the first day of May, and was not assessed a poll tax by the assessors of said city or town on the first day of May, such person, in order to establish his right to be assessed, shall appear before the Board of Assessors, accompanied by two witnesses who shall testify under oath that they are registered voters of the ward or town in which he desires to be assessed, and who shall also testify under oath to the truth of the statement of the applicant in regard to his right to be assessed at the place claimed by him as a legal residence on the first day of May. If such person is accepted as a voter, his name and residence and the names and residences of the persons vouching for him as aforesaid shall be published as soon as possible in a daily paper published in the city or town concerned, and if no daily paper be published in such city or town, then in any weekly paper published there, then in that weekly paper the place of publication of which is nearest to the said city or town: provided, however, that in the City of Boston no person shall be assessed as above provided later than the first day of October.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 353 accompanies the petition of L. Foster Morse; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LAYING OUT
AND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS IN
THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. No portion of the expense of the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, or of any alteration or change in existing highways in said city, shall hereafter be assessed by the Street Commissioners of said city upon the abutters upon said highways.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 396 accompanies the petition of Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PLAYGROUNDS IN
THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 412, of the Acts of the year 1898, is hereby amended in Section 1 by striking out the word "purchase" in line five, and inserting in place thereof the words—take by purchase or otherwise—; and is further amended by adding at the end of said section the words—The provisions of Sections 4 to 6, inclusive, of Chapter 185 of the Acts of the year 1875, shall apply to all lands taken by said Board under authority of this act.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 463 accompanies the petition of John Good; it was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PROPRIETORS
OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY IN DOR-
CHESTER TO HOLD ADDITIONAL REAL
AND PERSONAL ESTATE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Boston Catholic Cemetery Association is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate necessary and convenient for the purposes for which it was established to the amount of \$150,000 in addition to the amount that said Boston Catholic Cemetery Association is now authorized by law to hold.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 464 accompanies the petition of Frank E. Gilcrease; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF
BOSTON TO ABATE A PORTION OF CER-
TAIN ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUC-
TION OF HIGHWAYS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The City of Boston may repay to the person paying the same, or to his legal representatives, any portion, not exceeding forty-five per cent., of any sums that have been or may be hereafter paid for assessments for the construction of highways under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891, and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

HOUSE BILL No. 476 accompanies the petition of William D. Wheeler; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF
BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO
THE WIDOW OF CHARLES BULLE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to the widow of Charles Bulle, late a draughtsman in the Sewer Division of the Street Department of said city, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until the first day of February in the year 1899.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

Boston, January 25, 1899.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the office of Mr. A. Shuman on January 25, 1899, at 4.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Burnham, Sprague, Keany and Rueter.

It was voted that there be paid to John S. Jacobs & Son the sum of \$2,040 on account of their contract of November 23, 1897, for the erection and completion of the Ann White Vose building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for the Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$51, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$2,040, paid to John S. Jacobs & Son, on account of their contract of November 23, 1897, for the erection and completion of the Ann White Vose building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for the Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Stephen Brennan the sum of \$1,200, on account of his contract of August 3, 1894, for the erection and completion of the surgical operating and open-ward buildings, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to B. F. Sturtevant & Co. the sum of \$1,436.50, on account of their contract of August 15, 1898, for the installation of a mechanical draft apparatus, boiler-house, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, extension of boiler-house, Hospital Department.

A communication was received from the Acting-Superintendent concerning receipt of interest on trust funds. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

It was voted that the wages due Daniel J. Johnston, orderly, deceased, amounting to \$7.50, be paid to his uncle, Frank Johnston.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, as follows:

(1.) Circular No. 52, concerning the insertion of certain clauses in contracts hereafter made. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

(2.) Circular No. 53, concerning photographs illustrating the Hospital Department. This matter was referred to Mr. Burnham, as a committee of one.

(3.) Circular No. 54, concerning the exercise of authority in the various city departments through the proper officials. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

Mr. Burnham, as a committee appointed at the last meeting upon laundry machinery, reported the adoption of the "Ideal" engine, as recommended, and also reported upon high pressure steam supply.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street, January 12, 1899. All the members of the Board were present.

Mr. Concannon, of the Civil Service Division, reported that certain persons were on the pay-rolls of the Institution apparently without authority.

Dr. Lane explained that these persons were in reality attendants, and thus did not come under the provisions of the Civil Service law.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Civil Service Commission, explaining the fact.

It was voted that the titles of these persons be so changed as to show that they are attendants.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$7,454.64, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$3,687.10, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

The Superintendent read his monthly report, which was accepted.

The Secretary was authorized to write to the State Board of Insanity in reference to certain patients who had been in the Hospital for many years, but who had now lost their Boston settlement under the provisions of the Act of 1898, and ask that, as certain of these patients were old, had been many years in the Hospital, and it would be a cruelty to transfer them, the patients might be retained as State cases in the Boston Insane Hospital.

It was voted that the Chairman and Secretary be authorized to sign special drafts for the payment of the improved water service and for the \$1,000 allowed for current expenses.

It was voted that, under the rules, Miss Hennessy be not allowed to keep the gift of an umbrella from the friends of a patient.

It was voted that the farmer be not allowed to keep his cow in the Hospital stable.

The bills against Otis K. Glover, Catherine McClellan and Elizabeth Dalton were referred to the Committee on Finance with full powers.

It was voted inadvisable to purchase bed-side tables.

The question of the purchase of feeding-troughs for the pigs was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds with full powers.

It was voted that Arthur E. Morse be appointed chief engineer at a salary of \$70 per month.

The Visiting Committee for the month made a verbal report, that all was going on well at the Hospital, which was accepted.

It was voted that Miss Julia D. Black be appointed Matron and Superintendent of Nurses at a salary of \$50 per month.

It was voted that the salary of the baker, Fred T. Brown, be raised to \$55 per month.

It was voted that the salary of Miss Adeline J. Leary, the stenographer, be raised to \$10 per week.

It was voted that all new appointees, unless the Superintendent hired them directly from some other institution on account of special fitness, be paid, at first, the minimum salary of their position when they apply for any position in the Hospital.

The action of the Secretary in writing to

the Board of Health for an opinion in regard to whether it was safe to make any use of the buildings of the Small-pox Hospital was approved.

It was voted that the list of men to be transferred to the State institutions be sent to the State Board of Insanity.

It was voted that at the next meeting at Pierce Farm special attention should be given to the matter of protection in case of fire.

It was voted that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to put in a standpipe at the "B" building at Austin Farm.

The average weekly per capita cost for subsistence has been \$1.22.

Population January 11, 1899:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	215	245	460
On visit	3	12	15
Total	218	257	475

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, January 20, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De-Normandie, Lincoln and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the Mayor, Circular No. 53; from Gerald A. Healy, dated January 18; from the Governor, dated January 19, with enclosures from Mrs. John L. Wilson and others; the Librarian's report.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$365.09; to trust funds, \$167.69; to Station P, \$12.58; to Fellowes Athenæum, ninety-eight cents; miscellaneous articles, \$1,799.24.

Various applications for special privileges were received, considered and disposed of.

In the matter of the transfer of the Harris Collection from the Charlestown Branch to the Central Library, a draft of a petition to the Legislature was read and adopted, and the Clerk instructed to sign the same in the name of the Trustees, and with the approval of the Mayor to cause the petition with accompanying bill to be presented.

The Librarian recommended that a memorial be sent to Congress in aid of an appropriation for the work on the Royal Society Index to be undertaken by the Smithsonian Institution, and the matter was referred to Dr. Bowditch and the Librarian to draft and cause to be transmitted such memorial in the name of the Trustees.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners, held January 16 and 17, 1899:

The bid of D. F. O'Connell for building a wall at Franklin Park of Roxbury seam-faced stone, at \$1.75 per linear foot, was accepted, and it was

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to sign the contract.

January 17, 1899.

The following votes were taken at a meeting held January 17:

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Henry B. Blackwell, for land taken for the Neponset Playground, containing 53,700 square feet, for the sum of \$5,370, without interest.

Voted, That the rules adopted for the use and government of the public parks, be amended by adding to the rule prohibiting certain vehicles in the public parks, the words, "or drive a motor carriage or other self-propelling vehicle except under a special written permit from the Board of Park Commissioners."

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

The forty-fourth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, January 2, at 10 A.M., the full Board being present.

The temporary appointment of Mr. Parker B. Field as executive agent of the Board was confirmed.

The report of the Committee on Rules and Service was read. Their chief recommendations are as follows:

That, dating from January 15, Mr. Thomas J. Condon, Deputy Superintendent at Long Island, be paid at the rate of \$100 per month.

That, dating from January 15, Miss Isabel F. Gerrish, stenographer and typewriter, be paid at the rate of \$15 per week.

That, dating from January 15, Mr. A. W. Davidson, storekeeper at Long Island, be paid at the rate of \$35 per month.

That on and after January 15 all officers of the Institution at Long Island be required to wear uniform when on duty.

This report was amended to read that the salary of Mr. A. W. Davidson be increased to \$40 per month. With this amendment the report of the Committee was accepted and adopted.

A letter from Mr. Howard, of the Consulting Architect's Department was read.

The total amount necessary to provide a new power-house, including improved means of heating, lighting and ventilating the buildings, and establishing a bakery and an improved laundry plant, is estimated to be \$97,800, for which a loan appropriation will be asked.

The question of the residence of the internes at Long Island was discussed, and referred to the Hospital Committee, with power.

A letter from Dr. L. F. Wentworth, Superintendent, was read, stating that the last remaining soldiers were discharged from the Hospital on Long Island December 30. Soldiers were first admitted September 13, 1898; they were thus received and cared for during a period covering three and one-half months.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that the Pauper Institutions Department has kept within its appropriation during the past year.

The Committee on Registration and Special Cases reported that from December 1 to 21, inclusive, there had been thirty new admissions of persons who had not previously been to Long Island.

Voted, That the Finance Committee be authorized to appear before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to represent the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees; also that they have power to add to their number.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse recommends the removal of some more of the men now in the Almshouse in accordance with the policy of the Board. This contemplated removal would leave only nine or ten men in addition to the married couples.

A committee on the Davis bequest of \$25 will be appointed by the Chair to select a simple and suitable memorial.

The following was confirmed:

Thomas J. Condon, deputy superintendent, salary increased from \$83.33½ to \$100 per month; Mary A. Morris, superintendent of nurses, salary increased from \$58.33 to \$75 per month; Isabel F. Gerrish, stenographer and typewriter, salary increased from \$12 to \$15 per week; A. W. Davidson, storekeeper, salary increased from \$30 to \$40 per month; Annie Moore, assistant-superintendent of nurses, salary increased from \$30 to \$35 per month; Blanche Synder, assistant-superintendent of nurses, salary increased from \$30 to \$35 per month; A. J. Cunningham, assistant-engineer, salary \$35 per month; Emma Grandstadt, cook, salary \$25 per month; Annie Budd, head laundress, salary \$20 per month.

The following is the census for Long Island on January 2, 1899:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	86	136	222
Children	6	10	16
Dormitory:			
Adults	-	218	218
Children	-	-	-
Institution	384	-	384
Totals	476	364	840

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Thursday, January 12.

A petition was received for the laying out of Howe street; and a petition was received for a catch-basin in Howe street.

On advice of the Law Department it was voted to pay H. J. McBride \$200 and taxable costs of \$16.64 for damages occasioned her estate by the widening of Centre street at Dorchester.

It was voted to pay R. T. Paine \$3,800 for damages occasioned his estate on Bowdoin street by the laying-out of an extension of Barrington street, the Mayor having approved his agreement to accept that sum.

Tuesday, January 17.

An order was received from the Board of Aldermen requesting the Board to make an estimate of the cost of widening Hancock street at Dorchester.

Petitions were received for sewers in Neponset avenue and Hartwell street.

Wednesday, January 18.

It was voted to agree with the trustees under the will of D. W. Williams upon the

sum of \$4,107.60 as payment for land taken on Munroe street for school purposes, the Mayor having approved their agreement to accept said sum.

It was voted to pay J. V. Spencer and others, trustees, \$13,000 as payment for damages occasioned their estate by the laying out of Columbia road, the Mayor having approved their agreement to accept said sum.

It was voted to give hearings on plans N. 28, 27, Plat 8; and Ff 11, 30, Plat 3, in the Old Court House, room 25, on Friday, January 27, at 11.30 and 11.45 A.M., respectively.

Friday, January 20.

A petition was received from the Crescent Associates that a sewer may be laid in Spring street, at Dorchester.

Tuesday, January 24.

Blandford and Cummington streets were ordered to be laid out.

Wednesday, January 25.

Public hearings were given in the matters of the relocation of the Neponset-avenue branch of Stony Brook at West Roxbury; and of the relocation of Faneuil Valley Brook at Brighton.

Thursday, January 26.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the extension of Worthington street at Roxbury, from Longwood avenue to the Fenway.

Upon a letter from the Superintendent of Streets, that it will be impossible for his Department to pay any bills incurred by the Street Commissioners for sewerage works after the night of Thursday, January 26, as the funds for the maintenance of sewers have been expended, and no provision has as yet been made for a further appropriation for such purpose, it was voted: That all employes in the Sewerage Division of the Street Laying-out Department be suspended on and after January 27, 1899, and until further notice.

Worthington street was ordered to be laid out.

On advice of the Law Department, it was voted to pay A. I. Taverner and others \$3,000, without interest, for damages occasioned their estate by the relocation of Blue Hill avenue; and also pay E. P. Whitcomb \$55.60 and \$134 and A. P. Whitcomb \$36.80 for damages occasioned their respective estates by the laying-out of Gaylord street.

Friday, January 27.

Petitions were received for a change of name of Dalmatia street at Dorchester to Woodcliff street; and of Bell street at West Roxbury to Cedar avenue.

Hearings were given as advertised on Board of Survey plans, N. 28, 27, Plat 8 and Ff 11, 30, Plat 3.

It was voted that the following Board of Survey plans be filed in the office of the City Engineer in City Hall:

Plans (in Brighton) number F 92, 93, O 9, 10, 11, 31, 32, 33, 21; plans (in Roxbury) numbered S 36, 37; plans (in South Bay) numbered U 28, 33; plans (in Central Dorchester) numbered X 34, 35, 36; and plans (in West Roxbury) numbered Z 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53, 54, 57, 68, 69.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, January 30, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending January 28, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	108
Number of discharges of mortgages	22
Number of assignments of mortgages	7
Number of bills of sale	2
Number of assignments of wages	33
Number of married women's certificates,	5
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2

The following accident notices have been filed:

January 25—Patrick Walsh, Michael Burke, Peter Harrahy, severally, for personal injuries received, caused by explosion of dynamite or other substance on Commonwealth avenue on December 29, 1898.

January 26—H. & J. Pfaff Brewing Company, damage to building, caused by blasting on Columbus avenue on December 28, 1898.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, January 31, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commisisoner during the week ending January 28, as follows:

George W. Warren and Edward F. Ochs have been appointed call substitutes for Ladder Company 11 and Engine Company 17 respectively.

Frank C. Pratt, of Engine Company 13, has been placed on the pension list at \$600 per annum.

Patrick B. Hannon has been promoted from harness-maker to foreman of hose and harness-shop at a salary of \$1,400 per annum.

Assistant Engineer Percy W. Gowen has been promoted to engineer and assigned to Engine Company 13.

Hoseman B. J. Flaherty has been promoted to assistant engineer, and assigned to Engine Company 38-39.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, January 28, 1899.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Asa P. Morse, Cypher street, Ward 13, thirteen horses; hearing called for February 2, at 11 o'clock. Hugh Dever, 162 Bowdoin street, Ward 20, three horses; hearing called for February 9, at 11 o'clock. John Riley, 51 Greenwich place, Ward 24, one horse; hearing called for February 9, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Thomas F. Slater, Walker street, Ward 23, one horse; Mary Roach, Canterbury street, Ward 23, three horses.

The application of Nathan G. Green for the occupancy of a stable on Charlotte street, Ward 20, for two horses, was rejected.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending January 27:

Steers	173
New England cows	45
New England bulls	19
Western cows	101
Sheep	279
Calves	299

Total 916

During the week 1,294 pounds of tuberculous beef have been condemned.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending January 28, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	10	18	28
Negative	61	43	104
No growth	1	1	2
Totals	72	62	134

Remarks: Typhoid diagnosis, one case; results negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, January 23, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending January 21, 1899:

Cases pending	—
Number of applications	81
Number of admissions:	81
To Tewksbury Almshouse	11
Bridgewater Almshouse	22
Long Island Almshouse	18
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	5
Boston Insane Hospital	6
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1
Foxboro' Asylum	1
Taunton Insane Hospital,	2
Number of applications refused,	66
Number of applications withdrawn	1
Settlements investigated	14
	81
	95

28 Court square, January 30, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending January 28, 1899:

Cases pending	—
Number of applications	100
Number of admissions:	100
To State Almshouse, Tewks-	
bury	19
State Almshouse, Bridge-	
water	24
Long Island Almshouse	24
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	5
Boston Insane Hospital	1
Taunton Insane Hospital	8
Dipsomaniac Hospital,	4
Westboro' Insane Hospi-	
tal	1
Number of applications refused,	86
Number of applications with-	
drawn	1
Cases pending	11
	2
	100
Settlements investigated	109

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

Statistics for the week ending January 21:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	114	8
Females	18	5
Totals	132	13
Offences:		
Against the person	3	1
Against property	15	8
Against public order and decency	116	5
Totals	* 134	† 14
Discharges:		
Males	162	17
Females	38	1
Totals	200	18
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	135	18
Permit of Commissioner,	46	—
Payment of fine	16	—
Died	2	—
Bailed	1	—
Totals	200	18
Population:		
January 16, 1899	1,385	511
Committed Since Janu-		
ary 14, 1899	132	13
Totals	1,517	524
Discharged since Janu-		
ary 14, 1899	200	18
January 21, 1899	1,317	506

*Two men committed charged with two offences each.
†One man committed charged with two offences.

Statistics for the week ending January 30:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	99	6
Females	28	5
Total	127	11
Offences:		
Against the person	9	1
Against property	9	5
Against public order and decency	111	6
Total	* 129	† 12
Discharges:		
Males	119	15
Females	28	4
Total	147	19
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	98	19
Permit of Commissioner,	35	—
Payment of fine	14	—
Total	147	19
Population:		
January 23, 1899	1,317	506
Committed since Janu-		
ary 23, 1899	127	11
Total	1,444	517
Discharged since Janu-		
ary 23, 1899	147	19
January 28, 1899	1,297	498

*Two men committed charged with two offences each.
†One man committed charged with two offences.

Max Shipiazky has been appointed to the position of cutter at the House of Correction, Deer Island.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, January 24, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending January 22, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	432
Defects reported	97
Defects corrected	10
Notices of new work received	163
Dead wire removed (feet)	12,100
Fixtures removed	17
Poles set	16

Investigations have been made as follows:

(1.) Of electrical trouble reported January 16, calling Truck 4. The same was found to be due to slack wires of the Suburban Light & Power Company swinging together and melting the insulation, which fell to the roof of building 31 Winslow street, Roxbury.

(2.) Of electric trouble at the corner of Dover and Washington streets, January 17, at 4.10 A.M., calling Truck 13. The same was found to be caused by imperfectly insulated alternating wires of the Suburban Light & Power Company which were in contact with pole.

(3.) Of tree fire opposite 47-8 Centre street, January 17, calling Engine 14; the same was due to Suburban Light & Power Company wires which were in contact with limbs of tree, burning same.

The poles standing between Chandler and Boylston streets north side of Berkeley street, have been removed by owners.

In company with employees of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company a number of pole locations have been selected in Charlestown and Dorchester.

The guard wires of the Boston Elevated Company have been removed from Milk street.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	173
Notices of new work received	123

Inspections have been made of the temporary wiring at the various theatres, and in one instance dangerous defects were found which were corrected at the request of this Department.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	1
Building connections	10
Lamp connections	4
Pole connections	1
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	7
Building connections	10
Pole connections	6
Repairs	3
Cable drawings	37

Old Court House, January 30, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending January 28, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	457
Defects reported	43
Defects corrected	32
Notices of new work received	11

Feet of dead wire removed	10,400
Fixtures removed	18
Poles inspected	74

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	316
Notices of new work received	143

Inspections have been made of the temporary wiring at the various theatres, and at two of them it was necessary to insist on changes in the interest of safety.

Investigations were made at 4 Dock square and 442 Atlantic avenue, where fires occurred on the twenty-fourth instant, and at 494 Washington street, where a fire occurred on the twenty-fifth, all of which were reported as probably due to electrical causes. The supposition was incorrect in the first case; the second fire was caused by electricity, due to a rainstorm in progress at the time; the last mentioned was caused by the grounding of an arc-light cable on its sheath.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	2
Building connections	8
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	1
Building connections	19
Pole connections	8
Repairs	7
Cable drawings	49
Installations of underground transformers,	2

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	652
Feet of duct laid	4,108
Manholes built	10
Service connections made	37
Feet of cable drawn in	193,498

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Awards of Contracts.**Clerk of Committees Department.**

Bids for furnishing seventy-five badges for the members of the Common Council were opened at the office of the Clerk of Committees on January 24, 1899. There were eight bidders, each submitting from one to seven designs.

The contract was awarded to N. G. Wood & Son, the badge to be of 12-carat gold, and to weigh 8 dwt., exclusive of pin, and to cost \$7 each.

JOHN F. DEVER,

Clerk of Committees.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, January 31, 1899.

The following are the bids received and opened at the office of the Penal Institutions Commissioner at 12.30 P.M., Monday, January 30, 1899, for the supply of beef, mutton, fish and granite for the Penal Institutions Department for the year ending

February 1, 1900, (the prices for beef, mutton and fish are for 100 pounds):

BEEF.

	Schwarzchild & Sulzberger Co.	Sturtevant & Haley.	J. V. Fletcher & Sons.	S. S. Learned.	N. E. Hollis.
Soup	\$3 50	\$4 85	\$4 60	\$4 89	\$4 65
Rump	12 50	12 50	13 00	12 50	13 00
Round	8 00	9 00	8 00	8 00	8 50
Corned	6 50	6 60	6 50	6 75	6 50
Sirloin	21 50	22 00	20 00	17 00	21 00
Chucks	6 25	6 00	6 00	6 25	6 00
Sides	7 75	—	7 50	8 00	7 50

MUTTON.

	I. E. Noyes.	N. E. Dressed Meat Co.	Dole & Bailey.
Fore-quarter	\$4 50	\$5 00	\$5 50
Hind-quarter	8 50	9 00	9 00
Whole	7 00	7 00	—

FRESH FISH.

	F. J. O'Hara & Co.	J. Burns & Co.
Cod	\$2 00	\$2 00
Haddock	2 00	2 00
Cusk	2 00	2 00
Cod Steak	3 00	3 00
Halibut	10 00	9 00
Trout	10 00	9 00

SALT FISH.

	J. Burns & Co.	Caawell, Livermore & Co.
Large Cod	\$5 00	\$5 50
Hake	2 00	2 12½
Pollock	2 00	2 12½
Cusk	3 00	3 50
Cod	3 00	3 50

GRANITE.

	Cape Ann Granite Co.	Pigeon Hill Granite Co.	Rockport Granite Co.	Thos. A. Rowe.
* Edgestones . .	\$0 32	\$0 33	\$0 31	\$0 36½
Catch-basins:				
100 pieces . . .	6 50	7 00	6 00	6 27
20 pieces . . .	6 50	7 00	6 00	6 93
30 pieces . . .	6 50	7 00	6 00	8 25

* Fifty thousand lineal feet, with the privilege of taking more at the same rate, each piece to be not less than six feet long by twenty inches deep and seven inches thick when finished.

With the approval of His Honor the Mayor, the awards will be made as follows: Beef, J. V. Fletcher & Sons; mutton, I. E. Noyes; fresh and salt fish, J. Burns & Co.; granite, Rockport Granite Company.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Street Department.

Proposals for furnishing spruce lumber for the Street Department, by districts, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on January 27, 1899, as follows:

DISTRICTS.	Curtis & Pope Lumber Co.	G. Fuller & Son.	A. M. Stetson & Co.
South Boston . .	\$15 20	\$16 75	\$15 45
East Boston . . .	16 95	16 75	—
Charlestown . . .	16 50	15 75	—
Brighton	16 45	15 40	—
West Roxbury . .	16 44	15 75	—
Dorchester . . .	15 90	15 90	—
Roxbury	15 20	15 90	—
City proper . . .	15 20	15 40	15 70

NOTE. — Bids are based per 1,000 feet rough.

The contract for the districts of South Boston, Dorchester, Roxbury and the city proper was awarded to the Curtis & Pope Lumber Company. The contract for the districts of East Boston, Charlestown, Brighton and West Roxbury was awarded to G. Fuller & Son.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Water Department.

Proposals for water-pipes and special castings were opened at the office of the Water

Commissioner on January 25, 1899, as follows:

BIDDERS.	Perton of 2,000 lbs. for all sizes of pipe.	Perton of 2,000 lbs. for special castings.	Total.
Warren Foundry and Machine Company . .	\$16 70	\$33 00	\$93,561 50
Camden Iron Works . .	17 06	17 06	93,830 00
McNeal Pipe and Foundry Company	16 87	42 00	95,423 65

NOTE. — The bids were based on the following: 550 tons 30-inch pipe, 125 tons 24-inch pipe, 975 tons 16-inch pipe, 2,300 tons 12-inch pipe, 50 tons 10-inch pipe, 875 tons 8-inch pipe, 500 tons 6-inch pipe, 20 tons 4-inch pipe, 105 tons special castings.

The contract was awarded to the Warren Foundry and Machine Company of Phillipsburg, N. J., subject to the approval of the Mayor.

JOHN R. MURPHY,
Water Commissioner.

Boston Transit Commission.

The following are the bids received February 2, for furnishing and erecting a stone railing, etc., Charlestown approach, Charlestown Bridge:

Bidders.	Bids.
Woodbury & Leighton	\$7,144
Norcross Brothers	7,344
Cape Ann Granite Company	6,700

The offer of the Cape Ann Granite Company has been accepted, with the addition that in the contract a bonus of \$25 per day be offered for the completion of the work before May 1, and a penalty of \$25 per day be exacted after May 1, for failure to complete.

The following were the bids received February 2, for furnishing and erecting an iron fence on Charlestown Bridge:

Bidders.	Bids per foot.
Boston Bridge Works	\$1 63
P. J. Dinn	1 54
G. T. McLauthlin Company	1 95
A. J. Gustin	1 81
James Russell Boiler Works Company	1 38

The offer of the Russell Boiler Works Company has been accepted, with the addition that in the contract a bonus of \$20 per day be offered for the completion of the work before eight weeks, and a penalty of \$20 per day be exacted for failure to complete after ten weeks.

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

A resolution has been presented to the Council of Detroit, Mich., for the establishment in that city of a municipal asphalt plant.

The Committee on Lighting Streets of the Board of Aldermen of Springfield, Mass., after an extended investigation of the subject, has reported adversely on the proposition to establish a municipal plant.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

February 2, 1899.

General Order No. 571.

There will be examinations of patrolmen for promotion to the rank of sergeant, held as follows:

An oral examination will be held at the hearing-room of the Board of Police on Wednesday, March 1, 1899, at 9.30 o'clock A.M.

A written examination will be held at the examination-room of the Civil Service Commission at the State House on Thursday, March 2, 1899, at 9.30 o'clock A.M.

Officers who have been patrolmen for three years prior to January 31, 1899, are eligible for promotion.

The examining board will consist of the Superintendent and two Deputy-Superintendents.

Candidates will be examined orally, and also by written examination, upon their general intelligence, statute law, ordinances and police manual. After examination the examining board will forward to the Board of Police the names of the ten most worthy and most suitable men for promotion, as appearing to the examining board from their oral and written examinations, general qualifications and appearance.

The Board of Police will, whenever expedient, order a new examination, although the list of ten reported upon is not exhausted, and the previous examination will not be taken into consideration.

As vacancies occur the Board of Police will select from the ten names and send to the Civil Service Examiners, for a non-competitive examination, as many of the ten as there are vacancies to fill.

The ten names selected by the examining board will be given to the Department and posted in the station-houses.

All patrolmen desiring to take the examination will report the fact to their captain, and he will forward their names, with the date of their appointment as patrolman, to the Superintendent on or before Saturday, February 10, 1899.

Each captain will also forward at the same time a report of the character, habits, record for industry, etc., of each officer applying from his division, and the report will be considered by the examining board in making their final report.

The Board desire the captains to report, as above, not merely that the officer in question is a good man and generally satisfactory, but to make a detailed report of each particular officer's particular qualifications.

February 4, 1899.

General Order No. 572.

Hereafter when any carriage is engaged to take part in, or intended to take part in, a funeral procession, the driver thereof shall, when waiting outside of any building where funeral services are being held, place his carriage in line on the side of the street where the building is located in which the funeral services are being held.

TRACKS ON TREMONT STREET.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on Monday, February 6, 1899, the following resolution and order, offered by Alderman Brick, were passed:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, public convenience and necessity require that the tracks formerly located on Tremont and Boylston streets, and removed by order of the Transit Commission under the direction of the Legislature, should be replaced as soon as possible.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be directed to transmit a copy of this resolve to the committee of the General Court which is now considering the subject.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN JANUARY.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of real estate transfers and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of January, 1899, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 564; total number of mortgages, 575; total amount of mortgages, \$2,983,436.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	141
South Boston	33
East Boston	61
Roxbury	70
Dorchester	134
West Roxbury	71
Brighton	35
Charlestown	19
Total	564

A bill relative to the testing of milk transported in railroad cars has been presented to the Legislature of Massachusetts. It provides that all milk brought into any city or town in the State shall, before delivery from the cars, be tested to ascertain whether it complies with the laws relating to milk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive proposals for fitting up for school purposes the two-room building and a one-room building on Comins terrace in the rear of the Munroe-street Primary School lot. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the office of the Public Buildings Department, Room 30, Old Court House, in said city, fill out and sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M. of February, 13, 1899, with a certified check for one hundred (100) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, the check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals of bidders who conform to the above directions, and no other, will, at said time and place, be publicly opened and read. The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,
Chairman Committee on New Buildings of the School
Committee of the City of Boston.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, January 11, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track on Washington street, between Newcomb and Ball streets, substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated January 6, 1899; the existing tracks, the position whereof is shown by black dotted lines on said plan, being deemed revoked by the granting of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 6, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard; said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, February 3, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 in the Old Court House, at 11.30 A.M., on Friday, February 10, 1899, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plan numbered M 47, made by the Board of Survey, and filed May 24, 1892, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is bounded by Hemenway, Haviland, Turner and Norway streets.

JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
Street Commissioners.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

February 3, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 153 Putnam street, Ward 1, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories, over the corner of Putnam and Kennington streets. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, eight feet wide, and two feet six inches over line of street.

FRANCIS LALLY,
153 Putnam street, East Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 6, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice is to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the East Boston Free Press and THE CITY RECORD and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estate adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereon to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, February 6, 1899.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for building abutments of bridge on Swett street over New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston, Mass.; a bond satisfactory to the City Engineer in the sum of eight thousand (8,000) dollars, for faithfully doing the work will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal and leave it at said office before 12 o'clock M. of Monday, February 20, 1899, with a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston. This check is to be the property of the city, if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON,
City Engineer of the City of Boston.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

Boston, Mass., January 23, 1899.

The West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company, a corporation duly established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and having its railway located and constructed and in operation in the City of Boston, respectfully asks that it may be allowed to locate an additional track, with poles and overhead construction, in said city as follows: Commencing at and joining with the present tracks of said company on Washington street about 1,500 feet south of the railroad bridge of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company at Forest Hills, and running south through said Washington street to a point about 400 feet south of Ashland street.

It also asks for an extension of its tracks, poles and overhead construction as follows, viz.: Commencing at and joining the present tracks of said company on South street at Ashland street, across South street, through Ashland street, across Washington street, through Ashland street and Oakland street and Blue Hill avenue, across River street, through Blue Hill avenue, to the dividing line between the City of Boston and the Town of Milton.

And for this purpose asks that it may be allowed to lay and maintain tracks, together with the necessary curves, switches and turn-outs, erect and maintain poles and wires and operate its cars by electricity in said streets.

Said company also respectfully asks that it may erect poles for feed wires on Canterbury street and Huntington avenue, so called, from Ashland street to the Hyde Park line.

Said company also respectfully asks that it may be allowed, at its own expense, to make the necessary changes in the tracks and overhead system of any existing street railway.

All substantially as shown on plan made by Hodges & Harrington and dated January 21, 1899, and filed herewith.

Respectfully,

ROBERT BLEAKIE,
JOHN S. BLEAKIE,
THOS. T. ROBINSON,
FREDERICK N. TIRRELL,
CLIFFORD DEVENS,
ROBERT B. FAIRBAIRN,
WILLARD P. WHITEMORE,

Directors of the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street
Railway Company.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 6, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Jamaica Plain News, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting held on Monday, February 13, 1899, voted to confirm the following appointment of His Honor the Mayor:

Charles R. Williams, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

SALE OF THE OLD PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING.

The Old Public Library building on Boylston street has been sold by the city to the trustees of the estate of Frederick L. Ames for the sum of \$850,000 in cash. The sale will take effect on March 15, 1899. The building will be remodelled and a theatre erected on the rear of the lot.

The ordinance under which the first Trustees of the Public Library were appointed was passed October 14, 1852. In February, 1853, the City Council authorized the purchase of a suitable site. Two estates on Boylston street, embracing 13,380½ square feet of land, were purchased in 1854 for \$72,888. In 1856 the sum of \$22,987.50 was paid for additional land amounting to

7,662½ square feet, and in 1857 the sum of \$11,796.50 was expended for 2,342 feet of additional land.

The corner-stone of the building was laid, with appropriate ceremonies, in September, 1855. The total cost of the establishment when it was opened to the public in September, 1855, amounted to \$363,846, including \$107,672 for site (23,384 feet) and \$256,174 for building. In 1873 additional land was acquired at a cost of \$70,000; and the sum of \$92,391 was expended for repairs and alterations during the period 1858-1882, making the total outlay on land and buildings, in 1882, \$526,237.

In 1896, the assessed valuation of the property was \$845,000, being \$773,000 for land (23,415 feet) and \$72,000 for building.

TUNNEL TO EAST BOSTON.

The following communication from the Boston Transit Commission relative to the construction of the proposed tunnel to East Boston was received by the Board of Aldermen at its meeting on Monday, the thirteenth instant, and was ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

20 Beacon Street, February 9, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

The Boston Transit Commission has received the request of your Board for information as to the reasons why work has not been commenced on the tunnel to East Boston, as provided in Section 280 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1894, and the acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1894 gave to this Commission discretionary power to construct a tunnel or tunnels from a point on or near Scollay square, in the City of Boston, where a suitable connection may be made with the subway or subways provided for by that act, to a point on or near Maverick square, in that part of Boston called East Boston, where a suitable connection with surface tracks may be made.

The appropriation provided in that act was insufficient to build such a tunnel in addition to the building of the subway.

By Chapter 500 of the Acts of the year 1897 the Commission was required to construct a tunnel to East Boston so soon as the elevated railway should be authorized to begin the construction of its railroad over the route first applied for as provided in Section 13 of said act. For such construction an additional appropriation of \$500,000 was made. This appropriation, together with the balance of the original appropriation available for the construction of the tunnel, was insufficient to construct a tunnel to East Boston from a point on or near Scollay square under the Act of 1894, but the estimates indicated that it was sufficient to construct a tunnel to East Boston, beginning at a point on the surface on or near Hanover street, and the Corporation Counsel was of the opinion that the building of such a tunnel was within the scope and intent of the act of 1897.

On the nineteenth of July, 1898, the elevated railway company having been authorized to begin the construction of its railroad as provided in the act, it was

"Voted, That the construction of the East Boston tunnel be proceeded with in accordance with the statute requirements."

The Chief Engineer of the Commission was forthwith instructed to proceed with the preparation of plans and specifications and on November 23, an advertisement for bids for the construction of Section A of the tunnel being the East Boston entrance thereto, was published.

Before the date fixed for the reception of bids the members of the Commission were served with a notice of the pendency of proceedings before the Supreme Judicial Court contesting the constitutionality of the act of 1897 and the right of the Commission to proceed thereunder in the construction of a tunnel and to expend the funds of the city therefor. Thereupon, under the advice of counsel, all work in relation to the tunnel was suspended, pending the hearing and determination by the Supreme Judicial Court upon the questions presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Boston Transit Commission,

By GEORGE G. CROCKER, Chairman.

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

EXPENSES OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT.

The following communication from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners has been received by His Honor the Mayor:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

February 7, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: With regard to the recently published statement of the increase in expenditures for maintenance of this Department, from \$77,779.88, in 1892-1893, to \$143,517.21 in 1897-1898, or 84½ per cent., we think that justice to our Department requires that this increase should have some explanation.

Although the Department was established in 1875 there were practically no expenditures for maintenance until 1887, when appropriations for maintenance first began to be made. In 1892-1893 Audubon road, in the Fens, was first opened to the public, and the only other roads requiring to be maintained were those of Franklin Park and the Arboretum, which, however, were only partially developed. The area of grounds and plantations to be cared for was limited, and there were no buildings other than those of Charlesbank and the shelter at Franklin Park.

The number of parks and playgrounds requiring to be maintained has increased from seven partially constructed parks, in 1892-1893, to twenty-nine parks and playgrounds, in 1897-1898. The length of drives and walks has likewise increased from less than ten miles of drives, one and three-quarters miles of rides and eighteen miles of walks, in 1892-1893, to over twenty-two miles of drives, six miles of rides and thirty-two miles of walks in 1897-1898. The number of permanent buildings has also increased from three to eleven.

This shows that, while the percentage of increase in the expenditures for maintenance is 84½ per cent. the increase in the number of parks and playgrounds to be cared for is 300 per cent., the mileage of drives, rides and walks 100 per cent., and the number of buildings 275 per cent.

I think it proper to add that in the last three years the office expenses of the Department, including those of design and superintendence, have been reduced nearly 33½ per cent.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON,

Chairman.

INSPECTION OF VESSELS AND BALLAST DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Inspection of Vessels and Ballast Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1899, shows that 361 vessels have been weighed, marked and inspected. The cargoes delivered by the vessels amounted to 38,746 tons.

The amount of fees received during the year was \$1,937.30.

DEPARTMENT REQUESTS FOR LOANS

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment has made public the following tabular statement of requests for loans now pending before it, by which it appears that the loans requested by the several departments aggregate nearly \$4,600,000, and those requested in orders introduced by the City Council, and referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment aggregate about \$11,000,000, without including ninety one such orders in which loans are requested without any specification of the amount.

In the table, which is as follows, the requests referred by the City Government are classified under the departments which would have charge of the work if the appropriations were made:

	Requests of the Departments.	Requests referred by City Council of 1899.
Art Department	—	\$228,180
Baths Department	—	375,000
Cemetery Department	\$142,612 80	40,000
Childrens' Institutions Department	514,356 00	—
City Clerk Department	4,500 00	—
Elections Department	—	30,000
Fire Department	105,600 00	640,830
Hospital Department	276,200 00	18,000
Insane Hospital Department	360,000 00	225,000
Library Department	—	546 500
Music Department	3,250 00	—
Park Department	282,880 00	1,119,175
Pauper Institutions Department	97,800 00	—
Penal Institutions Department	179,450 00	—
Police Department	—	36,050
Printing Department	1,500 00	—
Public Buildings Department	5,000 00	381,150
Electrical Construction Division	120,106 00	—
Repair Division	42,000 00	—
Public Grounds Department	11,700 00	157,000
School Department	—	423,185
Street Department	2,433,750 00	4,672,038
Street Laying-Out Department	—	1,579,500
Miscellaneous	—	493,950
Totals	\$4,580,704 80	\$10,965,558

The total amount available for loan appropriations within the debt limit at the beginning of the year was \$1,795,000, and of this amount, loans aggregating \$153,000 have already been authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, leaving the balance available for appropriation, \$1,642,000.

The amount which the Board can now authorize to be borrowed is further limited by the fact that the general loan order, to be

passed by the Board before March 1, must not exceed four-fifths of the borrowing capacity of the city.

Under acts of the Legislature, \$300,000 within the borrowing capacity for the current year have been set aside for the building of additional high schoolhouses, and \$200,000 have been set aside for the purchase of additional land for playgrounds, so that the borrowing capacity is \$500,000 less than it otherwise would be. In addition, the School Committee has voted to request a further loan of \$500,000 this year, which does not appear in the above table, for the building of additional primary and grammar schoolhouses.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, during last week, gave hearings to the heads of departments in regard to their loan requests. This week hearings will be given the members of the City Council on orders introduced by them and referred to the Board.

The act establishing the Board provides that it shall report the loan bill before the first day of March, and it will be impossible for it to give public hearings after this week.

HOUSES ORDERED VACATED IN JANUARY.

The following is a list of houses ordered vacated by the Board of Health during the month of January, 1899:

Nos. 3 and 5 Commercial street.
No. 30 Fleet street.
First rear No. 30 Fleet street.
No. 6 Phillips court.
No. 290 North street.
No. 6 Porcelain place.
Rear No. 123 Tyler street.
No. 219 Endicott street.
First rear No. 59 Salem street.
Second rear No. 59 Salem street.
L rear of No. 67 Salem street.
No. 26 Webster avenue.
No. 92 Webster street.
No. 12 Anderson street.
Rear No. 12 Anderson street.
No. 16 Anderson street.
No. 2 Carter place.
No. 4 Primus avenue.
No. 7 Primus avenue.
No. 29 Haskins street.

HOUSES ORDERED DEMOLISHED IN JANUARY.

The following is a list of houses ordered demolished by the Board of Health during the month of January, 1899:

No. 92 Webster street.
No. 12 Anderson street.
Rear No. 12 Anderson street.
No. 16 Anderson street.
Nos. 3 and 5 Commercial court.
No. 2 Carter place.
First rear No. 47 Pitts street.
Second rear No. 47 Pitts street.

IMMIGRATION DURING JANUARY.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston, from trans-Atlantic ports, during the month ending January 31, 1899:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Dutch and Flemish	3	3	—
English	120	83	37
Finnish	13	8	5
French	1	1	—
German	8	7	1
Hebrew	56	28	28
Irish	49	37	12
Lithuanian	1	1	—
Polish	33	18	15
Scandinavian	26	21	5
Scotch	11	9	2
Total	321	216	105
Tourists or passengers en route	35	—	—
Total immigration for January	356		

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS. — STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division —	
Maine	8
New Hampshire	3
Massachusetts	222
Rhode Island	11
Connecticut	4
New York	34
Pennsylvania	6
Total	288
North Central Division —	
Ohio	2
Illinois	14
Michigan	6
Minnesota	6
Nebraska	2
Total	30
Western Division —	
Washington	2
California	1
Total	3

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division	288
North Central Division	30
Western Division	3
Total	321

House Bill No. 809, before the Massachusetts Legislature, provides for the erection of an equestrian statue of Major-General Benjamin F. Butler. The statue is to be located in the State House grounds and is to cost a sum not exceeding \$25,000.

The total receipts to the city from Philadelphia street-venders for 1898 amounted to \$80,461.85.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

City Hall, February 7, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held February 7, at 4 P.M., at the Mayor's office.

Present: All the members.

Hearings were given to Mr. H. A. Lamb, Chairman of the Trustees for Children; to Mr. A. Shuman, President of the City Hospital Trustees; and to Dr. H. C. Baldwin, Chairman of the Insane Hospital Trustees, in regard to requests for loan items for their departments; also to Mr. William Jackson, City Engineer, in regard to the proposed loan of \$50,000 for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden Bridge; after which the Board went into executive session.

Mr. Sullivan called up the following assignment:

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars be appropriated for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden bridge; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city, payable in ten years from their date to said amount for said purpose.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, the order was amended by inserting after the words "Malden bridge" the words "at a width of not less than fifty (50) feet," and, on motion of Mr. Kiley, the order was further amended by adding at the end of Mr. Sullivan's amendment the words "such work to be completed during the year 1899."

The order as amended was passed, and was signed by all the members, they certifying upon the order that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

Adjourned, at 6.11 P.M., to meet on Wednesday, February 8, 1899, at 4 P.M.

City Hall, February 8, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held February 8, at 4 P.M., at the Mayor's office.

Present: All the members.

Hearings were given to Mr. Henry M. Whitney and Mr. William Jackson, City Engineer, in regard to the order requesting an appropriation of \$70,000 for widening the Chelsea bridge draw opening, at the north draw, from forty-five to seventy-five feet; and to Mr. J. Albert Brackett, Chairman of the Cemetery Trustees, Mr. John M. Galvin, City Clerk, Mr. John Drohan, Superintendent of Public Buildings; Col. Henry H. Russell, Fire Commissioner, and Mr. John A. O'Shea, Vice-Chairman of the Music Trustees, in regard to requests made by their departments for loans.

Adjourned, at 6.07 P.M., to meet on Thursday, February 9, 1899, at 4 P.M.

City Hall, February 9, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held February 9, 1899, at 4 P.M., at the Mayor's office.

Present: All the members, except Mayor Quincy.

Hearings were given to Mr. Thomas A. Whalen, Superintendent of Printing; Mr. Charles Logue, Chief of the Repairs Division, and Mr. Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets, in regard to requests made by their departments for loans.

Adjourned at 6.13 P.M., to meet on Friday, February 10, at 4 P.M.

City Hall, February 10, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held February 10 at 4 P.M., at the Mayor's office.

Present: All the members.

Hearings were given to Alderman Frank J. O'Toole, H. W. Huguley, William I. Ratcliffe, Representative John Bleiler and Frederick Bleiler, in regard to the order requesting the Board to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$36,900 for the establishment of an engine-house and suitable apparatus on Heath street, Ward 19; to Mr. Charles E. Stratton, Chairman of the Park Commission, in regard to requests made by his department for loan appropriations; to Alderman John H. Colby, in regard to the petition of Henry Crine et al., for an appropriation to lay out and improve Carleton street; and to Councilman Andrew J. Badaracco, in regard to the order requesting the Board to provide a sum sufficient to erect a foot-path over the Boston Elevated Railway tracks at Traverse street, between Haverhill and Canal streets.

The Board then went into executive session.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That the Chair appoint a sub-committee of two to go through the various loan requests, and to report to the Board a list of loan appropriations, amounting in the aggregate to about \$2,500,000, which seemed to the sub-committee of the most merit and urgency.

The Chairman appointed Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Minot as the sub-committee.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, it was

Voted, That the Board devote next week to hearing members of the City Council, by wards, on orders introduced and referred by them; that the Board meet in the Aldermanic Chamber on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons at 3.30 P.M., and on Saturday afternoon at 2 P.M.; that on each afternoon the representatives of five wards be heard, and that all persons who have presented petitions directly to the Board be notified to appear upon the afternoons that the Councilmen and Aldermen from those portions of the city in which the improvements are desired are notified to appear.

Adjourned at 6.16 P.M., to meet on Tuesday, February 14, at 3.30 P.M., in the Aldermanic Chamber.

JOHN H. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

House Bill No. 707 provides that safety guards shall be placed upon all elevators in the State for the carriage of passengers, and also upon freight elevators used at times for the carriage of passengers. The guard shall be some device which will prevent the elevator being started until the door at the landing is closed.

HEARING BEFORE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following is a report of the hearing before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment given to Mr. Cottle, Chief of the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department on February 3, in relation to the matter of loan appropriation for working capital:

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) Mr. Cottle, you may state to us the facts in regard to your working capital. I understand that there is a misunderstanding in the preparation of the estimates which put you down as needing only \$10,000 for working capital. We appropriated that amount supposing it was sufficient. A. Well, Mr. Chairman, I have asked for \$30,000, and my salaries alone are \$14,672.

Q. You mean salaries as distinguished from wages paid to electricians? A. Yes, sir; my own salary, my three clerks and six inspectors. Then, besides that, there is no provision made of any kind to allow me to pay for the half holiday six months in the year or for ordinary holidays, and that means quite a substantial amount.

Q. You mean that you cannot charge that to any department? A. No, sir; cannot charge the men's time on any particular work if they are not there.

Q. Naturally. Mr. Logue didn't allow a half holiday last year, did he? A. No, sir.

Q. Well, he allowed ordinary holidays? A. O, yes.

Q. What is the custom outside the city work in regard to half holidays on Saturdays for electricians? A. Well, the old electrical concerns who have had men with them for some years don't pay them for holidays or even for sickness.

Q. Well, do they allow them a Saturday half holiday? A. No, sir,—that is, I want to qualify that by saying that it is possible they may give them for one month of the year, during the hot weather; but, as a matter of fact, that is usually the busiest time in the year for electricians, because people usually move out of town in the summer and that gives them the house to work at without bothering the people.

Q. Well, can you contrive with the amount we have allowed you—\$7,000, I think it was—to pay your expenses in excess of your receipts and profits? A. No, sir.

Q. Including the half holiday? A. No, sir; I cannot. The half holiday alone comes to \$3,000.

Q. Well, that is not a matter that comes before the Board. You will have to support your Division on what you collect from the departments, and it may not be possible for you to continue to give the half holidays. A. Well, of course, my only object in giving it is that it is customary and has been authorized by the City Council.

Q. Is it customary in other cities? A. Yes, sir; and also in other departments of the city.

Q. Yes, but your department, Mr. Logue's, and, to some extent, Mr. Whalen's, stand on a different basis from the other departments, in that they can only live on bills rendered for work done, outside of such small appropriation as is procured over and above that. But that is a matter for you to

adjust yourself. We have allowed a certain specific amount, \$7,000, which is all that can be squeezed out under the conditions. You have got to run the expenditures of the Division over the profits under that amount somehow. What we want now to hear about is the efficacy of a loan appropriation for working capital, taken in connection with the fact that you have only \$7,000 outside of that. A. Well, in that event, Mr. Chairman, I should want the balance of \$30,000 as a working capital—that is to say, \$23,000—and that would leave me at the end of the year with a surplus, as I stated at a previous meeting, of \$5,000. So that, as a matter of fact, what I require to carry on my Division is \$25,000.

Q. (By Mr. Sullivan.) Then you want \$15,000 more? A. I require a surplus, also, to pay bills, pending collection. In some cases it takes us three months to collect a bill. We cannot render a bill to a department before the work is completed, and if it happens to be a large job it is sometimes five or six months before we get the money. In the meantime we have to pay our bills and that requires a surplus.

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) What we want to know is the amount you require for working capital. You understand that the amount appropriated by loan is simply to enable you to pay for materials and labor pending the collecting of bills, that it is not an appropriation expended and not returned. It is not an appropriation for the support of the Division, but represents a surplus, as you say, to pay bills pending collections. A. Yes, sir. There is the \$7,000 here, and I should want the balance of the \$30,000—\$23,000.

Q. Now, with \$25,000 working capital you can do the work you are called on to do for the departments and pay your bills for material and your labor-roll, can you? A. Yes, sir; I can do that.

Q. That is, it will finance your operations? A. Yes, sir.

Mr. Barry—In other words, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Cottle has got to have \$25,000 that he can draw from?

Mayor Quincy.—As working capital.

Mr. Barry.—Yes.

Mayor Quincy.—Besides the appropriation of \$7,000.

Mr. Sullivan.—As I understand it, he wants \$20,000 now, \$15,000 and \$5,000.

Mayor Quincy.—No, \$15,000 more.

Q. (By Mr. Sullivan.) Altogether? A. Yes, with what I have now.

Q. (By Mr. Minot.) What is the total amount of business done by you in the course of a year, represented by bills rendered? A. This last year was the smallest year we had—represents \$102,000. We have only averaged about thirty-five men. The last year we had at times sixty odd men. But the reason why we didn't make a good showing in receipts was due to the fact that we took \$40,000 of work at cost, charging nothing for supervision, clerical help or anything,—simply did it at the actual cost. So that that does not show, of course, to our advantage in the total.

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) How did it happen that you did that? A. There was a specific appropriation made for the City Hospital, and it was turned over to me after the appropriation was made. So we had to complete the plant within those limits.

Q. (By Mr. Minot.) How promptly do you collect your bills, Mr. Cottle, after you send them in? A. Well, we send a statement every month of work in process of construction, and also a statement of bills ready to be rendered and after they have been rendered, and some of the departments are very prompt in paying every month. Some let it run along until they receive two or three statements, sometimes delaying so that three or four months pass before we get collections. That is so in many cases.

Q. Well, ordinarily, for instance, you would have to pay your pay-rolls during the month of January; then you would send in bills or statements to the departments on the first of February? A. Yes.

Q. Those bills, if they were promptly approved, would go on the Auditor's draft and be paid to you on the first of March, just a month after you sent them in? A. Not as applied to a statement. If we sent them a bill for completed work, that would be the case; but if we sent a statement showing the condition of the work from month to month, as I say, in the case of large jobs of work, it is several months before they are completed, and in the meantime we have paid for the material and labor. So it runs on several months sometimes before we get any return for the work; even when we have really completed it.

Q. Well if you were paid on your statements monthly you would still have to pay your help, say, through January and February before you got any money in return—that is, you would have two months' expenses? A. Yes, sir; two months' salaries and two months' bills.

Q. And on the basis of \$9,000 a month, that would be \$18,000, provided all bills were paid monthly? A. Yes.

Q. (By Mr. Barry.) Now, supposing you had some wiring to do in some part of this building—take this office for instance—and it cost \$2,000 to do it. After the work was done that \$2,000 would come back to your appropriation again? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And then you would use it over again for something else? A. Yes, sir.

Q. So that really this \$25,000 is money which at the tail end of the year you will show up again? It is simply working capital? A. Yes, I show it up minus the inspections and things like that I have to make. For instance, we have to make inspections of all the isolated plants of the city and make reports to the departments concerning the efficiency of those plants. We have to go so far as to furnish envelopes and postage stamps to get the returns that come in daily. Those are the expenses that we have to meet ourselves.

Q. And that you don't get back? A. That we don't get back. Then we have to send men around monthly to inspect the plants, and by the time they get through and get the results tabulated it is time for them to go out again. Consequently they are kept in employ all the year round, and we get no return for that, except in the way of good service and to show the departments that the plants are being carried on properly and as they should be.

Q. The City Hospital is an isolated plant? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Your Department inspects that, you pay the salaries of the inspectors, and you get no return for it, do you? A. No, sir.

Q. That comes out of the working capital, \$25,000?

Mayor Quincy—No, comes out of the \$7,000.

Mr. Sullivan—I supposed the Wire Commissioner had charge of that part of the business?

Mayor Quincy—Not the city plants.

Mr. Sullivan—Oh, not city plants! But an outside plant he would have charge of?

Mr. Cottle—Yes, sir; he would have charge of that.

Mayor Quincy—To see that it conforms to the positive requirements of statute law, Mr. Cottle does more than that in the case of city plants. He sees that they are kept up in a proper way beyond the requirements of the law.

Mr. Cottle—We have the situation in hand to this extent, that within half an hour, if we want to know how much it is costing to run any of the city plants, by referring to our books we can tell you just what it costs and also whether it is economical or not—also make recommendations, when necessary.

Q. (By Mr. Sullivan.) Do you get out a report? A. Yes, sir.

Q. I never saw one. A. It comes out under the head of "Public Buildings Department."

Q. (By Mr. Barry.) Your Department keeps up batteries? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And furnishes sal-ammoniac? A. Yes, sir.

Q. That comes out of the \$7,000? A. No, sir. In the case of this office, for instance, we would charge it to the Mayor's appropriation, and in other departments the same way.

Q. I see. A. But, speaking on the particular point at issue, the claim is made that there is no saving. Looking over the books, however, you will find that we are charging eight and ten cents for sal-ammoniac, and for batteries, which they were paying \$1.50 for before the department was started—

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) You mean new cells? A. Yes, sir—for a cell battery, for which they would charge \$1.50, the cell complete, with sal-ammoniac and everything, costs us twenty-eight cents.

Q. (By Mr. Barry.) As against \$1.50? A. Yes, sir.

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) You carry quite a stock of electrical goods there? A. Yes, sir; at this time the stock is the smallest since we started, but I think we have \$9,000 worth on hand now, not to speak of electrical instruments representing as much more.

Q. Do you find it economical to carry a stock of electrical goods? A. Yes, sir. We have to; because, take the City Hospital or the Deer Island plant, and there will be a demand there for something, and of course we have to keep things on hand for that reason.

Q. (By Mr. Barry.) And you are ready to say that the batteries are better looked after than they would be by private individuals; that they are furnished cheaper and that they are looked after better? A. Yes, sir. I am sure of it, because I have worked in the past with outside contractors for years and know the ins and outs of the business. I know what they do and what they pay for things and the profit they must have, and I know that the way we perform the work

represents a direct saving to the city, although it does not appear directly.

Mr. Barry—That is an important matter—the saving between what the contractors charge and what the work is done for by this Department.

Mayor Quincy—Yes, in small things like that, contractors put on a big profit,—legitimate enough, perhaps,—but where the city does a large amount of this work it can do it more economically. Besides discharging electrical duties of this kind, Mr. Cottle has been charged with the investigation of the best type of motor carriages for the use of the city. He has been making investigation into the matter, two such carriages have been ordered, and he hopes soon to get around to building them up at his place—Mr. Logue and Mr. Cottle together. If we find that the carriage ordered is satisfactory in its service, we shall buy certain parts, put them together, and build the carriages probably up there.

Q. (By Mr. Minot.) I understand, Mr. Cottle, that \$7,000 will cover this inspection work which you do? A. I don't see that I can get any more, as that item has gone through; but I don't believe that it will cover, or begin to cover, the expense, because there are six inspectors to be paid. That in itself would very nearly use up the appropriation, if not entirely.

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) But you have your profit in addition to that? A. Yes, sir.

Q. If the additional 10 per cent. you charge brings you in a profit, that is available to add to the \$7,000? A. Yes, sir; but it is very often the case that several departments will get prices from contractors, and of course I am put in competition with them. I cannot, and would not try, to do the class of work that an outside contractor would do—would not have anybody outside point to work that was not what it should be and say it was done by a city department. It must be a superior class of work, something that the contractors in general can look up to, because otherwise you cannot compel them to do a good class of work, and often, in order to compete with those contractors, I have to do work at cost. The 10 per cent. that I make in one case is very often set off in another case—not entirely, perhaps, but so much that, putting it all together, there probably would not be a saving of more than 3 per cent.

Q. Do you believe it is economical in electrical work to do first-class work? A. Yes, sir; I most certainly do. I don't believe that even the best is any too good, and we are striving all the time to do it better.

Mayor Quincy—I will say that that is a constant source of difficulty. Heads of departments think that Mr. Cottle's figures are high and go around and get bids from outside contractors, based on doing work of a character inferior to that required by his specifications, not up to his standard, and then come around and object to paying Mr. Cottle's price. I have investigated that in a number of cases, and the difference seems to be purely in the specifications and the character of the work put in. I am inclined to think Mr. Cottle is right, that it is poor economy for the city to put in any electrical work that is not first-class.

Mr. Cottle—I would like to call attention to a little statement here pertaining to the

very thing now under discussion. Take the case of Austin and Pierce Farms. They got figures outside, it seems, and put them in competition with us. They were submitted to me and I went over the matter and made an estimate of the whole thing. I find, for instance, that for the item "Connecting up dynamo," Mr. Crane's estimate allows nothing. Our estimate on that is \$75. That is one item. For repairs and testing Mr. Crane allows nothing; whereas all this outfit has to be gone over, in every building, and that represents about \$1,000. Then there are the items for wiring of old house, \$800; incandescent lamps, \$200; arc lamps, \$1,000; new boiler and connections for exhaust heating, \$3,000. None of these items were mentioned in Mr. Crane's estimates, and yet they put such figures in competition with ours and expect us to do work for the price mentioned in that way. So my only chance is to have outside competitors put their figures in writing and show the items. As a matter of fact, these figures of Mr. Crane's left out \$6,000 of stuff, and then put in a bid on that basis. He evidently figured on using the old piping and did not figure on proper heating of the building, as it could not be done with the old plant, because the boilers were not large enough. As far as such things as that are concerned, however, the ordinary man does not care. These people go ahead and make up their figures and put them in in that way, and then we have to compete against them. Of course, it is our duty to look after things after the work has been completed, whereas the responsibility of an outside man ceases at that time.

Q. One great difference being that the contractor's responsibility practically ceases when he has done his job and got it going, whereas the responsibility of your Department continues year after year and you have to meet that responsibility continually? A. Yes, sir.

Q. (By Mr. Barry.) As I understand it, it simmers down to this, that Mr. Cottle's Department does first-class work in every respect, because he wants the plant to stand up and show the best results? A. I must do it, because I would not feel that I could go outside and have my reputation ruined for a few thousand dollars. I have got to do it right or else let somebody else do it.

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) Well, you also think, I understand, that the policy you follow is the economical policy in the long run? A. Oh! certainly.

Q. You don't do anything simply for the purpose of making a show temporarily, but your careful work is based on what you think is the best thing for the city in the long run? A. Yes, sir.

MR. COTTLE—Recalled.

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) Mr. Cottle, will you tell the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in regard to the plans that have been prepared in the matter of the installation of an electric lighting plant in City Hall—the cost, etc.? In the first place, how long has this matter been pending? A. About a year and a half since the first of it. I went over the matter very carefully and figured that it would cost \$42,500.

Q. To do what? A. To light City Hall, the Old Court House, the Probate and Historical Buildings, with a plant located in the basement of City Hall.

Q. Wholly in the basement, or partly in an excavation under the street? A. It would be advisable to have it in an excavation under Court square. It was on that basis that this was figured.

Q. It was figured on carrying that excavation over to the basement of the Old Court House? A. Yes, sir; I think it would be advisable.

Q. Connecting the two buildings underground? A. Connecting the two buildings underground, and having the boilers put there in that excavation. The engines might be put underneath City Hall or underneath the Old Court House. The items of expense are as follows: coal \$4,835 a year—

Q. You mean the items of running expense? A. Yes, sir; water, \$1,000; oil waste and supplies, \$200; lamp renewals, \$400; attendance, \$6,235; depreciation on apparatus, \$1,250—that is five per cent.; depreciation on building, \$300, which is two per cent.; interest on total investment at four per cent., \$1,680; repairs \$1000, which is two per cent. of the total.

Q. What does that come to? A. \$16,900. The present cost of lighting and heating these buildings per year is \$21,411.95. The cost of lighting and heating by this plant would be \$16,900, which would be a saving of \$4,511.95.

Q. That is on the basis of the present use of electric lights? A. Yes, sir.

Q. When were those figures of the present cost made up? A. About a year ago.

Q. I guess you will find that the lighting bill has increased since then? A. Yes, sir.

Q. I wish you would look up the lighting bill as it has been running this year and give us an estimate? A. In explanation, I wish to say that we have made an estimate for a third of the capacity of the plant extra, so that there would be an increase of one third over the lights now in use.

Q. And the only additional expense is in coal bills? A. A portion only—one third more coal than now.

Q. That is figured on the basis of piping the buildings, or using the present piping for heating purposes? A. The present piping for heating purposes.

Q. That can be done with the exhaust steam all right? A. Yes, sir. Myself and the engineer not only went over this, but we also got Messrs. Forbes & Glidden, well-known experts, to go over it and verify our figures, and see whether they were right. We came out within eight or ten dollars of each other on the total. So that would be the cost and the saving would be \$5,000 a year to the city.

Q. And your statement allows interest, also? A. Yes, sir. It allows, I think, for ample depreciation on apparatus—five per cent., \$1,250; depreciation on building, two per cent., \$300; four per cent. interest on the total investment, \$1,680; and so on. I think I have been very conservative in these figures. The city can borrow, I think, at a very much lower rate than four per cent.

Q. (By Mr. Minot.) How are these buildings heated now?

A. By steam-boilers in the basement.

Q. Three plants, one in each building? A. No. I think there is a boiler in the Probate Historical Building, but the general heating system is in the basement of City Hall.

Q. And do you propose to utilize those boilers in this new plant? A. No, sir.

Q. (By Mr. Sullivan.) Isn't the station-house over here also heated from this central plant? A. I don't know. I don't think it is.

Q. I put in an order providing that it be done once, and I think it was done at that time. A. That wouldn't make any difference. The consumption of coal is what we start from, using the exhaust system of heating.

Q. Would you expect better results than they are getting now? A. Yes, sir; better.

Q. Supposing it were necessary to illuminate the front of City Hall, as has been done in the past on some occasions, could that be done also from this plant? A. Yes, sir; we have figured this, as I say, on a basis of an increase of one-third in the total number of lights now in use. So that that would provide for at least one thousand more lights.

Q. (By Mr. Minot.) How many lights are now used? A. 1,100 in City Hall alone.

Q. (By Mr. Kiley.) How much do you ask to construct your plant, Mr. Cottle? A. \$42,500.

Q. Do you think the present financial condition of the city warrants the city in investing \$42,500 at this time for that purpose? A. Yes, sir; I do. We are making a saving of \$5,000 a year, and the city has a plant of its own, which is thereby paid for at the expiration of a certain number of years.

Q. You have an item there for attendance of how much? A. \$6,235. Those figures are made on a very conservative basis and may be cut down. As to the expense, I want to put the showing as high as possible in favor of the present conditions, in order to show under the most adverse conditions what the saving would be, and it is only fair to say that that item of \$6,235 might be cut down in actual practice \$1,000 or \$2,000, which would represent that much saving to the city.

Q. (By Mr. Kiley.) You would be liable to cut it down if the money were given you? A. If possible, we certainly should.

Q. What does that \$6,235 represent? A. It represents an engineer, three firemen,—

Q. At how much? A. Engineer, \$1,440.

Q. Yes. A. Three firemen at \$2,520, the total for the three; one day electrician, at \$1,183 a year; one night electrician, at \$1,092 a year.

Q. (By Mr. Minot.) How many lights will you have in all for the three buildings, Mr. Cottle? A. I have put in some one of these reports the total.

Q. (By Mr. Kiley.) You only provide for one engineer, Mr. Cottle? A. I think that would make it somewhere in the neighborhood of 3,000 lamps. I thought I had it on this list (referring to list). There are 1,100 in this building alone, and there is the Probate and Historical Building and the Old Court House. So I think it fair to say that there would be 3,000 lamps. In connection with that question of the engineer—

Q. You provide for one engineer and for two electricians? A. Yes, one engineer, three firemen—

Q. And two electricians? A. Yes, sir; one day electrician and one night electrician, because the plant would have to be running nights as well as days.

Q. You don't figure on that item in connection with engineers? A. No, sir; it is not necessary, because the day or night electrician could attend to that. There would be times when one man could, if necessary, run the plant, both engines and dynamos.

Q. (By Mr. Minot.) Why couldn't the present boilers be used, Mr. Cottle? A. They are high-pressure boilers and are not really safe. From all I can find out they have been used for some time. There is one new and the other two are old, I believe, and the pressure is not sufficiently high.

Q. They are high pressure you said? A. They were originally, but as they get older you have to reduce the pressure from year to year, under the rules of the Hartford Insurance Company, I believe, so that they have got down to the point where, in order to have an economical plant, they would not be the proper things to use.

Q. Wasn't there some new machinery put in when the new elevator was put in? A. I think one boiler. I am not sure about that, but I think the elevator is a plain water elevator, hydraulic.

Q. Wasn't a new boiler put in the basement at that time? A. Not recently.

Q. (By Mr. Minot.) How many boilers would you have in the new plant? A. Two, possibly three—figured on two, I believe.

Q. What capacity? A. One hundred and fifty.

Q. Each? A. Yes.

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) What type of steam engines and electrical apparatus would you use? A. I figured on two boilers, high pressure, considered much more economical than the others, and what is termed the automatic self-oiling engine. I mean by that that there is but one oil-cup on the entire engine, and you simply fill an oil-chamber and the whole thing runs in oil. So the attendance is nothing like what it would be with an ordinary engine. You simply fill that one oil-cup and it runs three or four hours. It gives the engineer some chance to attend to other duties—doesn't have to stand up to his engine all the time, as he does now. It runs much easier—in fact, it is guaranteed that you can't hear it ten feet away. Those things are important in office buildings, because the vibration would be a serious difficulty.

Q. (By Mr. Minot.) You would have one engine and two dynamos? A. No, two engines and dynamos. If desirable, might possibly put in three; that is, instead of two large ones, have one large one and two small ones. It would depend on whether they were to be run equally at all times. If not, you could put in one large one, and two small ones instead of another large one.

Q. What sized dynamo would you propose to use? A. One hundred kilowatts.

Q. Does this \$42,500 include the building part, or merely the machinery? A. That includes everything, even machinery foundations, digging, excavating and everything complete.

MR. JACKSON—Recalled.

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) In a general way, I would like to have a statement of your position on this electrical plant matter, Mr. Jackson. I understand that you have figured upon it? A. I figured on it in a general way, in connection with other plants,

and I have always found it cheaper to put in an independent plant where there are engineers to take charge of it and where the extra attendance required will not be too great. For instance, at Chestnut Hill it has been cheaper to install the plant and to make our own light than it would be to buy any other light, gas or electricity.

Q. Have you any doubt that this would be an economical proposition? A. No, sir. I have no doubt it will save the city money.

Q. And the general plan of having the boilers set underneath the street seems to be feasible? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Would you get proper draught for the boilers? A. No trouble about that.

Q. (By Mr. Kiley.) Do you understand that you would have supervision of the construction of this plant? A. No, I don't understand that I would have anything to say about it.

MR. COTTLE—Recalled.

Q. (By Mr. Minot.) Mr. Cottle, I think you said the present cost of heating and lighting the buildings is \$21,411.95? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How much of that is for heating and how much for lighting? Have you got it there? A. The cost of coal for heating the different buildings in 1896 was \$3,827.95; water, \$804, which, with the salary of the engineer and firemen, made the sum total for heating \$8,591.95—making the total for light and heat \$21,411.95.

Q. About \$13,000 for light? A. Yes, sir.

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) You give us those figures brought down to date, and I am very sure they are larger. Now, Mr. Cottle what can you say about Rainsford Island? A. Simply this—they are using kerosene lamps there and, with the mischievous boys there, a fire is apt to be caused at any time. The cost of electric lighting will be merely nominal. They have since put in new boilers there, and it is something that ought to be done, that needs to be done very much, from the standpoint of safety.

Q. Long Island has been quite sufficiently covered. How about Austin and Pierce Farms? A. The same reasons apply there, and I rather think the trustees of those institutions would be the best people to set that forth. I merely mentioned it as a necessary expenditure in that quarter.

Q. (By Mr. Minot.) They are not lighted by electricity at present? A. No. Austin Farm has been mostly wired. Eight or nine thousand dollars has been spent for fittings, electrical fixtures, which are lying idle to-day.

Q. No connection with the lighting companies there? A. None whatever. In that connection I will say that we propose to put in one plant at Austin Farm and transmit power to Pierce Farm by an overhead line.

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) Are you satisfied that that will be more economical than to have separate plants? The trustees seemed to think that two plants would be more economical? A. They might be more economical if they had the space, but I don't understand that they have the space or chimneys with sufficient draught. Provision has been made, as the thing stands now, at Austin Farm, with that in view,

and there has been no construction for it at Pierce Farm.

Q. (By Mr. Barry.) Could any of those boilers such as are at Austin Farm be used at Rainsford Island to advantage? A. Well, the only thing I could think of is in connection with Deer Island. If it is desirable to put in another new boiler at Deer Island; that would give one or two boilers that might be put in at Rainsford, thus saving that expense. But that would depend, of course, on whether you would agree to another engine, dynamo and boiler at Deer Island, which is really the most necessary thing I think of in connection with this list. They are depending on the new cell-building for light, one dynamo and boiler, and if anything happened to that, if there was a break-down, as there might be at any time, they would be in darkness there, and you can't tell what might happen. A duplicate unit is a necessary thing to have there. I understand that the class of men there now is worse than it used to be—simple drunks before, but there is now a bad class of men there, and too much stress cannot be placed on the necessity of another boiler and dynamo, so that in case of emergency they would have light, which they would not have today. The foundations are all in for a second unit and the building was built with that intention, and it simply wants a new unit. We must do piping and make provision for lighting the women's dormitory, as there is no light there now but kerosene.

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) In regard to an electrical fountain on Boston Common? A. Well, I have nothing to say about that except that I have looked it up pretty thoroughly, and it would be a desirable thing to have, but, as Mr. Kiley says, the state of the city's finances is such that perhaps it wouldn't be desirable to press that too strongly.

Mayor Quincy.—That is not for you to say, is it?

Mr. Sullivan.—It isn't costing anything extra to light the dome of the State House—not a dollar's extra expense, except to put the wiring and the lights there.

Mr. Minot.—And for the burning of more coal.

Mr. Sullivan.—Well, it doesn't appear.

Mayor Quincy.—Can't find it in the bill.

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) How about wiring the different city buildings for local fire-alarm purposes? A. As the matter stands now, there is no such protection for any of the city buildings except in the building we occupy on Wareham street, and if any fire should occur down here there is no way of notifying the Department, unless somebody should be here. And if anybody should happen to be around, by the time the alarm was rung in the fire would have a chance to get pretty well along. The system I have spoken of is a local fire-alarm system, so that if anything happens in this room, or any room, if any fire should break out, the alarm would go all over the building. It would be so arranged that the proper parties can be notified in case of fire.

Mayor Quincy.—That is in the nature of an insurance protection.

Q. (By Mr. Kiley.) Your building is insured, is it not? A. I say that is something that might be adopted entirely aside from my building.

Q. You know, do you not, that there are men in the hall whose duty it is to look after the building, who go around the hall at certain times and look after those things? A. Yes, that is so, but the best illustration of the weak point in that is what occurred here in a great establishment last summer. The watchman passed through the place on his rounds, and, in the time between one round and another, a fire broke out, and if it had not been that it attracted the attention of a scrub-woman, nothing would have been known about it until the fire had got, possibly, fifteen or twenty minutes' headway. I believe the watchmen in this building go about only at intervals of an hour, and if anything should happen just after they had left, considerable damage might be done before they got back. By the use of this system, when a fire occurs, no matter where it happens, there is a ringing of a bell and you know at once where the fire is, what room it is in.

Q. (By Mr. Minot.) Do you think it would be sufficient to have it in City Hall alone? A. No, cover all the buildings, such as the City Hall, the Probate and Historical buildings, the Old Court House, and possibly a few school-houses. A few of them, I believe, have some protection now, when it works, but nobody can say whether it is working or not until it is tried, and then sometimes you will find that it isn't. But as I have had no supervision over the school-houses, except to see the amount of material they have on hand, I have not been able to do anything in that direction.

Q. (By Mayor Quincy.) Then there is the printing plant item—a small one? A. I have talked with Mr. Whalen in regard to that and he is desirous of having something done. It is a fact that the rooms are low-studded and get very hot. They use a tremendous amount of gas and it is close, and terrible on the compositors—terrible. The amount asked for that is small in comparison with the benefit that will be derived by the men and the obviating of the danger from fire.

Q. This simply provides for wiring? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Not an isolated plant, of course? A. No.

Q. (By Mr. Barry.) Where would they get power? A. Purchase power from the Edison Company. They are in the adjoining building and I can get special rates, in view of the company being in the adjoining building.

Q. (By Mr. Minot.) What will be the increased cost of maintenance? How much more does electric light cost to use than gas? A. I think nothing, in that case. I can furnish electricity there as cheaply as gas. I think, as I say, that I can get a special price, on account of their being in the building adjoining the Edison Company. The price would be about the same as gas—very little difference.

Q. (By Mr. Kiley.) The city doesn't own that property? A. No. This simply covers wiring and fixtures.

Q. Putting \$1,250 into the wiring of another person's property? A. They have to have the wiring, anyway.

A bill to hold the State and National elections on the same day has been defeated in the Arkansas House.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, February 13, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding. Absent — Alderman Berwin.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Veto — Night Lunch Wagon.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 10, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval the vote of your Board granting permission to W. F. Healy to stand a night lunch wagon at the junction of Shawmut avenue and Tremont street. I felt obliged, nearly three years ago, to adopt the policy of declining to sign any further permits for lunch wagons, on the ground that as many permits of this character had been issued as it was in the public interest to grant. I feel it necessary to adhere strictly to this policy, unless peculiar and extraordinary conditions seem to afford a reason for granting a permit in some particular place, as might possibly be the case in some out-lying district; but I can see no reason for making an exception in this locality.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the permit was granted was reconsidered, and the message was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Cost of Widening Hancock Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 13, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Street Commissioners in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of widening Hancock street, Dorchester, from Columbia road to Freeport street, to a width of eighty feet.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, February 13, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Board of Street Commissioners respectfully report upon the order of the Board of Aldermen of January 9, 1899, of which a copy is sent you herewith, that in their opinion the cost of the widening of Hancock street, Dorchester, from Columbia road to Freeport street to a width of eighty feet, would require an appropriation of \$60,000.

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, February 9, 1899, President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Public Convenience Station, Roxbury Crossing.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 9, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Bath Commission in reply to your order requesting them to construct and maintain a public convenience station in the vicinity of Roxbury crossing.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF BATHS.

February 8, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We return herewith the order of Councilman Nangle of Ward 19, dated January 19, 1899.

I am requested by the Bath Commission, in answer to this order, to state that no money is available at present to construct a convenience station where requested, and that if money is appropriated to build such a station, the Bath Commission have no funds available this year to maintain it.

Very respectfully yours,

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Assigned to the next meeting.

Reconstruction of Malden Bridge.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 9, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I respectfully transmit, under the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898, the accompanying order appropriating \$50,000 for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden bridge, passed by the Board of Apportionment under said act on February 7, 1899.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

February 7, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars be appropriated for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden bridge, at a width of not less than fifty (50) feet, such work to be

completed during the year 1899; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city, payable in ten years from their date, to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

JOHN H. SULLIVAN,

DAVID F. BARRY,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Assigned to the next meeting, and ordered printed.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved February 10, 1899:

Ordered, That the Municipal Register be printed by the Superintendent of Printing, under the direction of the joint special committee on Rules and Orders, when appointed, and that they also prepare a pocket edition of the Rules and Orders, and a list of the members and committees; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for printing.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved February 6, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to A. T. Donovan to construct, maintain and use an area, 44 feet by 7 feet 5 inches, with two coal-hole openings, not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with iron cover under and in the sidewalk, in front of estate No. 296-302 Harrison avenue, Ward 9; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to James P. Stearns et al., trustees, to construct, maintain, and use an area, with one coal-hole opening with iron cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Clinton and Commercial streets, Ward 6, as shown on a plan on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The following was approved February 8, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to City of Boston, Public Buildings Department, to erect, maintain, and use two guy-posts on Vale street, and two guy-posts on

East Ninth street, with necessary ropes attached thereto, Ward 15; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, and done on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The following were approved February 10, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to William H. Burlen, trustee, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, 4 feet long by 18 inches wide, with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 23 North Market street, Ward 6, the same to be securely closed at night; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to R. H. White & Co. to construct, maintain and use an area, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 538 to 552 Washington Street, Ward 7, as shown on plan dated February 6, 1899, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Eastern Cold Storage Company to construct, maintain and use an area, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 44 North Street, Ward 6, as shown on a plan dated February 6, 1899, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to estate of Chauncey Thomas & Co., to place, maintain and use an iron grating 18 inches by 16 inches in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 101 Chestnut street, Ward 11; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The following were approved February 10, 1899:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz:

To Lawrence W. Lunt, one sign, at 1177 Washington street, Ward 24.

To Jordan Brothers, two signs, at 146 Canal street, Ward 8.

To H. M. Rich & Co., an auction flag, at 7-9 Franklin street, Ward 7.

To John Spinelli, two barber poles, at 112 Court street, Ward 6.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. S. Angus to move a wooden building, mansard roof, 40 feet in length, by 36 feet in width, by 33 feet in height, from No. 14 Ashford street, through Ashford street and Pratt street, to lot No. 7 on said Pratt street, Ward 25, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Street railway companies in Philadelphia pay the city yearly about \$70,000 for car licenses.

Awards of Contracts.

Pauper Institutions Department.

Proposals for furnishing fish each week till February 1, 1900, to the Pauper Institutions, were opened January 30, 1899, at 12.30 P.M., as follows, the prices given being per 100 pounds:

KIND AND AMOUNT.	Caswell, Livermore & Co.	F. J. O'Hara & Co.	Haskins Fish Co.	J. Burns & Co.
About 400 pounds —				
Fresh, large shore, or Georges cod, or of haddock or cusk:	—	\$2 25	\$3 00	\$2 00
About 475 pounds —				
Salt, large or medium shore or Georges Cod, or of pollock, cusk or hake:				
Large cod	\$5 50	—	—	—
Medium cod	3 50	—	—	—
Pollock	2 12½	—	—	—
Cusk	3 50	—	—	—
Hake	2 12½	—	—	—
Hake and pollock	—	—	—	2 00
Cusk and cod	—	—	—	3 00
About 45 pounds —				
Halibut, bluefish, salmon or trout:	—	10 00	—	9 00
Halibut	—	—	11 00	—
Salmon	—	—	12 50	—
Bluefish	—	—	10 00	—
Trout	—	—	10 00	—
About 125 pounds —				
Fresh, large shore, or Georges cod, or of haddock or cusk:	—	2 25	3 00	2 00
About 50 pounds —				
Salt, large or medium shore or Georges cod, or of pollock, cusk or hake:				
Large cod	5 50	—	—	—
Medium cod	3 50	—	—	—
Pollock	2 12½	—	—	—
Cusk	3 50	—	—	—
Hake	2 12½	—	—	—
Hake and pollock	—	—	—	2 00
Cusk and cod	—	—	—	3 00
About 10 pounds —				
Halibut, bluefish, salmon or trout:	—	10 00	—	9 00
Halibut	—	—	11 00	—
Salmon	—	—	12 50	—
Bluefish	—	—	10 00	—
Trout	—	—	10 00	—

The contract was awarded to J. Burns & Co.

Proposals for furnishing mutton each week till February 1, 1900, to the Pauper Institutions were opened January 30, 1899, at 12.30 P.M., as follows, the prices given being per 100 pounds:

KIND AND AMOUNT.	Schwarzchild & Sulzberger Beef Co.	I. E. Noyes.	N. E. Dressed Meat and Wool Co.	Joshua Thorn-dike.
Forequarters, about 150 pounds	\$5 50	\$4 50	\$5 00	\$4 50
Hindquarters, about 150 pounds	10 00	8 50	9 00	9 50
Forequarters, about 75 pounds	5 50	4 50	5 00	4 50
Hindquarters, about 10 pounds	10 00	8 50	9 00	9 50
About 10 whole carcasses	8 50	7 00	7 00	7 50

The contract was awarded to I. E. Noyes.

Proposals for furnishing beef each week till February 1, 1900, to the Pauper Institutions, were opened January 30, 1899, at 12.30 P.M. as follows, the prices given being per 100 pounds:

KIND AND AMOUNT.	Sturtevant & Haley Beef and Supply Co.	N. E. Hollis.	Schwarzchild & Sulzberger Beef and Supply Co.	J. V. Fletcher & Sons.	S. S. Learnard.
About 1,500 pounds soup beef	\$4 85	\$4 89	—	\$4 84	\$4 99
Chuck with shin	—	—	\$5 50	—	—
Chuck without shin	—	—	6 25	—	—
About 350 pounds rump,	12 50	13 00	12 50	13 00	12 50
About 150 pounds corned beef	6 60	6 50	6 50	6 50	6 75
About 250 pounds rib	12 25	11 50	11 00	11 00	11 50
About 10 pounds tip sirloin	22 00	21 00	21 50	20 00	17 00
About 150 pounds soup beef	4 85	4 89	—	4 84	4 99
Chuck with shin	—	—	5 50	—	—
Chuck without shin	—	—	6 25	—	—
About 15 pounds rump	12 50	13 00	12 50	13 00	14 00
About 25 pounds corned beef	6 60	6 50	6 50	6 50	6 75
About 10 pounds tip sirloin	22 00	21 00	21 50	20 00	17 00

The contract was awarded to J. V. Fletcher & Sons.

WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK, Chairman.

Immigrants to the number of 9,532 arrived at the Port of Philadelphia during the year 1898, a falling off of nearly one thousand from the arrivals of the year previous.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following bills concerning the City of Boston have been presented to the Massachusetts Legislature and referred to appropriate committees:

In the Senate.

SENATE BILL No. 97 was introduced on leave by Senator Donovan of Suffolk; it was referred to the Committee on Manufactures. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INSPECTION OF STEAM BOILERS AND TO REGULATE STEAM ENGINEERING.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Building Commissioner of the City of Boston shall cause the provisions of Chapter 418, Acts of 1895, and of Chapter 471, Acts of 1895, and all acts in addition or amendment thereto, to be strictly enforced so far as relates to said city, and for that purpose shall have in and for the City of Boston all authority now conferred by said acts upon the Chief of the District Police of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Sect. 2. All moneys due for licensing under the provisions of said acts shall be paid to the City of Boston.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 100 was introduced on leave by Senator Donovan of Suffolk; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LAYING-OUT AND CONSTRUCTION OF BENNINGTON STREET AND OTHER HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Treasurer of the City of Boston, for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in laying-out, locating anew, altering, widening and constructing highways in the City of Boston, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891, and of acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, shall, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, issue and sell negotiable bonds or certificates of said city to the amount of \$2,000,000 in addition to the amounts already authorized for said purposes, and said bonds shall not be reckoned in determining the limit of indebtedness of said city. The proceeds of said bonds shall be used only for laying out, locating anew, altering, widening and constructing Bennington street and streets fifty feet or less in width.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 108 accompanies the petition of Samuel E. Courtney; it was referred to the Committee on Education. It is entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A NORMAL SCHOOL-HOUSE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Treasurer of the City of Boston to pay the expenses of building and furnishing a normal school-house in said city, and of taking land therefor, shall from time to time, on request of the School Committee of said city, issue and sell negotiable bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding \$300,000 in the current year, which shall be outside of the debt limit. The proceeds of said bonds shall be expended in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 408 of the Acts of the year 1895.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 109 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Education. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VACATION SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The School Committee of the City of Boston may establish and maintain schools to be kept open during the whole or a part of the summer vacation in the same manner as they are authorized to establish and maintain schools during the regular term provided by law.

SENATE BILL No. 118 accompanies the petition of John E. Baldwin; it was referred to the Committee on Manufactures. It is entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF AUTOMATIC VENTILATORS IN SLEEPING ROOMS WHERE GAS IS USED IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The owner, proprietor or lessee of any building in the City of Boston, wherein rooms are used for sleeping purposes, is hereby compelled to provide automatic ventilators in each room so used, providing gas is used for lighting or heating purposes.

Sect. 2. A fine of \$100 shall be imposed on any owner, proprietor or lessee, as described in Section 1 of this act, who fails to comply with the provisions of the foregoing section.

SENATE BILL No. 119 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SALARIES PAID BY THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Boston is hereby authorized to reduce by ordinance any salary paid by said city the amount of which is now fixed by statute; provided, however, that in cases where a minimum and maximum rate of salary are now fixed by law such reduction shall not reduce any salary below the minimum rate so fixed.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 121 accompanies the petition of Charles H. Innes; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston shall consist of three inhabitants of said city taken from the two parties casting the largest number of votes for Governor in said city at the State election last preceding the appointment of a member, and said Commissioners shall be appointed as follows: In the year in which the term of one of the present members of said Board expires, the Mayor shall appoint a Commissioner for the term of three years beginning with the first Monday in January of such year, such appointment to be subject to the confirmation of the Board of Aldermen; or

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston shall consist of the City Engineer of said city, the Superintendent of Streets of said city and a third Commissioner to be Chairman of the Board, and to be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, for the term of three years beginning with the first Monday of January in the year of appointment, and in the year in which any such term expires, the Mayor shall appoint a Commissioner to be Chairman of said Board, for the term of three years, each term to commence with the first Monday of January in the year of appointment.

Sect. 2. Said Board shall exclusively have and exercise all the powers vested in the Board of Street Commissioners, the powers vested in the Commissioner of Wires, the powers vested in the Water Commissioner, and all the powers vested in the Board of Aldermen as County Commissioners or as surveyors of highways, whether in conjunction with the Mayor or otherwise, and all the powers vested in the Board of Aldermen or City Council or Common Council of said city relating to the ordering of specific repairs or relating to the maintenance and repairing of highways, streets, causeways and bridges in said city, and to ordering, making, laying, maintaining and repairing sewerage works, and making assessments and charges for such work, or for the use or construction thereof, and to authorizing the regulating, restricting, and control of the sinking, laying, maintaining or repairing of water and other pipes and other structures in highways, and to regulating and determining the grades and coverings of streets and sidewalks.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon the first Monday of January, 1900, and on such date the offices of the present members of said Board shall terminate, all acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act shall be repealed, and all ordinances of said city inconsistent with this act shall be annulled.

SENATE BILL No. 122 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF SUBWAYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Boston Transit Commission is authorized to construct in the City

of Boston a subway or subways with approaches, entrances, sidings, stations and connections therefor from a point on Washington street or Harrison avenue, northerly of the tracks of the Boston and Albany railroad to a point or points on or near Causeway street in the vicinity of the Union station and in the vicinity of the new bridge to Charlestown with connections with the South Union station, with the present subway and with the subway already authorized to be built under Cambridge street, also a subway from near Otter street under Beacon hill to Scollay square, or such part or parts of said subways as said Commission may deem expedient.

Sect. 2. Said Commission may for the purposes of this act use public ways and lands and take for the City of Boston by purchase or otherwise lands in fee and easements, estates and rights in lands including the right to go under the surface thereof or through or under parts of buildings thereon, and such takings in fee or otherwise may be made whether the lands taken or otherwise affected are held under or by title derived under eminent domain or otherwise. A taking under this Section of the easement or other estate or right in a given parcel of real estate whether such parcel consists of unimproved land or of land and buildings may be confined to a portion or section of such parcel fixed by horizontal planes or divisions below or above or at the surface of the soil and in such case no taking need be made of upper or lower portions or sections except of such easements therein as said Commission may deem necessary.

Sect. 3. Said Commission, to make any taking by right of eminent domain, shall cause to be recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk a description of the lands, easements, estates or rights to be taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, with a statement that the same are taken under the authority of this act, which description and statement shall be signed by said Commission, and the lands, easements, estates or rights described in said description shall upon such recording be taken for, and shall vest in, said city.

Sect. 4. Said Commission may remove the buildings from any and all lands taken by it, and may sell or lease for improvement or otherwise any part of, or estate or interest in, any lands or rights so taken, whenever the same shall in the opinion of said Commission cease to be required for the purposes of this act. And any person or corporation acting under authority of this act may enter into and upon any lands, and make surveys and examinations and place and maintain marks therein, and may do all other acts thereon incidental to such surveys, examinations, and placing and maintaining marks.

Sect. 5. Said Commission may agree with any person as to the amount to be paid, as damages sustained by him, for any property taken, or injured, by said Commission under authority of this act, or of any act in amendment hereof, and if any such person cannot agree with said Commission as to the damages so sustained, such damages may be determined by a jury in the Superior Court for the County of Suffolk, on petition therefor of said Commission or of said person against said city, filed in the clerk's office of said Court within one year after such taking, or

the property is so injured, and judgment shall be entered upon the determination of such jury, and costs shall be taxed and execution issued in favor of the prevailing party, as in civil cases.

Sect. 6. Said Commission shall not begin the work of constructing any of said subways until it has filed in the office of the City Engineer of said city a plan signed by said Commission showing the route or location of the part of a subway which it proposes to construct. Any such plan so filed may be altered at any time by a new plan signed and filed in like manner.

Sect. 7. The Commission shall so conduct the work of construction that a street or public place under or near which a subway is constructed shall not be closed for traffic between eight o'clock in the forenoon and six o'clock in the afternoon.

Sect. 8. Said Commission may order the temporary removal or relocation of any surface tracks in or on any land or way through or under or near which any subway, tunnel or railway aforesaid is to be built, also the removal or relocation of any conduits, pipes, wires or poles of any person or corporation, which it deems to interfere with the construction or operation of any such subway, tunnel or railway, and the person or corporation owning such tracks, wires or other property shall comply with said orders. Any person or corporation using or authorized by law to use wires along the route of any such subway or tunnel may place them therein in such manner and on such terms as said Commission may approve. Said Commission shall also designate locations in or adjoining said subways and tunnels for sewers, gas-pipes, water-pipes, conduits and electric wires; and may fix the terms and conditions and rates of compensation to be paid for such locations and the use thereof.

Sect. 9. Said Commission may, if it deems expedient, construct any portion or the whole of the tracks in said subway or subways, and may electrically or otherwise equip the same, and may in the name of the City of Boston, and subject to the approval of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, enter into contracts with any surface or elevated railway company or companies, which shall be binding upon the contracting company or companies and upon the city and its officers and boards, for locations for tracks and other rights in any part or all of said subway or subways, on such terms and conditions, and containing such stipulations and provisions for the security of said City of Boston, the Commonwealth, and all other parties, including such contracting company or companies, as to said Commission or a majority thereof shall seem just and reasonable, but no such contract shall be for a longer term than twenty years from the date thereof.

Sect. 10. At any time before the expiration of six months from the completion of said subway or section thereof, said Commission may order any tracks, poles, wires and other street railway equipment which in its opinion have been rendered unnecessary by the construction of said subway and which are above said subways or within a distance of one thousand feet from any entrance thereto to be removed from the streets. Surface tracks shall not be laid or maintained in that part of any street from which said Commission may have ordered such tracks removed as herein provided.

Sect. 11. The Treasurer of the City of Boston shall from time to time, on the request of said Commission, issue and sell at public or private sale, bonds, registered or with interest coupon attached, as he may deem best, in the name and behalf of said city, to an amount not exceeding \$7,000,000. Said bonds shall be designated on their face, rapid transit loan, shall be for the term of forty years, and at rates of interest not exceeding four per cent. per annum, as said Treasurer shall determine, payable semi-annually. The debt incurred under the provisions of this Section shall not be included in determining the limit of indebtedness of said city. The proceeds of said bonds shall be used to meet all damages, costs and expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act by said Commission. The Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the City of Boston shall establish a sinking fund for the payment of the bonds issued under this act. All premiums received from the sale of said bonds, and all moneys or securities deposited with the Treasurer of said city under the provisions of this act and forfeited to said city, shall be paid into said sinking fund. All rents, percentages, or other annual compensation received from any person or corporation for any use of any of said subways, tunnels or adjacent locations or for any use of any lands or rights taken under authority of this act shall be annually used by the said Treasurer, first, to meet any deficiency in the sinking fund requirements for said bonds, after the payments hereinbefore provided for have been made; second, to meet the interest on said bonds, and the surplus, if any, as a part of the general revenue of said city for the maintenance of its public parks.

The proceeds from any sales of lands or rights taken by purchase or otherwise under the authority of said act or any acts in amendment thereof made before the expiration of two years from the date of the completion of the construction of the subway shall be credited to the subway account.

The interest on the debt incurred for the construction of the subway or any part thereof shall be considered as part of the cost of the construction until such subway or part thereof is open for use.

Sect. 12. This act shall take effect upon its passage, but said Boston Transit Commission shall not take any land or commence the construction of any subway or tunnel until this act shall be accepted by a majority of the voters of said city voting at some special election called by the Mayor of said city or at some State or municipal election designated by said Mayor, such election to be held during the year 1899.

SENATE BILL No. 123 accompanies the petition of Edward I. Aldrich; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOL-HOUSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Treasurer of the City of Boston to pay the expenses of building and furnishing grammar and primary school-houses in said city, and of taking land therefor, shall, from time to time, on the request

of the School Committee of said city, issue and sell negotiable bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding \$500,000 in the current year, and \$500,000 in each of the four following years, which shall all be outside of the debt limit, and in addition to the bonds heretofore authorized to be issued for similar purposes. The proceeds of said bonds shall be expended in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 408 of the Acts of the year 1895.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 124 accompanies the petition of A. J. Bailey; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RIVERWAY PARK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, to prevent the pollution of the stream of the riverway between said city and town, may establish a system of sewerage for the district abutting on or in the vicinity of said riverway, and until such system is adopted may continue to empty surface drainage and sewage into said stream.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 125 accompanies the petition of Frank W. Estey; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SYSTEM OF PLAYGROUNDS FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 412 of the Acts of the year 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, for the purpose of establishing a comprehensive system of playgrounds to meet the wants of the different sections of said city, are hereby authorized to take by purchase or otherwise with the approval of the Mayor of said city, land for playgrounds in such different locations, not exceeding twenty in number, as they may deem best adapted for such purpose: provided, however, that not more than \$200,000 shall be expended in any one year for the above-named purposes.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 126 accompanies the petition of John J. Mahoney; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. All contracts hereafter made by and between the City of Boston and any person or corporation which require, for their fulfilment, the employment or furnishing of any labor by such other person or corporation, hereinafter called the contractor, shall contain the following paragraph:

"In the execution of this contract no laborer shall be employed who is not a citizen of Boston, nor shall any such laborer be required to work more than nine hours a day, nor be paid less than two dollars for every day's work of nine hours."

Sect. 2. Any contractor who violates any of the said provisions of such contract shall be punished by fine not exceeding \$100 for every such violation; and any official of said city charged with the duty of drafting such contracts, or with examining the same before signature, and who fails to cause said paragraph to be inserted in the contract, shall be liable to the same penalty hereinbefore provided as to the contractor.

Sect. 3. Laborers performing work under such contract with the City of Boston shall be paid directly by the city, as often as once a week, and such payment shall be charged to the contractor. It shall be the duty of the contractor to furnish weekly to the City Treasurer, until the completion of the contract, a certified statement containing the name of every such laborer and the amount due him.

SENATE BILL No. 127 accompanies the petition of Peter F. Tague; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The members of the Fire Department of the City of Boston shall not be required to perform more than twelve hours of duty in every twenty-four, except in case of emergency; and the Department shall be so organized that the members shall be divided into two shifts of twelve hours each.

SENATE BILL No. 142 was introduced on leave by Senator Feneno of Suffolk; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO POLICE OFFICERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every police officer in the City of Boston, including police sergeants, shall be granted twenty-four hours leave of absence in every twenty-seven days.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 143 was introduced on leave by Senator Feneno of Suffolk; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO TENEMENTS AND LODGING HOUSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

An act to amend the Acts of 1897, Chapter 413, line sixty-nine, and line seventy-one in Section 1, after the word "them" in line sixty-nine and the word "two" in line seventy-one, so that it will read as follows:

"Tenement houses means a building which, or any portion of which, is occupied or intended to be occupied as a dwelling by

more than four families living independently of one another and doing their cooking upon the premises, or by more than three families above the first story so living, et cetera."

Section 3 is also amended (of same act and chapter) in the last line of the section, after the word "erected," so that it will read, "and every tenement or lodging house hereafter erected within the fire limits in the City of Boston shall be a first-class building."

SENATE BILL No. 148 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS ON COPLEY SQUARE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Any act or part of an act which would require the height of a building situated at the corner of Saint James avenue and Trinity place in the City of Boston to be constructed of any different height than it is at present, shall not be deemed to apply to said building.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 149 accompanies the petition of Edward F. Tracey and others; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1, Chapter 449, Acts of 1895, is hereby amended by striking out in the second line thereof the words "two years" and substituting therefor the words "one year."

Sect. 2. This act shall be submitted for the acceptance of the voters of the City of Boston at the annual State election in the current year, and if accepted by a majority of the votes cast shall take effect upon such acceptance.

SENATE BILL No. 150 accompanies the petition of Edward W. Prescho; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE CHILDREN OF FREDERICK B. BOGAN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to the children of Frederick B. Bogan, late Superintendent of Public Buildings of said city the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until the end of the fiscal year, 1898 to 1899.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 151 accompanies the petition of Charles Fleischer and others; it was referred to the Committee on Education. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 6 of Chapter 241 of the Acts of the year 1875, as amended by Chapter 297 of the Acts of the year 1889, is amended by striking out the words "order to be made," and inserting in place thereof the word "make," so that said section shall read as follows:

Section 6. The School Committee shall have full power and authority to make on the school buildings any additions, alterations and repairs for school purposes which it deems to be necessary; to provide temporary accommodations for school purposes; to select, bond and purchase the land required for school buildings and their yards; and to fix finally and conclusively the plans for school buildings to be erected; provided, that nothing herein shall authorize said School Committee, in behalf of the City of Boston, to expend or contract to expend for said purposes any money in excess of the amount previously appropriated therefor.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 158 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. In any case where lands, ponds, water-sources, aqueducts, or other property of any city or town taken or used under authority of Chapter 488 of the Acts of the year 1895 are situated in more than one county, all petitions for damages under said act for such takings or use, or for the cancellation of any contracts, or for any other act or thing done, shall be filed and entered as one petition in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Norfolk, and said court shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof. In all such cases the court, upon application of either party, shall appoint three commissioners, who shall hear the parties and their evidence and determine and award the damages sustained by said city or town for such takings, use, cancellation of contracts, or other act or thing done. Said commissioners shall, at the request of either party, report their rulings upon all matters of law arising upon the hearing before them; and the findings of fact in said report shall be prima facie evidence thereof in any jury trial claimed as hereinafter provided. Upon the return of said report, said court may at the request of either party report for the determination of the Supreme Judicial Court such questions of law presented by the report of said commissioners as either party may desire; and thereupon in case the rulings of said commissioners on said questions of law shall be rejected or modified by the Supreme Judicial Court the case shall be remanded to said commissioners, who shall after hearing the arguments of the parties file a final report determining and awarding the damages sustained by said city or town as aforesaid in conformity with the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court upon said questions of law. If either party shall be dissatisfied with the amount of damages thus awarded by said commissioners, such party may within thirty days after the return of the final report of said commissioners file a notice in writing

claiming a jury trial; and thereupon the damages sustained by said city or town shall be determined by a jury in the Superior Court for said county. The expense of said hearings for stenography, printing and compensation of the commissioners shall be paid equally by the parties to said proceeding.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 159 accompanies the petition of the Boston Merchants' Association; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Boston Transit Commission is hereby instructed to investigate further the passenger transportation problem in the City of Boston, and to report to the General Court not later than the year 1900 its recommendations as to what should be done to relieve further the streets and promote rapid and convenient transit by public conveyance through the heart of said city.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 175 accompanies the petition of Frederick W. Dallinger; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NEW CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Cambridge Bridge Commission provided for in Chapter 467, Acts of 1898, is hereby authorized in connection with the construction of the bridge authorized in said act, to construct an island or islands in Charles river in the line of such bridge, in such place and within such lines and upon such conditions as may be approved by the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners: provided, however, that no compensation for displacement of tide water or occupation of any lands of the Commonwealth shall be required.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

In the House of Representatives.

HOUSE BILL No. 350 accompanies the petition of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STREETS AND LANDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF PARKS, PARKWAYS AND BOULEVARDS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of Chapter 540 of the Acts of the year 1898 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "upon" in line six thereof the words "lands abutting upon such park, parkway or boulevard, or of any," so as to read as follows:

Section 2. Said Board of Park Commissioners shall have power to plant trees, place seats, stand-pipes, drinking-fountains and works of art on said parts of ways, and may establish reasonable rules and regulations relating to the displaying of advertisements

and to the height and the character of fences placed upon lands abutting upon such park, parkway or boulevard, or any of said parts of ways, as they shall deem the public interests require.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 377 was introduced on leave by Mr. Whall of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of Chapter 449 of the Acts of the year 1895 is hereby amended by striking out in the seventh line thereof, after the word "city," the word "without," and inserting in place thereof the words "subject to," so as to read as follows:

Sect. 2. The Election Department, the Fire Department, the Water Department, and the Institutions Department, are hereby created as departments of the City of Boston, and shall be under the charge of the officers herein designated therefor. Said officers shall be citizens and voters of Boston and shall be appointed by the Mayor of said city, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen; and Chapter 266 of the Acts of the year 1885, and all other acts relating to departments of the City of Boston or the officers and employees thereof, not inconsistent herewith, shall be applicable to the departments created by this act and to the officers and employees thereof.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 383 was introduced on leave by Mr. Whall of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 449 of the Acts of the year 1895 is hereby amended by striking out in the second line thereof, after the word "of," the words "two years," and inserting in place thereof the words "one year," so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor of the City of Boston shall be elected for the term of one year from the first Monday in January following his election, and until his successor is chosen and qualified. In case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the City Council shall, if such vacancy occurs before the last six months of said term, order an election for a Mayor to serve for the unexpired term, and if such vacancy occurs in the last six months of the term, the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen shall act as Mayor for the unexpired term.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 386 was introduced on leave by Mr. Toland of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER REGULATE THE INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. No person, persons or corporation employing or directing any labor in the erection, alteration, repair or painting of any building or structure within the City of Boston shall in the performance of said work hereafter use or allow to be used by his or their employees any scaffolding, staging, hoist, stay, ladder, or other mechanical device which is not constructed, contrived and maintained so as to give proper protection to the life and limb of every person so employed or engaged.

Sect. 2. Within thirty days after the passage of this act there shall be appointed by the Building Commissioner of the City of Boston, subject to approval by the Mayor, and also subject to examination by the Civil Service Commission, at least five inspectors of staging, etc., and such additional number of inspectors as the City Council may from time to time by ordinance determine. Said inspectors shall hold office during good behavior, but may be removed by the Building Commissioner with the approval of the Mayor, for malfeasance, incapacity or neglect of duty. The salary of said inspectors shall be established by the Building Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, and to be paid from the treasury of the City of Boston. Said inspectors shall not be employed or engaged in any other business.

Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of said inspectors to inspect all stagings, scaffoldings, hoists, stays, ladders and other such mechanical devices hereafter used in the construction, alteration, repair or painting of any building in the City of Boston; and in case such stagings, scaffoldings, hoists, ladders and such other mechanical devices are not constructed, contrived and maintained so as to properly protect the life and limb of all persons employed or engaged in the construction, alteration, repair or painting of any building or structure, the Building Commissioner shall prohibit their use, and shall so notify in writing the person, persons or corporation owning or using such unsafe stagings, etc.

Sect. 4. Any person, persons or corporation employing or directing labor in the erection, alteration, repair or painting of any building or structure in the City of Boston who shall hereafter use or allow to be used by his or their employees any staging, scaffolding, hoist, stay, ladder or such other mechanical device which is not constructed, contrived and maintained so as to give proper protection to life and limb of every person so employed or engaged, or the use of which has been prohibited by the Building Commissioner, as provided for in Section 3 of this act, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$100 for each and every such offence.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect thirty days after its passage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 387 was introduced on leave by Mr. Skillings of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTING ALDERMEN IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston shall be and hereby is divided into twelve aldermanic districts; and Wards 1 and 2 shall constitute

one district, to be known as the first aldermanic district; Wards 3, 4 and 5 shall constitute one district, to be known as the second aldermanic district; Wards 6 and 8 shall constitute one district, to be known as the third aldermanic district; Wards 7 and 10 shall constitute one district, to be known as the fourth aldermanic district; Wards 11 and 19 shall constitute one district, to be known as the fifth aldermanic district; Wards 9 and 13 shall constitute one district, to be known as the sixth aldermanic district; Wards 14 and 15 shall constitute one district, to be known as the seventh aldermanic district; Wards 12 and 18 shall constitute one district, to be known as the eighth aldermanic district; Wards 17 and 21 shall constitute one district, to be known as the ninth aldermanic district; Wards 16 and 20 shall constitute one district, to be known as the tenth aldermanic district; Wards 23 and 24 shall constitute one district, to be known as the eleventh aldermanic district; Wards 22 and 25 shall constitute one district, to be known as the twelfth aldermanic district.

Sect. 2. The qualified voters of each of the aldermanic districts shall, at the annual election, give in their votes in their respective precincts for one able and discreet person, being a legal voter and an inhabitant of the district, to be a member of the Board of Aldermen for the ensuing year; and all the votes so given in shall be sorted, counted, declared and recorded, a declaration of the result thereof made, and a transcript of such record certified and transmitted, and the same proceedings had thereon, to ascertain and determine the persons chosen as aldermen, as are hereinbefore directed in regard to the choice of Mayor.

Sect. 3. In case one or more members of the Board of Aldermen have not been elected, the members who have been elected, whether constituting a quorum or otherwise, shall order a new election for the number of aldermen not elected, at such time and place as they may deem advisable; and in case no member of the Board of Aldermen has been elected, the President of the Common Council shall order a new election for members of the Board of Aldermen at such time and place as he shall deem advisable, and the same proceedings shall be as are provided in the preceding section. The course herein prescribed shall be repeated from time to time until a full Board of Aldermen shall be elected.

Sect. 4. Whenever there is a vacancy in said Board by removal from the city, death, resignation or otherwise, the members of said Board who shall continue in office shall order an election to fill such vacancy, at such time and place as they may deem advisable.

Sect. 5. Nominations of candidates for the Board of Aldermen in the City of Boston, made by a political party which at the preceding annual State election polled for Governor at least three per centum of the entire vote cast in the State for that office, shall be made directly in caucuses and not by convention or committees, and the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes of the total vote cast in the several ward caucuses in his respective district shall be the nominee for alderman for said district.

Sect. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 407 accompanies the petition of Leonard W. Ross; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PURCHASE CERTAIN LANDS ON CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston is hereby authorized to purchase at private sale for park purposes, and at a price not exceeding \$120,000 a parcel of land on Chestnut Hill avenue in said city, containing about 120,000 square feet, belonging to the estate of the late William B. White, and surrounded, except where it is bounded by the said avenue, by land of the City of Boston.

Sect. 2. To pay for the said land the Treasurer of the said city may issue in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 471 of the Acts of the year 1898, notes, bonds or script to an amount not exceeding \$120,000 in excess of the debt limit prescribed by law.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL NO. 471 accompanies the petition of John W. Ayres; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TUNNEL FROM A POINT ON OR NEAR HANOVER STREET TO A POINT AT OR NEAR MAVERICK SQUARE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 17 of Chapter 500 of the Acts of the year 1897. Line four is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 17. Whenever said corporation is authorized to begin the construction of its railroad over the route first applied for, as provided in Section 13 of this act the Boston Transit Commission may construct a tunnel or tunnels, of sufficient size for two railway tracks, with approaches, entrances, sidings, stations and connections therefor, and for the running of railway cars therein, from a point on or near Hanover street in the City of Boston, or such other point or points as said Board may deem proper for a suitable connection with the subway or subways provided for in Section 25 of said Chapter 548, to a point at or near Maverick square in that part of Boston called East Boston, where a suitable connection with surface tracks may be made. Said tunnel or tunnels shall be constructed in a thorough and substantial manner, with special reference to strength, durability and safety for railway travel, and shall be water-tight, or in case of leakage the water shall be taken care of by said city. Upon completion thereof said Commission shall execute a lease thereof in writing to said corporation for a term expiring twenty-five years from the date of the passage of this act, at an annual rental equal to three-eighths of one per cent. of the gross receipts for each year ending September 30, of all lines owned, leased or operated by said corporation, to be paid to said city on or before the last day of November in each year with the privilege to the lessee to sublet the same, such lease to contain such other terms and

provisions as may be agreed on by said Commission and said corporation, or in case of disagreement, as shall be determined by the Board of Railroad Commissioners. Said rental shall be in full compensation for the exclusive use of said tunnel by said corporation, its sub-lessees, successors or assigns. Said city shall collect from each person passing through said tunnel in either direction a toll of one cent: provided, however, that if in any year ending on the thirtieth day of September the receipts from such tolls, together with the rental above provided for, amount to a sum so in excess of the interest and sinking-fund requirements of said bonds for that year that the Board of Railroad Commissioners is of opinion that the toll may be reduced, said Board shall on petition of ten citizens of said city establish such reduced toll for the period of one year from the first day of January next ensuing, as will in its opinion yield an amount sufficient to meet, with said rental, said interest and sinking-fund requirements for that year; or said Board may altogether discontinue such toll when it is of opinion that such rental alone is sufficient to meet said requirements; but any such reduction shall be carried into effect by a provision for the sale of tickets, and the cash fare shall continue to be one cent. The whole amount of such tolls and for said rentals is hereby pledged to meet the principal and interest of the bonds issued to pay for the construction of said tunnel or tunnels, and this pledge shall be expressed on the face of such bonds as one of the terms thereof; provided, however, that after such tolls have been discontinued if said rentals shall for any year ending on the thirtieth day of September yield an amount more than sufficient to meet the interest and sinking-fund requirements of said bonds for such year such excess over said requirements shall be regarded as general revenue of said city. In case in any year the rentals and tolls above provided for shall not yield a sufficient amount to meet said interest and sinking-fund requirements the compensation received by said city under Section 10 of this act shall be applied so far as may be necessary toward meeting such requirements. Said corporation shall be the agent of said city to collect such tolls, under such arrangements as shall be agreed upon by said city and said corporation, or in case of disagreement, as shall be determined by the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 494 accompanies the petition of John Mason Little; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLOTTING AND LAYING OUT OF STREETS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 210, of the Acts of the year 1898, is hereby amended by striking out the words "all highways in said city shall hereafter be laid out, located anew, altered, widened, constructed or discontinued only under the provisions of said acts, of this act or of special acts authorizing the same," at the end of Section 1 of said act.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 517 accompanies the petition of Roswell S. Barrows; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLOTTING AND LAYING OUT OF STREETS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 210 of the Acts of the year 1898 is hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 528 accompanies the petition of Robert A. Woods; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TABULATION OF STATISTICS OF PARENT NATIVITY IN BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Bureau of Statistics of labor is hereby authorized to tabulate in detail the statistics of parent nativity and other related facts concerning the population of the City of Boston, from the decennial census, and for this purpose there shall be allowed and paid-out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, a sum not exceeding \$800, to be expended under the direction of the Chief of said Bureau.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 529 accompanies the petition of Joseph Engel and others; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION ONE OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL DEBT OF AND RATE OF TAXATION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the year 1885 is hereby amended by inserting in place of the words "the taxes assessed on" in the first line, the words "the total amount raised by the taxation of or by charges upon" and by inserting at the end of said section the words "nothing in this section shall limit the amount of damages which may be recovered for the laying out, making, or maintaining of main drains or common sewers and for laying out of streets and ways provided by Chapters 49 and 50 of the Public Statutes and acts amendatory thereto."

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 531 was introduced on leave by Mr. Toomey of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO MARY A. DAVIS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to Mary A. Davis, widow of Michael Davis, late a member of the

Police Department of said city, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to serve as a police officer until the close of the present fiscal year.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 532 was introduced on leave by Mr. Edward J. Donovan of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF EDWARD MELIA.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to the widow of Edward Melia, late a police officer of said city, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to be such police officer until the close of the fiscal year 1898 to 1899.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 533 was introduced on leave by Mr. Bresnahan of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXTENSION OF COVE STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 11 of Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "bridge," in the thirty-fourth line, the following: "not less than eighty feet wide;" and by striking out all after the word "place," in the forty-third line, down to the word "ninety-eight," in the forty-fifth line, and inserting in place thereof the following: "and such extension of Cove street to West First street shall be begun at such time prior to the first day of January, 1900 as shall be determined by the Street Commissioners and Railroad Commissioners, sitting jointly, and shall be completed and open for public travel before the first day of January, 1902," so as to read as follows: Cove street shall be extended by a bridge not less than eighty feet wide over the tracks of the terminal company and over Fort Point channel to Dorchester avenue, at or near West First street in South Boston, and the said terminal company shall pay towards the cost of said bridge such sum as the Railroad Commissioners shall determine to be equivalent to the cost of constructing, for the accommodation of foot passengers, a suitable bridge or a suitable subway from the end of the new Cove street before its extension, as herein provided, to meet Dorchester avenue at a convenient place; and such extension of Cove street to West First street shall be begun at such time prior to the first day of January, 1900, as may be determined by the Street Commissioners and Railroad Commissioners, sitting jointly, and shall be completed and open for public travel before the first day of January, 1902. Said Board of Street Commissioners shall discontinue, widen and lay out said streets in such manner as may be approved by the Mayor; and said city shall construct said streets and make said changes in said streets and bridges as above specified. The Supreme Judicial

Court or any justice thereof shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce the provisions of this section.

HOUSE BILL No. 551 was introduced on leave by Mr. Dean of Brookline; it was referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE PASSENGER FARES ON RAILROADS WITHIN THE SUBURBAN DISTRICT OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every railroad corporation whose road runs out from Boston shall furnish a ticket containing not exceeding twelve rides at a rate not greater than one cent a mile or fraction thereof, within the suburban district of Boston, excepting that the minimum fare shall be five cents.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of this year.

HOUSE BILL No. 553 accompanies the petition of John I. Toland; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE WIDENING OF PINE STREET IN BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston shall prepare a plan for widening Pine street in Ward 3 in Boston, said plan to be subject to the approval of the Mayor of said city.

Sect. 2. After said plan has been so prepared and approved, the Treasurer of said city shall, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, in order to provide for meeting the expenses of such widening, issue notes, bonds or scrip of said city to the amount specified in such request: provided, that the sum total of such amounts shall not exceed the sum of \$75,000. Such notes, bonds or scrip shall be negotiable; shall bear interest payable semi-annually; shall be registered or with interest coupons attached, and shall be sold and disposed of in such manner, at such times, at such prices, in such amounts and at such rates of interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, as said Treasurer may determine.

Sect. 3. The said city is authorized to incur said indebtedness of \$75,000 beyond the limit of indebtedness fixed by law.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 561 accompanies the petition of Delia McGrath; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY THE WIDOW OF JOHN McGRATH CERTAIN MONEY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to the widow of John McGrath, late a laborer in the Street Department of said city, the balance of the salary which said John McGrath would have earned had he lived and continued to hold his position until the end of the year 1899.

HOUSE BILL No. 562 was introduced on leave by Mr. Skillings of Boston; it was re-

ferred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE POLES FOR WIRES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BE MADE OF IRON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. All poles hereafter erected in the City of Boston to support wires for the transmission or reception of electricity or the electric current shall be made of iron, and of such dimensions, quality and form as shall be approved by the Commissioner of Wires of the City of Boston.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 570 accompanies the petition of William Cuddy; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE MOTHER OF JAMES F. RYAN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to the mother of James F. Ryan, late a Deputy Collector of said city, the balance of the salary to which said Ryan would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his position as such Deputy Collector until the close of the fiscal year 1898 and 1899.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 582 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Quincy it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF METROPOLITAN PARK COMMISSIONERS TO CONSTRUCT ROADWAYS OR BOULEVARDS FROM SQUANTUM HEAD IN THE CITY OF QUINCY TO THE CITY OF BOSTON AND TO THE BLUE HILLS RESERVATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Park Commission, created by Chapter 407 of the Acts of the year 1893, is hereby authorized and required to take, in fee or otherwise, for the Commonwealth, by purchase or otherwise, and for roadways, parkways, or boulevards the following described strips or parcels of land, viz.:

The first strip of land begins at Squantum Head in the City of Quincy, and runs south-westerly along the shore of Dorchester bay and along and including Squantum street to the vicinity of Moswetuskett Hummock on Quincy bay; thence runs south-westerly following Atlantic street, widening the same to the Old Colony railroad, or else runs south-westerly at every point at least two hundred feet distant northerly from Atlantic street until it approaches the Old Colony Railroad, which it will cross at Atlantic street; thence to Hancock street; thence to and over Neponset river to Franklin park, in such direction and over such streets and lands as the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston may approve.

The second strip or parcel begins at the first described roadway at a point at or near Moswetuskett Hummock, so-called, and

thence runs in a generally south-easterly and south-westerly direction along the shore and across the property of various parties and of the National Sailors' Home to the easterly extremity of Merrymount park; thence through the park to the south-westerly extremity thereof at Furnace brook; thence runs up the valley of Furnace brook across Hancock street, across the location and underneath the tracks of the Old Colony Railroad Company, and across Newport avenue in a generally westerly direction to the ward four playground in West Quincy; thence runs from the playground to a point near the Roman Catholic cemetery; thence runs in a south-westerly direction across or along various streets and across the location of the Old Colony railroad company to the Blue Hills reservation.

Sect. 2. Said Board is hereby authorized and required to hold, maintain and care for said strips or parcels as roadways, parkways or boulevards in the manner prescribed in Chapter 407 of the Acts of the year 1893, or in Chapter 288 of the Acts of the year 1894, or in any acts in amendment, or addition thereto, or thereto enabling.

Sect. 3. Said Board for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act may expend the sum of \$500,000 and for that purpose the Treasurer and Receiver-general shall issue a corresponding amount of scrip or certificates of indebtedness as an addition to the Metropolitan Parks loan, and establish a sinking-fund to be established, assessed and collected in accordance with the provisions of Sections 9, 10, 11 and 12 of said Chapter 407 of the Acts of 1893.

Sect. 4. All takings under the right of eminent domain shall be made and all damages sustained by reason of any such taking shall be determined in the manner provided in Chapter 288 of the Acts of the year 1894 and acts in addition or amendment thereto for takings and damages under said acts, and all the provisions of said acts, except as otherwise hereinbefore provided, shall apply to the roadways, parkways or boulevards hereinbefore described.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 583 accompanies the petition of James A. Watson; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF MARTIN F. McDONALD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to Annie E. McDonald, widow of Martin F. McDonald, late an engineer in the Fire Department of said city, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until the first day of February in the year 1900.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 589 accompanies the petition of Charles A. Dean; it was referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE PASSENGER FARES ON RAILROADS WITHIN THE SUBURBAN DISTRICT OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every railroad corporation whose road runs out from Boston, shall furnish on each week day, for all trains reaching and leaving Boston between six and seven o'clock forenoon and afternoon, for distances not exceeding fifteen miles, season tickets at a rate not exceeding three dollars per mile per year, good once a day each way for six days in the week, and quarterly tickets not exceeding one dollar per quarter per mile, and may provide special cars therefor.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of this year.

HOUSE BILL No. 590 accompanies the petition of John H. Carter; it was referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE OF RAILROAD TICKETS IN THE SUBURBAN DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every railroad corporation whose road runs out from Boston shall furnish, at the lowest rate made upon its road between Boston and stations within the suburban district individually, a ticket containing not exceeding twelve rides, but mileage, ticket rates and rates for workingmen's tickets (so called) shall not apply.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of this year.

HOUSE BILL No. 600 accompanies the petition of the Citizens' Association of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE USE OF CARRIAGES BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. No sum of money shall hereafter be paid from the City Treasury of the City of Boston for or on account of any personal expenses directly or indirectly incurred by or on behalf of any member of the Board of Aldermen of said city, nor shall any sum of money be paid from said City Treasury for carriages furnished to or carriage hire incurred by any member of said Board except for such carriages, upon the occasion of public funerals and the entertainment of distinguished guests, as shall be furnished upon the written order of the Mayor of said city.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 607 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ISSUE LOANS FOR THE EXTENSION OF ITS WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to issue loans to pay for the laying of water mains, of not less than twelve-inch diameter, for the extension of its water distribution system.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 614 accompanies the petition of William S. Hills; it was referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RIGHT OF THE BOSTON & ALBANY RAILROAD COMPANY TO TAKE CERTAIN LANDS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The right of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company, under Section 22 of Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896, to take in fee or otherwise, except by purchase, that part of the lands described in said Section 22 now belonging to William S. Hills, shall terminate on the thirty-first day of August in the current year, if not theretofore exercised.

HOUSE BILL No. 615 accompanies the petition of Charles S. Rackerman; it was referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RIGHT OF THE BOSTON & ALBANY RAILROAD COMPANY TO TAKE CERTAIN LANDS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The right of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company, under Section 22 of Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896, to take in fee or otherwise, except by purchase, that part of the lands described in said Section 22, now belonging to the trustees of the estate of Henry W. Williams, deceased, and other persons, shall terminate on the thirty-first day of August in the current year, if not theretofore exercised.

HOUSE BILL No. 620 was introduced on leave by Mr. Lanergan of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE WIDENING OF HAMPDEN STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston shall prepare a plan for widening Hampden street so as to provide a better thoroughfare for teaming and other purposes, said plan to be subject to the approval of the Mayor of said city.

Sect. 2. After said plan has been so prepared and approved, the Treasurer of said city shall, on request of the Mayor, in order to provide for meeting the expenses of such widening, issue notes, bonds or scrip of said city to the amount specified in such request for a term not exceeding twenty years from the date thereof; provided that the sum total thereof shall not exceed the sum of \$150,000. Such notes, bonds or scrip shall be within the debt limit; shall be negotiable; shall bear interest, payable semi-annually; shall be registered, or with interest coupons attached, and shall be sold and disposed of in such manner, at such times, at such places, in such amounts, and at such rates of interest not exceeding five per centum per annum as such Treasurer may determine. In case the estimated expense of making all of the street changes shown on such plan as determined by said Board exceeds the

amount of \$150,000, the work of making such changes shall begin at the junction of Hampden and Albany streets, and shall be continued from that point in the direction of Dudley street as far as the expenses of the same can be met within the amount of the loan therein authorized.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council of the City of Boston.

HOUSE BILL No. 621 was introduced on leave by Mr. King of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE FAMILY OF MARTIN F. McDONALD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to the family of Martin F. McDonald, late a fireman in the Fire Department of said city, killed while in the discharge of his duties, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until the end of the year 1899.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 633 was introduced on leave by Mr. Root of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled

AN ACT TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF LICENSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Any licenses to sell liquor in the City of Boston, which may lapse or which may be forfeited for any cause now provided by law, shall not be issued again; and by such lapses and forfeitures the total number of licenses shall be decreased until the number of licenses issued stands to the number of inhabitants in the proportion of one to one thousand.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 637 was introduced on leave by Mr. Bleiler of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STONY BROOK IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston may alter the course of and make a new channel, covered or uncovered, for Stony brook in the City of Boston, from a point at or near Boylston station on the Boston and Providence Railroad to a point on Washington street near Jamaica Plain station on said railroad.

Sect. 2. The Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, may take by purchase or otherwise, in fee, for said city, for the purpose aforesaid, any lands in said city which they may deem necessary therefor, and may take any rights or easements in said brook or in any lands which they may deem necessary; and to make any such taking otherwise than by purchase, shall cause to be recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk

a description of the lands, rights or easements so taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, with a statement signed by them that such lands, rights or easements were taken for the purposes of this act; and upon the recording of such description the lands, rights or easements described therein shall be taken for said city.

Sect. 3. Said city shall pay all damages sustained by any person in his property by the taking of any lands, rights or easements under the authority of this act, and if any person sustaining such damage fails to agree with said city as to the amount of damages sustained such damage shall be assessed and determined in the Superior Court for the County of Suffolk, on the written application of either party therefor, filed with the clerk of said court within one year from the date of such taking; but no such application shall be made after the expiration of said one year; and upon such application, after such notice as said court shall order, the damages shall be determined by a jury in said court in the same manner as damages for land taken for highways in said city are determined, and costs shall be taxed and execution issued as in civil cases.

Sect. 4. For the purpose of defraying all the costs and expenses of the lands, rights and easements taken, purchased or held for the purposes mentioned in this act, and of constructing all channels and works necessary and proper for the accomplishment of the said purposes, and for paying all expenses incident thereto, the Treasurer of said city shall issue from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, negotiable notes, scrip or certificates of debt, to be denominated on the face thereof, "Stony Brook Improvement Scrip," to an amount not exceeding in the whole the sum of \$500,000, which shall not be included in determining the limit of indebtedness of said city. Said notes, bonds or scrip shall be registered or with interest coupons attached, as said Treasurer shall determine; shall bear such rate of interest, not exceeding 4 per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on such days, and shall be issued and disposed of in such amounts, in such modes, and at such times and prices as the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, shall from time to time determine. The Sinking Funds Commissioners of said city shall, upon the issuing of any of said bonds, establish a sinking fund, and determine the amounts to be paid thereto each year, which fund shall be sufficient, with its accumulations, to extinguish the debt at maturity; and the Treasurer of said city shall pay to said Commissioners any premiums received by the city in the negotiation or sale of any of said bonds.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect when accepted by the City Council of the City of Boston.

HOUSE BILL No. 640 was introduced on leave by Mr. Keith of Cambridge; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND "AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SEWERAGE WORKS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON."

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 426, Acts of 1897, as amended by Chapter 257, Acts of 1898, is amended in Section 1 by striking out, in the

first line, the words "City Council," and inserting in place thereof the words "Board of Estimate and Apportionment"; and in the sixth line, by striking out the words "annual charges hereinafter provided for," and inserting in place thereof the words "income of said city and taxes"; and is amended in Section 5 by inserting in the ninth line, after the word "Middlesex," the words "or Suffolk, as such owner may, within one month after the filing of the petition, elect in a writing filed in said court."

Sect. 2. Section 7 of said Chapter is repealed, and the following substituted therefor:

Section 7. The Board of Street Commissioners of said city, at any time within two years after the passage of this act, shall assess upon the several estates in said city which have received a benefit from the construction of any sewerage work for the cost of which such estates have paid no part, a proportional part of such cost, and shall at any time within two years after any sewerage work shall be hereafter completed, assess upon the several estates benefited by such sewerage work a proportional part of the cost thereof. Any assessment for the construction of a sewerage work which shall have been found to be invalid and unpaid, or which shall have been recovered back, may be reassessed by said Board to the amount for which and to the person to whom the original assessment ought to have been made, and every such reassessment and every original assessment laid for the construction of a sewerage work shall be a lien upon the estate assessed or reassessed for two years after being assessed or reassessed, and collected and paid into the City Treasury in the same manner as, and as a part of, the general taxes, and in conformity with the provisions of Sections 16 and 17 of Chapter 323, Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 650 was introduced on leave by Mr. Ross of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs, sitting jointly. It is entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NOMINATION OF ALDERMEN BY DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston shall be, and hereby is, divided into twelve aldermanic districts; and Wards 1 and 2 shall constitute one district, to be known as the first aldermanic district; Wards 3, 4 and 5 shall constitute one district, to be known as the second aldermanic district; Wards 6 and 8 shall constitute one district, to be known as the third aldermanic district; Wards 7 and 9 shall constitute one district, to be known as the fourth aldermanic district; Wards 10 and 19 shall constitute one district, to be known as the fifth aldermanic district; Wards 11 and 25 shall constitute one district, to be known as the sixth aldermanic district; Wards 12 and 18 shall constitute one district, to be known as the seventh aldermanic district; Wards 13 and 14 shall constitute one district, to be known as the eighth aldermanic district; Wards 15 and 17 shall constitute one district,

to be known as the ninth aldermanic district; Wards 16 and 21 shall constitute one district, to be known as the tenth aldermanic district; Wards 20 and 24 shall constitute one district, to be known as the eleventh aldermanic district; Wards 22 and 23 shall constitute one district, to be known as the twelfth aldermanic district.

Sect. 2. Nominations of candidates for the Board of Aldermen in the City of Boston, made by a political party which at the preceding annual State election polled for Governor at least three per centum of the entire vote cast in the Commonwealth for that office, shall be made directly in caucuses and not by conventions or committees.

Sect. 3. It shall be the duties of the voters of each of the two leading political parties in each aldermanic district to annually nominate one candidate for alderman from among the residents of said district qualified to hold said office. Caucuses shall be held, for the purpose of making such nominations, in each of the wards comprising an aldermanic district, and returns of the votes cast for aldermanic candidates shall be made to the Election Commissioners of said city in conformity with the law relative to returns of votes of caucuses. The candidate for alderman in any aldermanic district, who in the aggregate of all the votes cast in the different wards comprising said district, appears to have received a plurality of such votes, as shown by the returns made to the Election Commissioners, shall be deemed to be one of the twelve nominees for aldermen of the political party holding such caucuses.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 665 accompanies the petition of Alfred Newmarch; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO LUCY G. KELLY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to the widow of William J. Kelly, late an employee of the Paving Division of the Street Department of said city, the balance of salary to which said William J. Kelly would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his position until the end of the fiscal year, 1898 to 1899.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 668 accompanies the petition of George B. Upham; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HEIGHT OF APARTMENT BUILDINGS, HOTELS, TENEMENT AND LODGING HOUSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Any apartment building, hotel or building of any kind intended to be occupied for the purposes of tenements or lodgings, hereafter built, rebuilt or altered in the City of Boston, may be built, rebuilt or altered to the height of eighty feet and no more: provided, however, that there may be built on such buildings above the limits hereinbefore prescribed, chimneys and ornamen-

tal features which do not enlarge the interior capacity of said buildings.

Sect. 2. The Mayor of the City of Boston, upon receiving application in writing stating the proposed location and height of a building of the class designated in Section 1, after giving such notice to the owners of property in the vicinity, as to the Mayor may seem to be sufficient, and after a public hearing, if such be requested, may, if satisfied that the location designated is fairly within a business district as distinguished from a residential district, and that every precaution is to be taken against loss of life by fire, issue a permit for the construction of such building to the height otherwise prescribed by law; whereupon such building shall be exempt from the operation of this act, but such permit shall not exempt the applicant from obtaining such other building permits as may be required by law.

Sect. 3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to alter, amend or repeal the provisions of Chapter 313 of the Acts of the year 1896, Chapter 379 of the Acts of the year 1897, Chapter 452 of the Acts of the year 1898, or any laws regulating the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 669 accompanies the petition of Francis W. Kilbredge; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 9 of Chapter 413 of the Acts of 1897 is hereby amended by striking out the words "at least" in the eleventh line and inserting after the words "occupied by the building" in the thirteenth line, of said Section 9, the words "provided that an equivalent area of open spaces less than ten, but not less than six feet in width may be provided, with the consent of the Building Commissioner," so that said Section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 9. Section 108 of said act as amended by Chapter 239 of the Acts of the year 1895, is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 108. No building hereafter erected for or converted to use as a tenement or lodging-house, and no building hereafter enlarged or increased in height or area for said purposes, shall occupy above the level of the second floor more than sixty-five one-hundredths part of the area of the lot measured to the middle line of the street or streets or passageways on which it abuts. Every such building shall have on at least two exposures on land of the owner, or as part of public ways, open spaces of ten feet in width, which spaces shall have an aggregate length of one foot for every twenty-five feet of superficial area actually occupied by the building: provided, that an equivalent area of open spaces less than ten, but not less than six feet, in width may be provided, with the consent of the Building Commissioner. Such spaces shall be open to the sky and shall remain undiminished so long as the building is occupied as a tenement or lodging-house. A clear space open from the ground to the sky shall

be maintained across the whole rear of every such building not located on two streets forming a corner, and of a depth equal to one-half the width of the street in front of such building: provided, that such space need not exceed the depth of twenty feet, and, provided further, that an equivalent area of open space in the rear or on either side of such building may be provided of different dimensions, with the consent of the Building Commissioner.

HOUSE BILL No. 670 accompanies the petition of Frank W. Estey; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 15 of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891, as amended by Section 8 of Chapter 418 of the Acts of the year 1892, is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said Section and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 15. Such proportion of said assessable cost of the work done under said order as the Street Commissioners shall determine after public hearing, but in no case less than one-half thereof, shall be assumed and paid by the public. The remainder of said assessable cost shall be assessed upon the several parcels of land as defined in Section 11, as they were at the date of the aforesaid order of said Street Commissioners, and the amount, with interest, to be paid for each parcel for which the parcel shall be liable, but for which the owner shall not be personally liable, and for which as a part of the tax thereon a lien shall attach to the parcel, shall be determined by said Board of Street Commissioners in accordance with the proportions in which said Board shall determine that the said parcels of land are increased in value by the aforesaid order and the carrying out thereof.

Every such amount may be revised and corrected by the said Board of Street Commissioners, subject to appeal therefrom to the Superior Court to determine such correctness, as is provided in the case of taxes, from the Board of Assessors. The cost, if any are laid by said Superintendent of Streets, of the gas pipes and connections and the laying thereof, as determined by said Auditor, shall be repaid to said city by the gas company owning the pipes with which the gas pipes laid in said streets are connected.

Sect. 2. Of the amount of money authorized to be obtained and expended under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891 and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, not less than \$100,000 or more than \$250,000, shall be expended annually in the construction of streets fifty feet or less in width.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 673 accompanies the petition of J. W. Conry; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO ELLEN A. MURPHY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to Ellen A. Murphy, widow of Stephen D. Murphy, late first quartermaster's sergeant of Company I, Ninth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, and late an employee of the Printing Department of said city, the salary to which said Stephen D. Murphy would have been entitled as such employee of the city, from the time he entered the United States service until the end of the fiscal year, 1898 to 1899.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 674 accompanies the petition of Michael F. Hart; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF JOHN ROSSITER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay the widow of John Rossiter, late an employee in the Library Department in said city, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until the first day of February, in the year 1899.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 676 accompanies the petition of Osborne Howes; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BUILDING LAWS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 18, Chapter 419, Acts of 1892, is amended by striking out the first six lines thereof, and inserting in place thereof the following: "All buildings hereafter erected in the City of Boston shall be built in conformity with this act, and only the following third-class structures shall be allowed, namely,"

Section 18 aforesaid is amended by adding to the end of the section the following words: "railroad freight sheds, when not over one story in height, and dwelling-houses and private stables, when the same are located at least fifty feet distant from any other building."

Section 20 of the aforesaid Chapter 419 is amended by striking out, in the second line thereof, the words "within the building limits;" and in the sixth line thereof the words, "within the limits."

Section 21 of the aforesaid Chapter 419 is amended by striking out all of the section, and inserting in place thereof: "A third-class building may be moved to another position on the same lot by permission of the Building Commissioner."

Section 22 of the aforesaid Chapter 419 is amended by striking it out, and the various sectional numberings in the Chapter are amended to make them conform with this excision.

HOUSE BILL No. 678 accompanies the petition of Edward P. Sands; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO PLACE THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF PUBLIC BATHS IN CITY OF BOSTON WITH THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF SAID CITY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Health of the City of Boston shall have care and custody of all bath-houses, whether for all-the-year-round use, or floating bath-houses in salt water for summer use, bathing beaches or swimming-pools, now or hereafter to be provided by said city; shall have the care and custody of all urinals or public convenience stations, now or hereafter established by said city; and shall construct every such bath-house, urinal or station for which an appropriation may hereafter be made.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 679 accompanies the petition of J. A. Conry; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE MOTHER OF JOSEPH D. LANE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, late an employee in the Water Department of said city, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until the first day of February, in the year 1899.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 680 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE INSTITUTIONS REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 6 of Chapter 395, Acts of 1897, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6. The Institutions Registration Department shall be under the charge of a Board to be known as the Registration Trustees, consisting of the Chairman of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, the Chairman of the Insane Hospital Trustees, the Chairman of the Trustees for Children, the Chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, the Chairman of the Board of Statistics and the Penal Institutions Commissioner of said city, all of said officers to serve ex-offices. Said Board shall investigate all questions relating to the settlement of paupers, to the commitment of the insane, or to the agency for discharged prisoners, or to any rights, duties or liabilities connected therewith, and report thereon to the Department interested therein; and shall perform such services relating to the accounts and to the collection, registration and tabulation of statistics relating to said departments, or any of them, as may be required of it by said Mayor or by the officer or trustees in charge of any of said Departments, with the approval of said Mayor.

HOUSE BILL No. 681 accompanies the petition of Anna Cabot Lodge; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS IN THE VICINITY OF THE STATE HOUSE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Any building now being built or hereafter to be built, rebuilt or altered in any part of the City of Boston, within a distance of 1,000 feet from the State House, may be completed, built, rebuilt or altered to the height of the main cornice of the Bulfinch front of the State House, as the same now is, and no higher: provided, however, that there may be erected on any such building, above the limits hereinbefore prescribed, such chimneys and ornamental features as the Governor and his Council may approve: and, provided further, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the construction of any building above the limits of height otherwise prescribed by law.

Sect. 2. Any person sustaining damage or loss in his property by reason of the limit of the height of buildings provided for in this act, may recover such damage or loss from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by proceedings begun within three years of the passage of this act, and in the manner prescribed by law for the collection of claims against the Commonwealth.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 686 accompanies the petition of Randolph V. King; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF ASSESSORS AND ASSISTANT ASSESSORS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 123 of the Acts of 1884 is hereby amended by adding after the word "Assessors," in the first line, the words "not exceeding five in number;" so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 1. Assessors, not exceeding five in number, and assistant assessors in the City of Boston, may be elected in such manner and hold office for such term, not exceeding three years, as the City Council of said city may by ordinance prescribe.

Sect. 2. This act shall not affect the tenure of office of any person now a member of said Board, but there shall be no election or appointment of a successor to either of the four members whose terms expire next in order.

Sect. 3. All ordinances, rules, orders, resolutions and votes of the City Council and of either branch thereof, are annulled so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL, No. 687, accompanies the petition of Arthur P. Russell; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DUTIES OF ASSESSORS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 21 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1898 is hereby amended by adding after the word "provided," in the fifth line, the words "and shall cause to be printed in some newspaper published in Boston the name and residence of each person thus assessed or certified, together with the names and residences of the two witnesses who have testified for each such person. The names and residences of such persons and witnesses shall be printed, as above provided within two days after the number of names of persons thus assessed or certified, not printed, reaches fifty, and on the day when such number is reached the names to be printed within such two days shall include the names of all such persons and witnesses up to the close of business in the office of the Assessors on such day. The names and residences of the persons thus assessed or certified shall be printed in Roman type, and immediately following each such name shall be printed in Italic type the names and residences of the two witnesses who have testified for such person. The names of such persons and witnesses shall be arranged and printed, as above provided, by wards and precincts," so as to read as follows:

"Section 21. The Assessors shall enter the name and residence of each person thus assessed or certified in a book provided for that purpose, and opposite to each name the names, occupations and residences of the persons who have testified as above provided, and shall cause to be printed in some newspaper published in Boston the name and residence of each person thus assessed or certified, together with the names and residences of the two witnesses who have testified for each such person. The names and residences of such persons and witnesses shall be printed, as above provided, within two days after the number of names of persons thus assessed or certified, not printed, reaches fifty, and on the day when such number is reached the names to be printed within such two days shall include the names of all such persons and witnesses up to the close of business in the office of the assessors on such day. The names and residences of the persons thus assessed or certified shall be printed in Roman type, and immediately following each such name shall be printed in Italic type the names and residences of the two witnesses who have testified for such person. The names of such persons and witnesses shall be arranged and printed, as above provided, by wards and precincts."

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

A bill has been introduced in the New York Senate authorizing the Governor to appoint six general managers of the Pan-American Exposition, to be held at Buffalo in 1901, to provide State headquarters and an exhibit for the various interests of the State. The act carries an appropriation of \$500,000. The Ways and Means Committee at Washington has reported favorably for government participation in the Exposition, and has decided to report a bill appropriating \$500,000 for government buildings and exhibits.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Trustees in City Hall, Thursday, February 2, 1899, at 2.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Fallon and Hersey.

Circular No. 55, dated January 30, 1899, from His Honor the Mayor, recommending certain reductions in salaries according to limitations placed therein, was read, and it was

Voted, That the recommendations contained therein be adopted and that an order be issued by the Chairman making the reductions.

Friday, February 3, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Trustees, City Hall, on Friday, February 3, 1899, at 2.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Fallon, Hersey and Atteaux.

A communication was received under date of February 1, from His Honor the Mayor, inclosing a communication from the Corporation Counsel in regard to the Kearsarge-avenue burialground.

Voted, That the communication be placed on file.

A communication was received under date of January 27, 1899, from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing report of Mr. F. W. Chandler on the plans for a chapel at Mt. Hope Cemetery and approving the selection of White & Wood, architects, and their plans, provided they demonstrate to Mr. Chandler that the work can be done for \$25,000, and provided that they associate with them an architect of experience, the fee to be divided if the work is so divided. The communication was placed on file.

Voted, That the plans of White & Wood be accepted on understanding that the work under them can be done for \$25,000 and that they associate with themselves an architect of experience satisfactory to Mr. Chandler.

Voted, That Harris Ketzev be granted permission to stand on the steps of the Granary burialground and sell flowers.

Voted, That the General Superintendent be given full authority to arrange with Mr. John J. Burnes for the care of the Dorchester, North and South, Eustis street, Roxbury, South End, South and Hawes, and South Boston cemeteries at a fixed sum. All income derived from said cemeteries to be paid to this Department.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to notify White & Wood, when they shall have complied with the requirements of the acceptance of their plans, to prepare and submit to this Board the necessary detailed plans and specifications for the erection of the chapel.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized, on the receipt of said detailed plans and specifications, to invite bids thereon.

Voted, That the General Superintendent be instructed that, in cases where bodies in the charge of this Department, either in the

receiving-tomb or graves, are subject to charges due this Department, that no such body be allowed to be removed until the charges are fully paid, except in a case of transfer from the receiving-tomb to a lot or single grave, and that the Superintendent be given power, subject to the sanction of the Board, to make reasonable concessions.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Children's Institutions Department.

The one hundred and eighth meeting of the Trustees for Children was held December 31, 1898:

A letter was read from His Honor the Mayor requesting a hearing before the Board, at which he would be present, concerning the troubles at Rainsford's Island.

Voted, That the hearing be held on January 3, 1899, at 2 o'clock, at the Mayor's office, and that persons interested be notified by the Secretary.

Voted, That the new Superintendent of the House of Reformation be responsible for all appointments at the Institution, and that when names of applicants are suggested or presented to him by any Trustee or by the Board, it is for him alone to determine whether to accept or reject such applicants.

Voted, That the Superintendent of the House of Reformation be authorized to engage temporary assistants, reporting the same to the Board.

On January 3 and 4, 1899, two hearings were held by the Mayor and the Trustees for Children in the Mayor's office to consider the advisability of Mrs. Everett's continuing as teacher at the House of Reformation, and all the witnesses who could throw any light on the subject testified.

At the conclusion of the hearing the Mayor advised the Board that there was no case against Mrs. Everett to warrant her dismissal, and he should advise her being retained as teacher at the House of Reformation, subject to subsequent approval by the Superintendent, like other employees.

The new Superintendent, who was present at the hearings, stated that, in his opinion, Mrs. Everett should be retained.

At the one hundred and ninth meeting of the Trustees, held January 7, 1899, it was

Voted, That Mr. Anthony be requested to recommend a plan for the treatment of the boys "on honor."

Voted, That Mr. Anthony be requested to inform the Committee on Releases, fifteen days in advance, of the names of the boys about to go on their honor.

Voted, That Mr. Anthony be authorized to engage a woman at a salary of \$30 a month to take general charge of the younger boys.

Voted, That Mr. Anthony be authorized to advance the salaries of all watchmen to \$30 a month, and that he be authorized to engage a fourth watchman.

At the one hundred and tenth meeting, held January 17, 1899, it was

Voted, That the superintendents of the Parental School and the House of Reformation in the future, when requiring any new subordinates in their respective departments coming under the provisions of the Civil Service law, shall inform the Board of Trustees in writing, who will make requisition to the Civil Service Department and will transmit the names so received to the superintendents for their selection.

At the one hundred and twelfth meeting, held January 24, 1899, it was

Voted, That the Board approves in a general way of the release of boys serving sentences for fines upon consent of the judge.

Voted, That Mr. Anthony be authorized to carry out his plans for a grade system at the House of Reformation.

Voted, That the rules for the treatment of boys on honor at the House of Reformation be left to the Superintendent.

At the one hundred and fifteenth meeting, held January 31, 1899, it was Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to accept the contracts of J. V. Fletcher & Son for beef; of J. E. Noyes for mutton; of J. Burns & Son for fresh and salt fish for the year February 1, 1899, to February 1, 1900.

Voted, That the "Act relative to the care of neglected children in the custody of the Trustees for children in the City of Boston and Children in the House of Reformation for the County of Suffolk" as amended be accepted by the Board, and that the Chairman be authorized to submit it to the Corporation Counsel without delay.

Voted, That the Superintendents of our Institutions be each instructed to attend one meeting of the Trustees every month.

Voted, That the Chairman be a committee of one with powers to present estimates to the Board of Apportionment (on loan order) for work-rooms and improvements needed at the House of Reformation, and repairs of damage caused by the late storm.

At the one hundred and sixteenth meeting, held February 7, 1899, the Secretary reported that Drs. Leonard and Wentworth would care for the teeth of the boys at the House of Reformation for a year.

Voted, That Drs. Leonard and Wentworth be tendered the thanks of the Board.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at Pierce Farm on January 26, 1899. Present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Goddard and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

Circular No. 52 from His Honor the Mayor was read and placed on file.

A letter from the Civil Service Commission, in reference to the employees complained of, was read and placed on file.

It was voted that the board of Peter O'Brien be reduced to \$10 per month and that the bills be sent quarterly.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported that the small-pox hospital had been successfully destroyed, and also that they saw no reason for the purchase of iron feeding-troughs for the pigs.

The Chairman, Secretary and Superintendent were appointed a committee to confer with the Civil Service Commission in regard to certain appointments.

It was voted that the Superintendent be requested to see that proper ventilation existed in the infirmary and wards for the excited, and that the matter be not left to the discretion of the attendants.

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, January 27, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De-Normandie, Lincoln, and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the Mayor, Circular No. 54; from J. G. Cupples, dated January 24, addressed to the Librarian; from the American Encaustic Tiling Company, dated January 25; the Librarian's report.

Employed: Oscar A. Bierstadt, custodian of Bates Hall, at a salary of \$47.95 per week, beginning February 1.

Salaries increased: Amelia F. McGrath, grade C, station "U," \$9.75 to \$10.50 per week, beginning February 1; S. Jennie Dowling, Louis W. Roett, issue department, grade D, special, \$9 to \$10 per week; Alice E. McKirdy, grade C, South End Branch, \$9.50 to \$10.50 per week; Katharine G. Monney, grade C, West End Branch, \$9.50 to \$10.50 per week, beginning February 8; Otto Heilmann, grade C, special, branch division, \$13 to \$13.50 per week, beginning February 19; Emma Bollig, grade C, branch division, \$8 to \$8.50 per week, beginning February 21.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$1,539.70; chargeable to the Numismatic Fund, \$22; for books, chargeable to funds, \$522.47; chargeable to city moneys, \$321. The Vice-President was authorized to sign special drafts in favor of A. A. Nichols, auditor, for \$935.12, in favor of the Public Buildings Department for \$604.58, included in the above.

Ordered, That on or after February 1, 1899, the President or Vice-President be authorized to draw a draft upon the City Treasurer in the sum of fifteen hundred (1,500) dollars, payable to the "Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, A. A. Nichols, auditor," the same to be charged to the appropriation for the year 1899, and the proceeds of the same to be deposited in the New England Trust Company to the general account of the Trustees, and thereafter to be drawn against by the Library Auditor as may be necessary for meeting petty current expenses, under order of the City Council, approved March 31, 1898.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$372.85; to trust funds, \$123.40; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$12.28; to Station P, \$6.79; miscellaneous articles, \$959.50.

The offer from the Women In Council of Roxbury of certain casts and pictures for a reading-room in Ward 17, conditional upon the establishment of such, was received, and the Librarian instructed to express the regret of the Trustees that as there is no prospect of the establishment of such a reading-room, the offer must be declined.

Applications for special privileges were received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held February 1, 1899.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Mr. Sproules, Miss Rogers, Mr. Kerrigan, Mr. Mullen, Mrs. Wolcott, Mrs. Thorndike, Dr. Plummer, Miss O'Brien and Dr. Stuart.

A certificate from the office of the City Clerk was read stating that Henry L. Plummer had been duly appointed a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1901, vice Frederick W. Day, resigned — and the oath of office was administered to Dr. Plummer by the Chairman.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasurer for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending January 10, 1899, the same having been read in full.

Notice was received from His Honor the Mayor that he had approved the increase of salary for Miss McDowell.

The record of the regular quarterly meeting of the Public Institutions Conference, held December 28, 1898, was read and placed on file.

A communication asking information about the Charity Building from William Rathbone, for many years member of Parliament for Liverpool, England, was read, and the Secretary stated that he had sent reports which gave full accounts. The communication was referred to Mrs. Wolcott to give such further information as she might deem expedient.

Circular No. 52 from His Honor the Mayor with regard to contracts was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Circular No. 53 from His Honor the Mayor with regard to photographs was referred to the Committee on Lodge with full powers.

Circular No. 54 from His Honor the Mayor calling attention of unpaid boards to the necessity of acting as a whole, a member having no executive authority, was read and placed on file.

Circular No. 55 from His Honor the Mayor calling attention to the appropriation for the Department and directing that the expenditures be kept strictly within the

amount; also directing that the Board proceed at once to make a reduction in all salaries was read, and it was

Voted, That the reduction in salaries ordered by His Honor the Mayor be at once carried into effect.

The following committees were appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board:

Finance and Accounts — Messrs. Pierce, Mullen and Plummer.

Employments and Settlements — Mrs. Thorndike, Miss O'Brien and Dr. Plummer.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by Miss Rogers. Attention was called to the reduction in number of meals given, resulting from investigation made as to persons calling often. The report was placed on file.

The monthly report of the Wayfarers' Lodge and Wood-yard was read by Mr. Fowler, who also called attention to the need of repairs on roof. The Committee was given full powers. The report was accepted and placed on file.

The Committee on Building reported the expense for cleaning during the past year to have been \$383.16. The committee also reported the purchase of trusses and planks, to make the cleaning of the walls more easy. The report was accepted and placed on file.

Dr. Stuart for the Medical Committee reported that Dr. Sprague made fifty-two visits in January. The report was placed on file.

Voted, That the Chairman prepare the Annual Report.

On motion of Mr. Sproules it was

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to which all first applications for aid by widows, with young children, be referred, with the hope that temporary private help may be given while efforts are being made to have them provided for outside of the pauper funds, and that the committee be authorized to employ a woman to make special investigations when needed. Miss Rogers, Mr. Sproules and Miss O'Brien were appointed, the committee to choose its own chairman.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, February 13, 1899.

The forty-fifth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held on Monday, January 16, at 10 A.M., the full Board being present.

The matter of contracts was discussed, and it was

Voted, That the Finance Committee be authorized to make the usual contract for supplies for the Pauper Institutions.

Voted, That the Acting-Superintendent of Long Island be authorized to provide storm-windows for the matron's rooms in the dormitory, and that further consideration as to the best manner of improving the means of heating this building be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

The question of receiving mustered-out soldiers at Long Island was referred to the Hospital Committee.

Voted, That the Hospital Committee should consider the relative proportions of beef and mutton which it is desirable to use in the Pauper Institutions.

The question was discussed as to the best means of caring for the United States pensioners who are inmates of almshouses. It was agreed that when possible, the best method was to provide for their guardianship.

The following gives the census for Long Island February 4, 1899:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	86	131	217
Children	7	10	17
Dormitory	—	230	230
Institution	406	—	406
Totals	499	371	870

A special meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held on Monday, January 30, at 12.30 P.M.

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering proposals to furnish beef, mutton and fish for the Pauper Institutions during the ensuing year.

Thirteen proposals were received, as follows:

Five for supplying beef; four for supplying fish; four for supplying mutton.

The various bids were taken under advisement and referred to the Finance Committee. (For award see THE CITY RECORD, page 97).

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, January 30, 1899.

It was voted to file Board of Survey plans (in Brighton) numbered F 92, 93, O 9, 10, 11, 31, 32, 33, 21; (in Roxbury) numbered S 36, 37; (in South Bay) numbered U 28, 33; (in Central Dorchester) X 34, 35, 36; and (in West Roxbury) Z 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53, 54, 57, 68, 69.

A petition was received for the laying out of Edison Green, at Dorchester.

Tuesday, January 31.

It was voted to give a hearing on Board of Survey plan M 47, Plat 4, in Room 25 of the Old Court House, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., Friday, February 10, 1899.

Petitions were received that the name of Covington street be changed, and also the name of High street, Dorchester (Neponset).

Wednesday, February 1.

The following votes were passed:

Voted, That the City Auditor be authorized to charge the appropriation for laying out and construction of highways with \$1,552.95, in addition to the \$16,364.38, charged said appropriation by a vote of this Board of December 20, 1898, the same being for additional expenses for land purchased and moving of engine-house No. 21, caused by the widening and construction of Columbia road.

Voted, That the Street Commissioners award, and that there be paid, to Mary L. Plunkett the sum of \$100 for all land taken from, rights acquired in, and damages occasioned to, her estate, on Fowler street,

at Dorchester, by the action of this Board in the improvement of the water-course known as the Oakland Garden Fork of the Canterbury Branch of Stony Brook, by its order of January 26, 1898, the Mayor having approved her agreement to accept said sum.

Voted, That the Street Commissioners award, and that there be paid, to Luke McDermott the sum of \$650 for all land taken from, rights acquired in, and damages occasioned to his estate on River street, at Dorchester, by the action of this Board in the construction of an outlet for the sewer in Idaho street, by its order of July 12, 1898, the Mayor having approved his agreement to accept said sum.

Voted, That in the matter of Joseph A. Smith, petitioner for damages occasioned by the widening of Huntington avenue, after consultation with the Law Department, and on its advice, the Board assess the petitioner's damages at the sum of \$5,346 without interest, the city to assume the betterment for the widening of Huntington avenue on the remaining portion of the petitioner's land, and consent that the City Solicitor agree to judgment in said case on said terms.

Friday, February 3.

Public hearings were given in the matters of changing the name of Shelton street to Wrentham street and of Bell street to Cedar avenue.

Orders were passed changing the names of Shelton street to Wrentham street, and of Bell street to Biltmore street, and the same were sent to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation.

A petition was received for a sewer in a passageway between the Fenway and Hemmeway street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending February 4, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.7
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	18.8
Number of deaths:	
Males	101
Females	125
Total	226
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	192
Increase	34

Of the 226 decedents, 220 were white and 6 colored; 144 were born in the United States, 78 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 56 were of American parentage, 143 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 27 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	50	4
Scarlatina	18	1
Typhoid fever	3	3
Measles	150	—
Totals	221	8

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	34
Pneumonia	43
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	18
Bronchitis	10
Marasmus	7
Violent causes	10

Total from principal causes	123
Total from infectious diseases	8
Total from other causes	95

Total from all causes	226
Deaths of children under 1 year	34
Deaths of children under 5 years	63
Deaths of persons over 60 years	51
Deaths in public institutions	61

The special committee of the City Council appointed to wait on President McKinley consists of Aldermen Barry, Codman, Colby, Dixon and Presho, and Councilmen Kiley, Hickey, Atwood, Miller, Peck, Logan, Kasanof and Badaracco.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, February 1, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending January 28, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.		PERMITS GRANTED.						
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.	First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.
	Approved.	Disapproved.							
1...	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	4
2...	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
3...	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
4...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
5...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
6...	2	5	—	—	—	—	1	7	39
7...	—	9	—	2	—	—	2	5	47
8...	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	3
9...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
10...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
11...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
12...	15	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	6
13...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
14...	—	3	6	1	—	1	—	—	1
15...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4
16...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
17...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18...	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	1
19...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
20...	2	—	1	—	—	7	—	—	2
21...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	15
22...	3	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	3
23...	2	—	3	1	—	1	1	—	2
24...	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
25...	1	—	2	—	—	1	—	8	4
T'ls..	30	25	20	6	—	14	18	14	74
									300

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

NEXT MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber on Monday, February 20, 1899, at 3 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Common Council will be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, February 23, 1899, at 7.45 P.M.

The Alabama House has voted unanimously that each school-house in the State shall fly the national flag.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, Boston, February 16, 1899.

The Water Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing to the City of Boston one hundred sixty-one (161) tons of cast-iron water pipes, with flexible joints. A bond of two thousand (2,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety, for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of the Water Commissioner, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, enclosed in an envelope, and with a certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office, before 12 o'clock M. of Friday, February 24, 1899. This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. Proposals filled out and left with check, as above directed, and no other, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city. Said envelope should be indorsed, "Proposal for Cast-Iron Water Pipe."

JOHN R. MURPHY, Water Commissioner.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASS.:

Boston, February 2, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully asks your Honorable Board for permission to lay and maintain underground conduits and manholes, with the wires and cables to be placed therein, under the surface of the following streets: Bay State road, between Beacon and Deerfield streets; Minot street, between Lowell and Leverett streets; Anderson street, between Cambridge and Pinckney streets.

Also, for permission to erect and maintain distributing poles, with the wires to be placed thereon, and to lay and maintain underground conduits, manholes, cables and wires, for the purpose of making connection with said poles, and with existing poles it may desire for distributing purposes, and for making building connections with its said conduits.

Plan showing location of conduit constructed is filed herewith.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 13, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twentieth day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Respectfully represents the American Sugar Refining Company, a corporation duly established under the laws of New Jersey, and having a usual place of business in Boston, that on the eleventh day of September, 1882, permission was granted by this Honorable Board to the Standard Sugar Refinery, the Continental Sugar Refinery and the Boston Machine Company to lay down tracks on First and Granite streets, South Boston, as follows, namely: Commencing at a point on West First street, 250 feet west of the westerly line of Granite street; thence in an easterly direction over and upon said West First street, to the land of the New York & New England Railroad Corporation, 270 feet east of the easterly line of A street. Again commencing at a point on Granite street, opposite the southerly line of Mt. Washington avenue, and extending over and upon said Granite street to West First street, and connecting with the track located by this order on West First street; said tracks being shown on a plan drawn by George T. Sampson, civil engineer, dated August 1, 1882, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And that said parties should also have the right to enter upon and use said tracks, with cars and engines, for the transportation of freight, subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Aldermen may from time to time prescribe, and upon certain other conditions set forth in said order.

And that upon October 16, 1882, the permission granted by said order of September 11, 1882, to the Continental Sugar Refinery and the Boston Machine Company was revoked and rescinded, so far as the same related to said two corporations, but the permission and rights granted by said order to the Standard Sugar Refinery were confirmed.

That thereafter said Standard Sugar Refinery constructed said tracks in accordance with said plans, and continued to use the same until on or about the tenth day of January, 1891, when the said Standard Sugar Refinery conveyed all its property in the State of Massachusetts to your petitioner; and whereas, a doubt has arisen as to the right of your petitioner to continue to use said tracks, without further permission of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, your petitioner prays that it may be permitted to use and operate said tracks, with cars and engines, for the transportation of freight, subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Aldermen may from time to time prescribe.

The American Sugar Refining Company,
By W. B. THOMAS, Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 13, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the sixth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Herald, Evening Record, South Boston Inquirer and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, February 6, 1899.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to erect three poles for the support of its wires in Washington street, between Ruggles and Vernon streets. Said poles to be 45 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 10 feet.

Boston Electric Light Company,
By SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 13, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twentieth day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Traveler, Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT—SEWER DIVISION.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Boston, February 13, 1899.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, Room 47, City Hall, Boston, until Monday, February 20, 1899, at 12 o'clock noon, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing and delivering in the bins of the main drainage works, Calf Pasture, Dorchester district, 1,500 tons, more or less, of Georges Creek Cumberland coal, or its equivalent; 500 tons to be delivered on or before March 9, 1899, the balance on or before March 23, 1899; proposals will state the particular kind and price per ton of 2,240 pounds, delivered as above, including all costs and expenses of weighing, by a weigher appointed by the City of Boston, and stavedoring the same, to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets; said proposals must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$500, made payable to the City of Boston, said check to be forfeited to the city in case of failure to appear and sign the contract within five days from date of award; a bond, with sureties, or a deposit of money or other security, satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract; the Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, should he deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

Boston, February 12, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city.

Said Company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city, and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Chester street, between Brighton avenue and Gardner street, Ward 25.

Farrington street, between Harvard avenue and Linden street, Ward 25.

Melville avenue, Dorchester, between Upland avenue and Dorchester avenue, Ward 20.

Salem street, Charlestown, between Main and High streets, Ward 5.

St. John street, between Centre and Rockview streets, Ward 22.

Rockview street, opposite St. John street, Ward 22.

Washington street, Dorchester, near Norfolk street, Ward 20.

Also, to remove pole from Washington street, Dorchester, near Norfolk street, Ward 20.

Forest Hills street, between Williams street and Parkway, Ward 23.

Also, to remove pole from Forest Hills street, between Williams street and Parkway, Ward 23.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 13, 1899.

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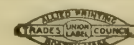
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Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

The Board of Street Commissioners will give a public hearing in their office, at City Hall, at 11 o'clock A.M. Friday, February 17, 1899, to all persons interested in a petition to change the names of Hunneman and Yeoman streets and Norfolk avenue, in Roxbury and Dorchester.

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners.
JOHN P. DORE, Chairman.



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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF JOHN C. RYDER.

Mr. John C. Ryder, Head Master of the Brighton High School, died suddenly of apoplexy, in Bangor, Me., whither he had gone to recuperate from the effects of an attack of influenza.

Mr. Ryder was born in Readfield, Me., December 6, 1856, and was graduated from Colby University in 1882. In November, 1884, he was appointed sub-master in the Dearborn Grammar School in this city. In September, 1887, he was transferred to the Hugh O'Brien School. In February, 1888, Mr. Ryder was made Principal of the Mt. Vernon Grammar School, and in October, 1890, he became a Master in the Roxbury High School.

On September 8, 1896, he was elected Principal of the Brighton High School, of which he was made Head Master, January 1, 1896.

Funeral services were held on February 19, in Readfield, Me., and memorial exercises will be held at the Brighton High School on Friday morning, February 24, at 10 o'clock.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BOSTON ALMSHOUSE AND HOSPITAL.

The Pauper Institutions Trustees have tendered the important position of Superintendent of the Boston Almshouse and Hospital, on Long Island, to Mr. Alvin T. Hert, Warden of the Indiana Reformatory, Jeffersonville, Ind.

This action was taken at a special meeting of the Board, held Monday, February 20, 1899, and on the unanimous recommendation of a special committee, of which Dr. William H. Grainger was chairman.

Mr. Hert is an official of large experience and wide reputation. He has brought the Institution at present under his charge to a high state of efficiency, and is so much respected in his profession that he at present fills the position of President of the Wardens' Association of the United States.

The Trustees have carefully considered the claims of numerous candidates, including a few from Boston and vicinity, and after mature deliberation, have selected Mr. Hert as best fitted to fulfil the duties of the position.

EXAMINATION REGARDING ELE- VATOR ACCIDENT.

Following are the reports made relative to the elevator accident which occurred at City Hall, on Thursday, February 16, 1899, by which several persons were injured:

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

February 20, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In compliance with your request an examination has been made of the westerly elevator in the City Hall and its appurtenances, which were wrecked on Thursday, February 16 last, and I find that the piston rod, the cross-head and the travelling sheave-yoke connected with the same are broken, and the sheaves pulled toward the elevator well by the ropes connected to the car. In my opinion the fall of the car was caused by the breaking of the piston rod cross-head and connecting yoke.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

WHITTIER MACHINE COMPANY.

Boston, February 17, 1899.

MR. WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

DEAR SIR: At the request of City Architect, Mr. Howard, we have examined west elevator at City Hall building, with a view to ascertaining the cause of the recent accident. We are of the opinion that the accident was caused by the breaking of the connection between the piston and the yoke carrying the travelling sheaves. The break occurred at the end nearest the sheaves. There are indications of a slight fracture, but it is impossible to say what caused it. The safety apparatus on the car failed to operate from the fact that the hoisting ropes were taut during the descent of the car. The car was found about eight inches from its lowest position and the safeties set, thereby holding the car firmly in this position. We can account for this from the fact that when the car struck the buffers at the bottom of the well-way it rebounded, thereby slacking the hoisting ropes and allowing the safeties to operate.

Yours truly,

Whittier Machine Company,

H. P. KING, Treasurer.

FREE MUNICIPAL LECTURES.

The programme for Central Course No. III. of the free municipal lectures has been arranged by the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Free Lectures. The general title of the course is "Social and Industrial," and the first lecture was given on Wednesday evening, February 22, by Miss Jane Addams, Hull House, Chicago, on "Tolstoi and His Social Theories." The following lectures will be given during March:

Wednesday, March 8 — Mr. Harry Lloyd, "The Labor Movement in England and America."

Tuesday, March 14 — Hon. Carroll D. Wright, "The Relation of Invention to Labor."

Tuesday, March 21 — Mr. Edwin D. Mead, "The Larger Patriotism."

These lectures will be given in the old Public Library building, Boylston street, at 8 o'clock. No tickets are required.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, at 7.30 P.M., on Tuesday, February 14, 1899. In the absence of the President, the senior member, Mr. McDonald, called the Board to order.

Mr. Anderson was chosen temporary president, and occupied the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Bowdlear, Fleischer, Huggan and Strange.

The rules were suspended, and the teachers in excess of the rule, nominated by the Superintendent at the previous meeting, were confirmed.

Robert E. Burke was elected Principal of the Lincoln Evening School, and George E. Murphy was elected Principal of the Washington Allston Evening School.

The Chair read the following:

(1.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

January 19, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to investigate the sanitary condition of the Ticknor School, South Boston, and to make such changes and repairs as may be necessary to put the same in proper condition.

In Common Council, January 19, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 1, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

(2.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

January 12, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take immediate steps to improve the sanitary condition of the Mather School-house in Ward 13, South Boston.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, January 23, 1899.

Concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,

Assistant City Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 25, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

(3.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

February 9, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide school accommodations of the pri-

mary grade at that section of Ward 23 known as Central Station.

In Common Council, February 9, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 10, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

(4.) IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

January 30, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to provide an additional primary school building in the Dorchester Centre District, Ward 20.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

In Common Council, February 2, 1899.

Concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,

Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

The following, laid over under the rules at the last meeting, were passed:

(1.) Ordered, That there be paid to the trustees under the will of D. W. Williams the sum of \$4,107.60 as payment for 5,868 square feet of land on Munroe street, Roxbury, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, May 19, 1898 (taking recorded same day), upon said trustees giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

(2.) Ordered, That from the total amount of \$145,000 appropriated September 22, 1896, and February 9, 1897, out of the amount granted the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, for West End school-house site, the following transfer be made:

Munroe Street School-house, enlargement of lot, \$4,107.60.

The resignations of two teachers presented by the Superintendent of Schools were accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

The appointments of five temporary teachers, which were placed on file; the appointments of three special assistants, and of two teachers on probation, which were laid over under the rule; and the confirmation of appointments of fourteen teachers, which were laid over under the rule. Leave of absence was granted to twenty-three teachers.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and recommendations for leave of absence, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto: One temporary teacher, approved under a suspension of the rule; one teacher on probation, laid over under the rule; leave of absence, for two teachers, granted under a suspension of the rule.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan the vote approving the appointments and transfers presented by the Superintendent at the previous meeting was reconsidered.

Mr. McDonald moved that the transfer of H. C. Parker be referred to the Committee on the First Division, and it was so referred.

Mr. Calderwood moved that the appointment on probation of S. A. Johnson be referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division, and it was so referred.

The remaining appointments, transfers and confirmations were approved.

On the recommendation of the Committee on New Buildings it was ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Francis C. Creber in the sum of \$790 for fitting up for school purposes a two-room building and a one-room building on Comin's Terrace, Roxbury, and with W. J. Carlin in the sum of \$109 for furnishing stoves for the same buildings, the said Creber and Carlin being the lowest bidders.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred, January 24, a communication from His Honor the Mayor transmitting a copy of a vote of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment notifying the School Committee that said Board will be ready on February 1 to receive and consider applications for loans for school buildings, and that said Board believes that application for such loans should be made to it, rather than to the Legislature, reported that they have duly considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$500,000 to be expended by the School Committee during the current year for additional grammar and primary school accommodations.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom were recommitted, January 24, two orders, one making an appropriation for an addition to the Mechanic Arts High School-house, and the other authorizing the execution of a contract for furnishing a heating and ventilating system in that building, with instructions to report whether Section 33 of the Rules had been violated in connection therewith, reported that this section provides that committees shall not expend or authorize the expenditure of any money beyond the amount appropriated in the budget approved by the Board. The budget referred to is reported by the Committee on Accounts in accordance with Paragraph 3 of Section 35, and includes items for the support of the public schools, but not for the construction of new buildings. Moreover, Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898 expressly authorizes the School Committee to make contracts during any year for the payment of the whole or any part of the amounts to be issued under this act in a subsequent year. Therefore, your committee are of the opinion that the provisions of Section 33 of the Rules have not been violated, and they again recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriation be made:

Mechanic Arts High School-house, addition, \$55,000.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Isaac Coffin & Co., in the sum of \$3,972, for furnishing a heating and ventilating system in the Mechanic Arts High School-house; said firm being the lowest bidder.

Report accepted and orders passed.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order relative to the naming of the new primary school-house in the Thomas N. Hart District, reported that they have considered the matter, and now recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the new primary school-house in the Thomas N. Hart District be named the Benjamin Dean School, in honor of the late Benjamin Dean.

The report was accepted and order passed under a suspension of the rules.

It was ordered that the sessions of the Prince School continue as heretofore, from 9 o'clock A.M. to 2 o'clock P.M., and that the master be authorized, in his discretion, to dismiss the pupils of Grades 1 and 2 at 1.15 P.M.

The following report from the Committee on Accounts was received:

The Committee on Accounts respectfully inform the Board that, under Section 1, Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898, the School Committee of the City of Boston shall, on or before the first day of March in each year, by vote of two-thirds of all the members, taken by yeas and nays, make appropriation for the support of the public schools of said city for the financial year, including repairs on, and alterations of, school buildings.

Under Section 2, Chapter 3, of the Rules of the School Committee, the Committee on Accounts is required to prepare and present to the Board an estimate of the expenses for each financial year.

The Board of Assessors, in accordance with the statutes, have reported that the average valuation which forms the basis for computing the sum allowed the School Committee for the present year amounts to \$974,536,062. Two and eighty-five one hundredths dollars on each thousand of this valuation amounts to \$2,777,427, and to this sum should be added an unexpended balance for the financial year 1898-99 of \$698.48, and the estimated income for the present year placed at \$40,000, making a total sum of \$2,848,413.68, this being the total legal limit which the School Committee can appropriate for running expenses the present year.

Of this amount the sum of \$243,634.01 must be appropriated, under the statutes, for such repairs and alterations upon school buildings as the School Committee shall order.

The committee in charge of the preparation of these estimates have endeavored to furnish them in detail as completely as possible.

In accordance with these statements your committee would recommend the passage of the following orders:

For the Committee on Accounts,

FRANCIS L. COOLIDGE, Chairman.

(1.) Ordered, That to meet the current expenses of the School Committee, payable during the financial year beginning Febru-

ary 1, 1899, and ending January 31, 1900, the following sums be appropriated for the purposes stated:

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of instructors	\$2,090,000 00
Salaries of officers.	71,000 00
Salaries of janitors	156,000 00
Fuel, gas and water	111,000 00
Supplies and incidentals	167,913 68
Repairs and alterations upon school buildings	252,500 00

Total department expenses . \$2,848,413 68

(2.) Ordered, That the Board of Assessors be notified that the School Committee has appropriated, under Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898, the sum of \$2,848,413.68 for the support of the public schools for the present financial year. Of this amount, \$2,777,427 should be included by their Board in the total amount to be raised by taxation, the balance, \$70,986.68, to be obtained from the following-named sources: Estimated income to be received during the year (\$40,000), excess of income in 1898-99 over the amount estimated (\$698.48), and the unexpended balance at the close of the financial year 1898-99 (\$30,288.20).

Laid over, under the rule.

It was ordered

(1.) That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to extend for two weeks the terms of such of the evening schools as in their judgment will be profitable, and that schools so extended close this year on Friday evening, March 24, 1899.

(2.) That the Superintendent be authorized to visit Columbus, Ohio, on February 22, for the purpose of making arrangements for the exhibit of the work of the public schools to be made at the Paris Exposition during the year 1900, and that an expenditure not exceeding \$75 be allowed for his travelling expenses.

(3.) That a water-color painting, presented to the Horace Mann School by John B. Hudson, be accepted, and that the thanks of the Board be extended to Mr. Hudson for his gift.

(4.) That the Committee on School-houses be requested to report a schedule of salaries for janitors at the next meeting of the Board.

(5.) That the open vault in the basement of the Polk-street Primary School be replaced by some modern accommodations at once.

(6.) That the Committee on School-houses be instructed to take immediate action for improving the sanitary condition of the Weston-street School-house.

(7.) That after this date when the Superintendent names his appointments he also include the addresses of the same.

(8.) That the Board authorize the employment of a second sub-master in the Hugh O'Brien District.

(9.) That the Committee on School-houses be directed to take immediate steps to put the Harvard Grammar School in proper sanitary condition as recommended by the Board of Health in its three or more reports made to this Board during the past two years.

The President pro tempore appointed Mr. Courtney on the Truant Committee and Mr. Coolidge on the Committee on Legislature.

At 9.55 the Board went into executive session and adjourned at 11.30.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 7 P.M., on Thursday, February 16, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding. Absent — Alderman Berwin.

The Clerk read the call as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 15, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, February 16, at 7 P.M., for the purpose of taking action upon the annual maintenance appropriation order, so that the same may be transmitted to the Common Council at its meeting on that evening.

This call is issued at the request of several members of your Board.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

The following message was received from His Honor the Mayor:

Salaries of Policemen and Firemen.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 16, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

While the Mayor has no executive or financial control over the administration of the Police Department, I thought it proper to send to the Board of Police, for its information and consideration, a copy of the executive circular issued by me just after the annual appropriation order had been approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, directing heads of departments to make a reduction in certain salaries and wages, in order that it might be made possible to conduct their operations under the reduced appropriations rendered necessary by the pressure upon the limited financial resources of the city. I have today received a communication from this Board in which it takes the position that as it "has no authority to reduce the wages, or change the pay of police officers or matrons, without a concurrent vote of the City Council, and as that body has usually taken the initiative in fixing the salaries of such officials, the Board prefers to await the decision and action of the City Government" before taking any action in relation to the reduction of the pay of police officers and matrons.

The Board further states that two of the Commissioners (the third not having been yet consulted on account of his absence) will voluntarily make a reduction of 7½

per cent. in their own salaries, and that the Clerk of the Board will do the same; and the Board also states that the salaries in the clerical department and the signal service, which it has the sole jurisdiction over, will be reduced substantially in accordance with the direction to other heads of departments.

In view of this attitude of the Board of Police, the question presents itself to me whether to recommend to the City Council to take the action necessary on its part to effect the reduction suggested. While firmly believing that such action would be proper under the financial conditions which confront the city, I cannot but feel that it would be an empty and useless form for me to make such a recommendation, in view of the past and present action of the City Council upon similar matters. It was only a few months ago that an increase in the pay of police officers was adopted by both branches of the City Council, and I can see no reason to believe that either its membership, or the motives which influenced its action, have in the meantime undergone any such changes as to warrant the slightest expectation that it would consent to any reduction in the pay of police officers. I, therefore, feel that it is practically necessary either to seek some other method of economizing in our expenditures, or to throw upon the Board of Police the responsibility either of living within its appropriation, or of creating a deficit in the City Treasury by using its legal power to draw in excess of it.

It has been strongly urged upon me that in view of the general similarity of the conditions of service in the Police and Fire Departments, it would not be fair to the members of the latter service, who are not upon the whole as well paid, and who are obliged to incur greater risks, to subject them to a reduction in pay from which the members of the Police Department were exempted. That the unanimous sentiment of the members of the City Council would be opposed to any reduction in the pay of firemen might indeed have been expected, and I do not attach any undue weight to it; but it also seems to be the belief of many citizens and taxpayers, who have no political interest in members of the Fire Department, that their services are of such a nature that some way should be found to relieve them from suffering any reduction in their pay. In view of these conditions, and believing that some way can be found to make up to the Fire Department the amount which would be saved by the contemplated reduction in salaries, I desire to inform the City Council that the Fire Commissioner has been directed by me to restore the old rate of pay to the men in his Department, and that there is, therefore, no occasion for reducing or striking out any appropriation in the order as it

now stands as an indirect method of exerting a pressure for accomplishing this object.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Monday, February 20, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding. Absent — Alderman Berwin.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Veto — Clock on Post.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 17, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval the order authorizing erection of an iron post, surmounted by a clock, in the sidewalk in front of the estate No. 169 Tremont street, partly for the reason that there is already a similar clock upon this street not far from this point. It seems to me that permits of this character should be granted very sparingly, and only for locations where the convenience of the public will clearly be served and where the character of the street is not unsuitable for the purpose.

Tremont street in its present condition, should be preserved as one of the finest business streets in the city, and I do not believe that the city should permit it to be disfigured with clocks erected within the lines of the sidewalk — and chiefly for advertising purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby leave was granted was reconsidered and the question came on granting permission, the Mayor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to grant permission by a vote of yeas, 0; nays, 8.

Opinion Regarding Tracks in South Boston.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 20, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I enclose herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order asking for a report as to "what right, if any, the American Sugar Refining Company has to use and operate railroad tracks in and upon First and Granite streets, South Boston."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, February 20, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the inclosed order of the Board of Aldermen inquiring "what right, if any, the American Sugar

Refining Company has to operate and use railroad tracks in and upon First and Granite streets, South Boston," I beg to inclose copy of opinion received from the Corporation Counsel.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

February 13, 1899.

BENJAMIN W. WELLS, Esq., Superintendent of Streets.

DEAR SIR: I am informed that the tracks spoken of in the within communications are held by the American Sugar Refining Company, as they claim, by virtue of an assignment from the Standard Sugar Refinery. If this is all the right they have to maintain and operate said tracks, I think they have no legal right to maintain and operate the same.

Respectfully,

(Signed) ANDREW J. BAILEY,

Corporation Counsel.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Hearing on East Boston Tunnel.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 20, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Solicitor in relation to the order passed at your last meeting requesting him to secure a hearing by the Court on the petition for an injunction against the construction of the proposed tunnel to East Boston.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

February 20, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I return herewith the request of the Board of Aldermen. On motion made to the Court last week the bill in equity brought by Causten Browne and others to restrain the building of the tunnel to East Boston has been set down for a hearing this week.

It will probably be heard Thursday or Friday.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS M. BABSON,

City Solicitor.

Placed on file.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, February 16, 1899, President Kiley in the chair and a quorum present.

The following message from His Honor the Mayor was received:

Lockers in East Boston Gymnasium.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 9, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Bath Commission in reply to your order requesting a report as to the number, if any, of non-residents who have lockers in the East Boston Gymnasium, and also if proper steps are taken to give residents of Boston the preference in obtaining admission to the hand-ball court.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF BATHS.

February 8, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We return herewith the enclosed order of Councilman Bagley of Ward 1, dated January 9, 1899, and I am requested by the Bath Commission to state that the matter mentioned in the order has been carefully investigated and that no non-residents of Boston have any permanent lockers in the East Boston Gymnasium, and that, as far as possible, no citizens of Boston are debarred from using the hand-ball courts in this gymnasium by reason of the use by non-residents. While it is true that at times non-residents, working in East Boston, make use of the gymnasium, so far as we can ascertain the privileges of citizens are in no way affected.

Very Respectfully,

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1899.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of January, 1899, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	541,827
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	25.47
Death rate for corresponding month, 1898	20.44
Number of deaths:	
Males	588
Females	562
	1,150
Condition:	
Married	386
Single	537
Widows	168
Widowers	53
Unknown	6
Color:	
White	1,117
Colored	33
Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	190
Under 2 years	242
Under 5 years	297
Deaths by diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	4
Under 2 years	4
Under 5 years	4
All ages	5

Nativity:

United States	721
Ireland	219
England	29
Scotland	7
Germany	20
British America	85
Italy	17
Russia	13
Other countries	20
Unknown	19

Parentage:

United States	271
Irish	392
English	32
Scotch	13
German	24
British American	68
Italian	39
Russian	24
Other countries	65
Mixed	78
Unknown	144

Still-births during the month 46

Causes of Death.**I. ZYMOTICS.**

Alcoholism	8
Croup	2
Cholera infantum	2
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	5
Diarrhoea	1
Dysentery	2
Diphtheria	20
Erysipelas	5
Influenza	29
Measles	3
Pyæmia	1
Scarlatina	2
Syphilis (congenital)	5
Septicæmia	4
Typhoid fever	17
Whooping-cough	6

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II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	29
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	8
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	20
Phthisis pulmonalis	129
Other Constitutional diseases	21

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III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	46
Bright's disease	19
Bronchitis	68
Heart disease	95
Meningitis	17
Nephritis	26
Pleurisy	3
Pneumonia	280
Other Local diseases	130

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IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Cyanosis	4
Inanition	14
Old age	36
Premature birth	20
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	2
Other Developmental diseases	16

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V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	39
Homicidal	1
Suicidal	6
Other Violent causes	1
Unknown causes	8

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City Government Orders.**ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.**

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved February 14, 1899:

License to E. A. Mintel, to store and keep oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 37-39 Jamaica street.

Order providing for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of February, under the provisions of the various acts of the Legislature providing for said payment.

Ordered, That coasting be allowed during the present winter season on Howard avenue from Dewey street to Quincy street, under such restrictions as the Board of Police may impose.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to close to public travel on February 16, 1899, between the hours of 9.30 and 11 o'clock A.M., the several streets entering Park square, also Boylston street, from Charles street to Berkeley street, Arlington street, Beacon street, from Arlington street to Park street, Park street and Tremont street, from Park street to Eliot street, and such other streets as may be necessary, said closing being on account of the reception to the President of the United States.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Postal Telegraph Cable Company to allow the attachment of, and to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to attach the wires of said telephone company to four poles of said telegraph-cable company on Boston street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Woodbury & Leighton to erect, maintain and use guy posts with the necessary ropes attached thereto in and over the following named streets in Ward 6, viz.: One opposite 32 North Market street, one opposite 24 South Market street, one opposite 32 Dock square, one opposite 1 Dock square, one opposite 8 Union street, for use in reconstructing Faneuil Hall. Said posts to be placed in locations satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets. The work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the territory bounded by New Heath street, Old Heath street, and Parker street, be named and hereafter known as Heath square.

Orders changing names of streets, viz.: Changing the name of Avon place, leading from Washington street to Chauncy street to Avon street; changing the name of Shelton street, leading in continuation of Wrentham street, from Bruce street to Adams street to Wrentham street; changing the name of Bell street, leading from Chestnut avenue to Lamartine street to Biltmore street; changing the name of High street,

leading from Water street to Ericsson street, at Dorchester, to Port Norfolk street.

The following were approved February 16:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows: Hewlett street, Ward 23, six poles, thirty-five feet in height by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet; Hastings street, Ward 23, five poles, thirty-five feet in height by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet; date of plans, January 13, 1899. The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the time allowed The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts in which to erect poles in the following streets, and under orders passed by the Board of Aldermen, viz.: Columbus avenue, order passed February 1, 1897; Columbus avenue, order passed November 24, 1897; Morton street, order passed October 17, 1898; Fairview and Corinth streets, and Roberts-street extension, order passed October 17, 1898; Princeton street Ward 1, order passed August 30, 1898; be and the same is hereby extended to May 31, 1899.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Silver street, at the bridge of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad; said bridge being dangerous for public travel.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The two following orders were presented to the Mayor February 7, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a suitable number of electric lights on School street, Ward 22, between Washington street and Franklin Park; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a sufficient number of electric lights on the streets leading to the South Union Station to suitably light said streets; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of imports and exports, together with the entrance and clearance of foreign vessels, and the number of passengers arrived at the Port of Boston during the month of January,

1899, as compared with the corresponding month in 1898:

	Imports.		Exports.	
January, 1899 . .	\$5,646,218		\$12,324,004	
January, 1898 . .	3,177,083		8,964,464	
	Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
January, 1899 .	100	176,310	88	152,817
January, 1898 .	105	148,459	85	113,229
Passengers arrived, January, 1899 . . .			428	
Passengers arrived, January, 1898 . . .			547	

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following are the records of the meetings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

City Hall, February 14, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held February 14, at 3.30 P.M., in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

Hearings were given in relation to requests for loan appropriations for improvements located in Wards 1 to 5, inclusive, and the following gentlemen were heard:

Alderman Frederick W. Day, in favor of an appropriation for increasing the facilities of the gymnasium on Paris street, East Boston, and in favor of an appropriation for a playground at Jeffries Point, East Boston.

Councilman A. Dudley Bagley, in favor of an appropriation for a branch library in East Boston, and of an appropriation for putting Princeton street in proper condition.

Dr. Ainsworth, in favor of an appropriation for a branch library in East Boston.

Councilman George H. Battis, in favor of an appropriation for putting Putnam square, Trenton street, Prescott street and Putnam street in proper condition; of an appropriation for a branch library in East Boston, and of an appropriation for additional waiting-rooms on the Boston side of the North Ferry.

Councilman David W. Simpson, in favor of an appropriation for putting Princeton street in proper condition; of an appropriation for putting Condor street in proper condition, and of an appropriation for fire escapes on the Chapman School.

Councilman Thomas F. Rice, in favor of an appropriation for increasing the facilities of the gymnasium on Paris street, East Boston.

Representative J. H. Donovan, in favor of an appropriation for a building to be used as a sanitary and street-cleaning headquarters on the wharf now owned by the city, and of an appropriation for a playground in Ward 2.

Councilman Joseph F. Hickey, in favor of an appropriation for a playground in Ward 2; of an appropriation for proper clocks in the head-houses of the South Ferry; of an appropriation for improving the condition of Lewis street; of an appropriation for a public landing in the first section, and of an appropriation for band concerts at Wood Island Park.

Representative J. J. Douglass, in favor of an appropriation for an approach to Wood Island Park from the first section, and of an appropriation for a playground in the first section.

Senator William J. Donovan, in favor of an appropriation for a playground in Ward 2; of an appropriation for increasing the facilities of the gymnasium on Paris street, East Boston; of an appropriation for replacing the two ferry-boats sold to the United States Government, and of an appropriation for building a dam from Maverick street to Prescott street.

Alderman Edward W. Presho, Representative E. J. Twomey, Mr. Frank S. Mason, President of the Charlestown Improvement Association, ex-Senator Gammons and Councilmen E. H. Madden and J. F. Gibbons, in favor of an appropriation for widening and extending Rutherford avenue.

Alderman Presho also appeared in favor of certain other requests for loans pending before the Board, if it were possible to grant appropriations for these in addition to the amount asked for Rutherford avenue.

Councilman F. J. Doherty asked that inasmuch as his two colleagues were unable to be present, they be granted a hearing at a later date.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That Councilmen Doherty, Carroll and Horrigan of Ward 3 be heard in regard to the orders introduced by them and referred to the Board on Friday afternoon, February 17.

No other person desiring to be heard, the Board went into executive session.

A communication was received from the Park Commissioners in reply to the request of the Board, stating that the smallest possible expenditure, which should be made on uncompleted playgrounds during the year 1899 amounted to \$24,980.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from Mr. H. F. Cottle, Chief of the Electrical Construction Division, in regard to the present expense of lighting and heating City Hall and adjoining buildings, as compared with the expense if the city should erect its own electric light plant.

Placed on file.

Adjourned on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 6.01 P.M., to meet on Wednesday, February 15, at 3.30 P.M.

City Hall, February 15, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held February 15, at 3.30 P.M., in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Present: All the members.

Hearings were given in regard to requests for loan appropriations for improvements located in Wards 6 to 10, inclusive, and the following gentlemen were heard:

Alderman Edward W. Dixon, in favor of an appropriation for the purchase of the oil painting "Boston Massacre, March 5, 1770;" of an appropriation of \$25,000 for the establishment of a gymnasium at the North End Park; of an appropriation for an underground lavatory and public convenience station at the junction of Endicott and Blackstone streets, and of appropriations for repaving with granite blocks on a concrete base the following streets: Hanover street, from Washington street to Commercial street; Blackstone street, from Clinton street to Haymarket square; Atlantic avenue, from Broad street to Commercial street; Commercial street, from Faneuil Hall Market to Hanover street, and Devonshire street, from Milk street to State street.

Councilman Patrick H. Bradley, in favor of an appropriation for an underground lavatory and convenience station at the junction of Endicott and Blackstone streets.

Councilman Andrew A. Badaracco, in favor of an appropriation for the purchase of 10,000 square feet of land, with the bakeshop, stable, etc., thereon, and the addition of the same to the North End playground.

Representative W. T. A. Fitzgerald, in favor of an appropriation for asphaltting Harrison avenue, between Kneeland and Bennet streets, and in favor of appropriations for improving the condition of Common and Tyler streets.

Aldermen Michael W. Brick, in favor of an appropriation of \$50,000 for a new ward-room in Ward 8, and of the appropriation of a reasonable amount for street improvements in that district.

Councilman William H. Cuddy, in favor of an appropriation of \$50,000 for a ward-room in Ward 8; of an appropriation for asphaltting Milton street, and of the appropriation of a reasonable amount for repaving Causeway, Green and Merrimac streets and other streets.

Councilman Leftovith, in favor of an appropriation for asphaltting Milton street, Ward 8.

Representative J. J. Gartland, jr., in favor of an appropriation for asphaltting Seneca, Oneida, Genesee, Rochester and Troy streets; of an appropriation for repaving Harrison avenue, from Broadway to Dover street; of an appropriation for a new street to take the place of Way street, and in favor of an appropriation for a playground for Ward 9, or for the hiring of a playground.

Councilman Samuel Kasanof, in favor of an appropriation for asphaltting Seneca, Oneida, Genesee, Rochester and Troy streets, and of an appropriation for a playground.

Councilman John J. Tobin, in favor of an appropriation for asphaltting the above streets; of an appropriation for repaving Harrison avenue, from Dover street to Dedham street; also in favor of an appropriation for a playground.

The Board then went into executive session.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Barry, at 5.37 P.M., to meet Thursday, February 16, at 3.30 P.M.

City Hall, February 16, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held February 16, at 3.30 P.M., in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Present: All the members except Mayor Quincy.

On motion of Mr. Minot, Mr. Barry was elected chairman pro tempore.

Hearings were given in relation to requests for loan appropriations for improvements located in Wards 11 to 15, inclusive, and the following gentlemen were heard:

Councilman W. S. B. Stevens, in favor of an appropriation for asphaltting Beacon street, from Massachusetts avenue to the Boston and Albany Railroad bridge; of an appropriation for repaving West Cedar street, and of an appropriation for improving Carver and Boylston streets.

Councilman Edward A. Armistead, in favor of an appropriation of \$20,000 for resurfacing Grove, Phillips, Garden and Irving streets, in Ward 11.

Councilman Arthur K. Peck, in favor of an appropriation for an asphalt bicycle-path

on Massachusetts avenue, between Albany street and Edward Everett square, and of an appropriation for an asphalt bicycle-path on Tremont, Boylston and Charles streets, adjoining Boston Common.

Councilman Michael J. Lydon, in favor of an appropriation for a playground in a central part of Ward 13; of an appropriation for a public convenience station at the junction of West Broadway, Broadway Extension and Dorchester avenue; of an appropriation for an emergency hospital in South Boston, and of an appropriation of \$10,000 for furnishing and completing the gymnasium at Commonwealth Park.

Councilman George A. Donahoe, in favor of an appropriation of \$25,000, for a gymnasium on the Ward 14 playground; of an appropriation for grading and macadamizing East Second street, from K street to Q street, and of an appropriation for putting the bathing beach at the head-house in Marine Park in the same condition as the bathing beach at the foot of L street.

Senator J. E. Baldwin, in favor of an appropriation of \$25,000, for a gymnasium at the Ward 14 playground, and of an appropriation of \$10,000 for furnishing and completing the gymnasium at Commonwealth Park; of an appropriation for the establishment of an emergency hospital at South Boston, and of an appropriation of \$15,000 for a municipal building in South Boston.

Representative M. J. Sullivan, in favor of an appropriation for grading and macadamizing East Second street, from K street to Ninth street; of an appropriation for putting the bathing beach at the head-house in Marine Park in the same condition as the bathing beach at the foot of L street; of an appropriation of \$25,000, for a gymnasium on the Ward 14 playground, and of an appropriation for a municipal building in South Boston.

Councilman Edward L. Logan, in favor of an appropriation of \$50,000, for a monument to those citizens who died in the military and naval service of the United States during the late war.

Councilman William Martin, in favor of an appropriation of \$15,000 for a municipal building in Ward 15; of an appropriation of \$30,000, for equipping and furnishing the gymnasium and bath-house now being erected in Ward 15, and of an appropriation for asphaltting the gutters on each side of Dorchester street, between Dorchester avenue and Eighth Street.

Representative D. V. McIsaac, in favor of an appropriation for a municipal building in Ward 15, to contain a branch library, police station, ladder-house, fire engine-house, ward-room and court-house.

Councilman John H. Giblin, in favor of an appropriation of \$15,000 for a municipal building in Ward 15; of an appropriation of \$30,000 for equipping and furnishing the gymnasium and bath-house now being erected in Ward 15; and of an appropriation for widening Dorchester street, from Dorchester avenue to Eighth street.

A hearing was also given Alderman Edward W. Dixon, who appeared in favor of an appropriation of \$10,000 for the improvement of the North End bathing beach, and of an appropriation of \$50,000 for the establishment of an open-air gymnasium in the Ward 6 playground, if the Board felt that the city could afford the latter.

A hearing was also given to Mr. William Doogue in regard to the requests made by him for loan appropriations for his Department.

The Board then went into executive session.

The records of the last two meetings were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Minot.

Adjourned at 6.25 P.M., on motion of Mr. Minot, to meet on Friday, February 17, 1899, at 3.30 P.M.

City Hall, February 17, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held February 17, at 3.30 P.M., in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Present: All the members.

Hearings were given in relation to requests for loan appropriations for improvements located in Wards 16, 17, 19, 20 and 24, and the following gentlemen were heard:

Alderman Wilbur F. Adams, in favor of an appropriation to extend Alexander street, Ward 16, to Columbia road; of an appropriation for completing the construction of Talbot avenue, Dorchester; of an appropriation for widening Hancock street, from Columbia road to Freeport street, to a width of 80 feet; of an appropriation to construct an asphalt bicycle-path on Tremont, Boylston and Charles streets, adjoining Boston Common; and of an appropriation for the construction and improvement of the Christopher Gibson playground.

Alderman Franklin L. Codman, in favor of an appropriation for completing the construction of Talbot avenue; of an appropriation for widening Hancock street; of an appropriation of \$5,000 for the completion of the retaining wall on Freeport street; of an appropriation of \$25,000 for the improvement of the Neponset playstead; of an appropriation of \$1,000 for a public landing in Dorchester Bay; of an appropriation of \$2,600 for a foot-bridge across the Shawmut branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, on the line of Rowena and Fuller street extensions, and of an appropriation for completing the construction of the Christopher Gibson playground.

Alderman P. F. McDonald, in favor of an appropriation for completing the construction of Talbot avenue, Dorchester; of widening Hancock street, from Columbia road to Freeport street, to a width of 80 feet; of an appropriation for completing the construction and improvement of the Christopher Gibson playground; of an appropriation for providing a bath-house at Savin Hill beach; and of an appropriation for asphaltting Massachusetts avenue, from Albany street to the Five Corners.

Alderman James H. Doyle, in favor of an appropriation for asphaltting Harrison avenue, from Northampton street to East Lenox street; of an appropriation for an engine-house at Parker Hill, and of an appropriation for an iron-fence around the square bounded by New Heath, Old Heath and Parker streets.

Rev. Philip J. O'Donnell, in favor of an appropriation for asphaltting Harrison avenue, from Northampton street to East Lenox street.

Mr. Thomas Hoey and Mr. J. A. Henry, in favor of an appropriation for completing the construction of Talbot avenue.

Mr. Joseph A. Campbell, President of the North Dorchester Improvement Association, in favor of an appropriation for widening Hancock street; of an appropriation for a bath-house at Savin Hill Beach, and of an appropriation for asphaltting Massachusetts avenue from Albany street to the Five Corners.

Charles J. McCormick, in favor of an appropriation for providing a bath-house at Savin Hill Beach; of an appropriation for asphaltting Massachusetts avenue from Albany street to the Five Corners, and of an appropriation for widening Dudley street, corner of Columbia Road, at Upham's Corner.

Aaron Wolfson, Secretary-Treasurer Massachusetts L. A. W., in favor of an appropriation for constructing an asphalt bicycle-path on Tremont, Boylston and Park streets, adjoining Boston Common.

Frank A. Foster, President of the Dorchester Centre Improvement Association, in favor of an appropriation for the construction of the Christopher Gibson playground.

Representative Stewart, in favor of an appropriation for the construction of Christopher Gibson playground; and also of an additional school-house in the Dorchester Centre district.

Thomas F. Anderson, of the Dorchester Centre Improvement Association, in favor of an appropriation for completing the construction of the Christopher Gibson playground; and also of a new school-house at Dorchester Centre.

Councilman Frank S. Atwood, in favor of an appropriation for extending Alexander street, Ward 16, to Columbia road.

Councilman Patrick H. Brennan, in favor of an appropriation for asphaltting the easterly side of Dudley street, from Dunmore street to Woodward avenue; of an appropriation of \$15,000 for completing the paving of Norfolk avenue; of an appropriation of \$3,000 for grading the grounds around the ward-room in Ward 17; of an appropriation for a gymnasium in Orchard park; of an appropriation for paving with asphalt Harrison avenue, from Northampton street to East Lenox street, and of an appropriation for the construction of Girard street.

Councilman Connolly, in favor of an appropriation for asphaltting Harrison avenue, from Northampton street to East Lenox street; of an appropriation of \$15,000 for completing the paving of Norfolk avenue; of an appropriation for the construction of Girard street; of an appropriation for asphaltting the easterly side of Dudley street, from Dunmore street to Woodward avenue; of an appropriation of \$2,500 for a retaining wall on Dudley street, adjoining Vine-street ward-room; of an appropriation of \$1,000 for the improvement of the Ward 17 playground, and of an appropriation of \$10,000 for a gymnasium at Orchard park.

Councilman George A. Flynn, in favor of an appropriation for a gymnasium at Orchard park.

Councilman James McInerney, in favor of an appropriation of \$25,000 for a chemical engine-house and apparatus at the corner of Hillside and Calumet streets; of an appropriation for a playground and open-air gymnasium in Ward 19, and of an appropriation for asphaltting Smith street, from Phillips street to St. Alphonsus street.

Councilman Doyle, in favor of an appropriation of \$36,000 for an engine-house at

the corner of Calumet and St. Alphonsus streets; of an appropriation of \$2,500 for fitting up the ward-room on Elmwood street as a gymnasium, and of an appropriation for an iron fence around the square bounded by New Heath, Old Heath and Parker streets.

Councilman Nangle, in favor of an appropriation for an engine-house on Parker Hill; of an appropriation for putting Hillside street, from Parker street to Parker Hill avenue, in thorough repair; of an appropriation for an iron fence around the square bounded by New Heath, Old Heath, and Parker streets; of an appropriation for a convenience station at Roxbury Crossing, and of an appropriation of \$100,000 for a playground in Wards 18 and 19.

Senator John J. Feneno, in favor of an appropriation for an engine-house on Parker Hill; of an appropriation for improving the streets in his district, and of an appropriation for a playground, or, at least, for a gymnasium.

Ex-Senator Richard Sullivan, in favor of an appropriation for an engine-house on Parker Hill, and of an appropriation for a playground, or, at least, for a gymnasium in Ward 19.

Councilman George R. Miller, in favor of an appropriation for paving Girard street; of an appropriation for widening Washington street, Dorchester, and, if the Board could spare the money, of an appropriation for paving Blue Hill avenue, from Dalmatia street to Grove Hill.

Councilman William E. Harvey, in favor of an appropriation for an engine-house on Norfolk street, near the Dorchester station; of an appropriation for completing the construction of Talbot avenue; and of an appropriation for a new bridge across the Shawmut branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad on Medway street, Ward 24, appearing for the latter on behalf of Councilman Willard W. Hibbard, who was unable to be present.

Hearings were also given to Councilman Francis J. Doherty and Representative John I. Toland, in favor of an appropriation of \$25,000 for an open-air gymnasium on the playground in Ward 3, and for the construction of a fence around said playground.

The Board then went into executive session.

The following was received:

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

February 14, 1899.

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of five hundred thousand (500,000) dollars to be expended by the School Committee during the current year for additional grammar and primary school accommodations.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That the representatives of the School Committee be heard in regard the above request, on Tuesday afternoon, February 21, at 3.30 P.M.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Sullivan, at 7.13 P.M., to meet on Saturday, February 18, at 2 P.M.

City Hall, February 18, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held February 18, at 2 P. M., in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Present: All the members except Alderman Barry.

A hearing was given to Mr. Darius F. Bradley, of the Suffolk County Jail, in regard to the recommendations contained in a report of the Inspectors of Prisons and Houses of Detention, that a new building be erected in connection with the Suffolk County Jail for the detention of women, said building to contain a modern laundry and hospital, and that a brick wall be built to replace the present wooden fence around the jail.

A hearing was also given to Linus E. Pearson, Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners, in regard to an appropriation of \$7,000, for the lining of iron voting-booths with wood.

Hearings were also given in relation to requests for loan appropriations for improvements located in Wards 18, 21, 22, 23 and 25, and the following gentlemen were heard:

Councilman James A. Watson, in favor of an appropriation of \$30,000 for a new building in Ward 18, to be used as a ward-room, gymnasium and bath-house, and an appropriation for macadamizing Ruggles street, from Shawmut avenue to Cabot street.

Councilman James J. Casey, in favor of an appropriation of \$30,000 for a building in Ward 18, to be used as a ward-room, gymnasium and bath-house, and of an appropriation of \$20,000 for paving Tremont street, from Hampden street to Camden street.

B. H. Couig, C. W. McDonald, Father Thomas Moylan, Arthur O'Neill, E. C. Kelley, J. D. White and Alderman James H. Doyle, in favor of an appropriation of \$2,500 for a retaining wall at the junction of Marcella and Centre streets.

Councilman John H. Broderick, Representative John M. Minton, Representative Albert B. Root, John F. McDonald, Andrew J. Peters, Councilman Guy F. Newhall, Mr. Sewell C. Brackett and Councilman Andrew Brauer, in favor of an appropriation of \$30,000 for an engine house at Forest Hills.

John F. McDonald, in favor of an appropriation for the extension of Williams street.

Representative R. S. Barrows, in favor of an appropriation for the extension of Williams street.

John F. McDonald, Councilman Guy F. Newhall, Josiah H. Quincy, President of the West Roxbury Citizens' Association, Granville G. Morris, Chairman of the Committee on Parks, Streets and Squares of the same Association, B. H. Couig, Sumner Osgood and John A. Rooney, in favor of an appropriation for the extension of Temple street from its present terminus to Centre street.

Dr. E. Peabody Gerry, in favor of an appropriation for enlarging Forest Hills square.

Councilmen John H. Broderick, in favor of an appropriation for putting LaGrange street from Washington street to the Newton line, in proper condition, and of an appropriation of \$31,000 for the establishment of a playground at Roslindale.

Councilman Andrew Brauer, in favor of an appropriation for providing sewerage for the Phineas Bates School-house, and of an appropriation for widening Corinth street.

Councilman Guy F. Newhall, in favor of an appropriation for widening Corinth street.

Representative R. S. Barrows, Councilman Guy F. Newhall, Dr. E. Peabody Gerry, Representative Albert B. Root and Representative John M. Minton, in favor of an appropriation for widening South street, from Keyes street to Forest Hills.

Councilman Clarence W. Sanderson, in favor of an appropriation for the completion of Brooks streets, and of an appropriation for widening Tremont street, Ward 25.

Councilmen Harvey W. Walker and Ezra N. Rolland, in favor of an appropriation for resurfacing Cambridge street and Harvard avenue.

A hearing was also given to Mr. Thomas J. Lane, Chairman of the Bath Commission, and Daniel D. Kearns, Secretary of the Bath Commission, in regard to requests made by the Bath Department for loan appropriations aggregating \$66,000.

The Board then went into executive session.

The records of the last two meetings were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Kiley.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Minot, at 5.23 P.M., to meet on Tuesday, February 21, 1899, at 3.30 P.M.

JOHN H. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

February 7, 1899.

General Order No. 573.

The attention of captains is called to the following changes in the Rules and Regulations since the issue of the last manual in 1889, and they are hereby instructed to call the attention of the officers under their command to the same:

Pages 20-27 — The division boundaries have been changed, amended, or more accurately described.

Page 27 — Rule 2, Section 1. The words "house watchman" have been omitted, that position having been abolished.

Paragraph 2. The words "the man first named in the order of appointment shall be the ranking officer," are substituted for "Their rank shall be designated by numbers on their warrants."

Page 30 — Rule 6, Section 2. Amended by addition of "When any license issued by the Board of Police is revoked, the Chief Clerk shall note the revocation upon the face of the record of the license, and shall give written notice to the holder of the license by delivering the same to him in person, or leaving it at the place of business designated in the license."

Section 4 — Amended so that the office hours at headquarters on Saturdays shall be from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. instead of from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. as heretofore.

Page 31 — Rule 7, Section 6. "He may suspend from duty any member of the Department, and a written complaint shall be made within twenty-four hours against such suspended member," has been substituted for "He may, in his discretion, suspend from duty, and report to the Board of Police, any member of the Department against whom a written complaint has been made."

Page 32 — Rule 8. Note many changes in phraseology and matter throughout the rule.

Page 33 — Rule 9, Section 8. Provides that small loan licensees, licensed by the Board of Police in accordance with the legislative act of 1898, shall be placed under the general supervision of the Chief Inspector. [Section 10 was added.]

Page 34 — Rule 10. Provides for an Inspector of Carriages, who shall be Captain of Special Street-service Squad, and his duties.

Page 34 — Rule 11. Provides for captain of liquor service and specifies his duties.

Page 35 — Rule 12. Inspector of claims and his duties.

The inspector of claims has been detailed to act as assistant to the medical examiner.

Page 36 — Rule 14, Section 3. "And shall deal with all such property," etc., beginning with line 7, has been added.

Page 39 — Rule 17. Provides specific regulations for the control of police matrons at stations.

Page 42 — Rule 18, Section 12. Note changes.

Section 15. Abbreviated.

Section 18 provides for the posting in the stations of the names of new applicants for liquor licenses. New.

Page 44 — Rule 20, Section 2. "Sergeants doing duty at station-houses will alternate their duties as follows: two months night duty and one month day duty." New.

Section 7. "The sergeants in each station shall together keep a journal of their daily duties, which shall be one of the books of record." New.

Page 47 — Rule 21. Sections 13 and 17 abbreviated, leaving the action of the officer more to his discretion.

Section 14. Where heretofore officers were instructed to arrest all persons found peddling without a license, they are now instructed to ascertain the name of the offender and apply for a warrant for his arrest.

Section 23. "When any patrolman while on duty has occasion to stand for a time in any street or public place he shall take a position on the outer edge of the sidewalk on or near the curbstone, and at least six feet away from any tree, post, building, or other structure." New.

Section 24. "No officer shall furnish information to any person not a member of the Police or Law Department on the subject of any accident except by order of the Superintendent." New.

Page 49 — Rule 22 has been altered to accord with the present rules and methods governing the reserve force.

Page 57 — Rule 26, Section 7. Provides that an officer against whom a complaint has been made may elect whether he shall be tried by one Commissioner or more.

Page 58 — Rule 27, Section 3. Changes make allowance for sickness or injury whether arising from the discharge of police duty or not, where before allowance for loss of time was made on account of sickness when the sickness arose from the ordinary discharge of police duty.

Further, in addition to former allowances, an addition to this section provides that when the sickness of an officer ends in death, full pay shall be allowed for not exceeding 100 days lost in the last 150 days immediately preceding the death of the officer; provided, however, that it is certified to by the City Physician, or some other reputable physician approved by the Board of Police, that such

lost time was caused by the sickness which ultimately resulted in the officer's death.

Section 7. Last paragraph. "Time-rolls shall state the number of days each officer or employee has been absent from sickness or other cause, and be accompanied by physicians' certificates and petition for pay. Every petition for pay must be accompanied by a statement of the facts in the case."

Page 62 — Rule 29, Section 5. Medal of honor.

Page 63 — Rule 30, Section 1. Amended, making it unnecessary for the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendents and Chief Inspector to give bonds.

Page 66 — Rule 31, Sections 13 and 14. Changes in caps and helmets to accord with the present uniform.

Section 25 provides that officers while on duty shall carry a copy of the pocket manual. New.

Page 69 — Rule 32, Section 9. Provides for the appointment of police matrons. New.

Pages 71-76 — Rule 35, Sections 6-15. Note changes in the list of books to be kept by the different departments of the service in accordance with present customs.

Page 77 — Rule 36, Section 2, last paragraph. "Requisitions for printing and stationery will be approved by the Chief Clerk." New.

Page 81 — Rule 37. Note changes.

Page 84 — Rule 38, Section 14. Provides for a signal service Inspector to be on duty at headquarters day and night.

Page 85 — Rule 40, Section 1. Note changes.

Page 88 — Rule 41, Section 2, last paragraph. "Male and female prisoners shall not be transported together to or from a court in a van or other carriage. New.

Page 92 — Rule 43, Section 6. Provides for reports on the subject of accidents caused by gas or electricity, in accordance with Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1896.

Page 93 — Rule 45 has been changed in a number of important points, among which are as follows:

Heretofore when an officer had discovered a fire, he was first to ascertain if it could be extinguished without an alarm. Hereafter when an officer is satisfied that a fire exists in any structure he shall at once ring in an alarm from the nearest signal-box without making any attempt to extinguish the fire himself.

This change has been made at the particular request of the Fire Commissioner.

Heretofore where the police signal was eleven strokes on the fire bells three times repeated in quick succession, upon the sounding of which it was the duty of every officer in the department to go to his station-house as soon as possible, now the following instruction is given:

"In case of a fifth alarm (equivalent to a general alarm heretofore) every officer not actually on street duty shall immediately repair to his station-house and await orders. Patrolmen on street duty shall report from the signal-boxes on their routes and notify all officers residing on their routes."

Section 2 provides for the removal from the streets within the fire lines all persons except members of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council wearing their badges exposed, and persons wearing exposed badges or permits issued by the Fire Department for the current year.

Section 8 provides for arrest of incendiaries and reports to Fire Marshal.

This chapter should be read carefully by every officer.

Page 96—Rule 46, Section 5. Attention is called to the fact that the last clause has been stricken out. The statement contained in the omitted clause that application for a certificate may be made to "any physician who may be called to examine the body" is incorrect, as only the attending physician (or if there is no attending physician, or his certificate cannot be obtained or is insufficient, then the Chairman of the Board of Health, if a physician, or any physician employed by the Board of Health for the purpose) is authorized to make the certificate, and in case of death by violence only the Medical Examiner. Furthermore, it is not the duty of the police officer to make application for any certificate, but the duty of the undertaker or other person who is to bury the body or remove it from the city. The responsibilities of the Police Department are at an end when the body has been delivered to the proper parties. See Acts of 1897, Chapter 437. (See also Acts of 1897, Chapter 444.)

Page 97—Rule 48. This rule has been revised to accord with the statutes lately passed on this subject, especially Chapter 282 of the Acts of 1898. The Board of Police has decided that any corporation applying for an appointment of a special police officer under this section shall pass a vote of its directors, authorizing some person in behalf of the corporation, to make application for the appointment of such special police officer.

Section 5 provides that special police officers must not wear the regulation uniform worn by police officers of the City of Boston.

Special police officers asking for information on this subject should be referred to Deputy Burrill at headquarters.

Page 100—Rule 49, Section 3, has been amended by substituting the words "Sewer Division" in place of "Health Department" in the last line.

Section 4 "permits for making connections with the public sewers, for street openings, and for occupying streets for building purposes, are issued by the Superintendent of Streets." Old manual reads: "Permits for making connections with the public sewers are issued by the Superintendent of Sewers; for street openings, by the Superintendent of Streets, and for occupying streets for building purposes, by the Inspector of Buildings."

Page 100—Attention is called to the fact that in Section 4 of Rule 49, Line 6, after the word "sewers" there should be a comma. The absence of the comma changes the sense of the paragraph.

Rules 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60 are altered to a great extent, and added to, and should be carefully read.

It will be seen that Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, and Chapter 6 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Aldermen of 1893, are bound with the manual. Attention is called to the fact that there are many changes in Chapter 6, and a few in Chapter 47.

The changes noted are among the most important. Other changes of minor importance have been made which are not here noted.

On Page 10 will be found a complete list of the legislative acts relating to the duties and authority of police officers of the City of Boston. These acts are also indexed.

February 14, 1899.

General Order No. 574.

I. Patrolman John F. Murray, of Division 2, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty-six years, and having been pronounced physically incapacitated for active service by the physician to the Board of Health, it is, therefore, hereby ordered, His Honor the Mayor having approved the same, that the said Patrolman Murray be retired from active service and placed upon a pension-roll with pay at the rate of \$600 per annum, being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him in the office from which he is retired.

II. Whereas, It appears that Patrolman Michael Dempsey, of Division 15, has performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty-four years; that he is an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion, and that he has requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898; it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Dempsey be retired from active service in the Police Department and placed upon the pension-roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement.

III. Whereas, It appears that Patrolman George L. Harris of special street squad has performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty-seven years; that he is an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion, and that he has requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898; it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Harris be retired from active service in the Police Department, and placed upon the pension-roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement.

IV. Sections I., II. and III. of this Order will take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock P.M., Thursday, February 16, 1899.

February 18, 1899.

General Order No. 575.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Reserve Officer Athanasius McGillivray, of Division 6, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board finds the said Reserve Officer McGillivray guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of fifteen days' pay.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Jonathan J. Murphy, of Division 6, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board finds the said Patrolman Murphy guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of fifteen days' pay.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Monday, February 27, at 3 o'clock P.M.

STUDY OF PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

HOUSE BILL No. 817 was introduced on leave by Mr. Myers of Cambridge; it was referred to the Committee on Education. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STUDIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 332 of the Acts of the year 1885 is hereby amended by striking out in the fifth line thereof the words "all schools," and inserting in place thereof the words "the highest grade of all grammar schools and in one grade at least of all high and latin schools," so as to read as follows:

Section 1. Physiology and hygiene, which, in both divisions of the subject, shall include special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics on the human system, shall be taught as a regular branch of study to all pupils in the highest grade of all grammar schools and in one grade at least of all high and latin schools supported wholly or in part by public money, except special schools maintained solely for instruction in particular branches, such as drawing, mechanics, art and like studies. All acts or parts of acts relating to the qualifications of teachers in the public schools shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in this act.

SECT. 2. The following new section is hereby inserted after Section 1 of said chapter, as follows:

Section 2. No text-book on physiology or hygiene shall hereafter be purchased for use in any public school unless it has been approved by the Chairman and Secretary of the State Board of Health and by the Secretary of the State Board of Education.

SECT. 3. The last two sections of the said chapter are hereby renumbered.

SENATE BILL No. 41 accompanies the petition of Charles L. Morgan and Mary H. Hunt; it was referred to the Committee on Education. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REQUIRING PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE TO BE TAUGHT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 332 of laws of A.D. 1885 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

That the nature of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics and their effects on the human system shall be taught in connection with the several divisions of physiology and hygiene, as thoroughly as are other branches, in all schools supported wholly or in part by public money, including all evening common schools, and in all schools connected with reformatory institutions.

All pupils in the above-mentioned schools below the second year of the high schools and above the third year of school work, computing from the beginning of the lowest primary year, or in corresponding classes of ungraded schools, shall be taught and shall study this subject every year from suitable text-books in the hands of all pupils, in not less than three lessons a week for fourteen or more weeks of each year, and must pass

the same tests for promotion in this as in other studies.

In all such schools all pupils in the lowest three primary school years, or in corresponding classes in ungraded schools, shall each year be instructed in this subject orally in not less than three lessons a week for ten weeks in each year, by teachers using text-books adapted for such oral instruction as a guide and standard.

The text-book in the pupils' hands shall be graded to the capacities of the fourth year, intermediate, grammar and high school pupils, or to corresponding classes in ungraded schools.

For students below high school grade such text-books shall give at least one-fifth their space, and for students of high school grade, shall give not less than twenty pages to the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics. The pages on this subject, in a separate chapter at the end of the book, shall not be counted in determining the minimum. No text-book on physiology not conforming to this act shall be used in any public school except so long as may be necessary to fulfil the conditions of any legal adoption existing at the time of the passage of this act.

In all normal schools, teachers' training classes and teachers' institutes adequate time and attention shall be given to instruction in this branch and the best methods of teaching it. All acts or parts of acts relating to the qualifications of teachers in the public schools shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in this act.

Nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to special schools maintained solely for instruction in particular branches, such as drawing, mechanics, art and like studies.

Sect. 2. The School Committees of all cities and towns, the principals of all normal schools and the supervising officers in all schools connected with reformatory institutions shall annually provide a definite time and place in the regular course of study for the given number of lessons in this branch and an adequate supply of text-books for the pupils' use as required by this act, and also for the teachers' use for oral instruction in primary classes and shall cause the requirements of this act to be complied with in all schools under their jurisdiction, and shall file with the Secretary of the State Board of Education an affidavit that all the provisions of this act have been complied with.

Any of the aforesaid officers who shall neglect or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this act shall forfeit and pay for each offence the sum of not less than \$5 and not more than \$25. Failure to comply with all the provisions of this act on any school day to which it applies shall constitute an offence.

At the opening of each school year it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the State Board of Education to send to all School Committees, principals of normal schools and supervising officers of all schools connected with reformatory institutions, blanks containing the following questions:

First—Have you provided a definite time and place in the course of study in the schools under your jurisdiction for three lessons per week for fourteen weeks per year in physiology and hygiene, which include the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics upon the human system as

specified in Section 1 of Act—, and has that study been pursued by all pupils in all schools under your jurisdiction as specified by that act, with the same tests for promotion as in other studies?

Second—Have you provided text-books on the foregoing topics that are adapted to the several grades, and that give the specified space to the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics which the law demands?

The school officers to whom these blanks are sent shall return them at the close of the school year to the Secretary of the State Board of Education with answers filled out and an affidavit that they have made thorough investigation as to the facts and that to the best of their knowledge, information and belief, these questions are truthfully answered and that all the provisions of this act have been complied with in the schools under their jurisdiction during the preceding year.

Any failure thus reported or otherwise satisfactorily proven shall be deemed by the Secretary of the State Board of Education to be sufficient cause to compel the payment by such delinquents of the forfeiture specified in this act.

All penalties which apply to the failure of a city or town to make other returns or reports to the Secretary of the State Board of Education shall apply to failures to report as specified by this act.

The Secretary of the State Board of Education shall cause all the provisions of this act to be enforced, and shall report annually to the Legislature any failure to comply with the same.

Trial justices, district, municipal and police courts shall have jurisdiction of offences under this act.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of August, in the year 1899.

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building abutments of bridge on Swett street, over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, were opened at the office of the City Engineer on February 20, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Holbrook, Cabot & Daly, Boston . . .	\$16,985
Bell & Co., Boston	17,570
R. D. Shanahan, Boston	18,500
D. F. O'Connell, Boston	18,800
Cyrus Barton, Lowell	18,900
Ross & Fowler, Boston	18,940
F. H. Connelly, Boston	18,951
Collins & Ham, Boston	19,757
W. H. Keyes & Co., Boston	19,840
Thomas A. Rowe, Boston	20,263
Norcross Brothers, Boston	20,400
Foley & Ryan, Boston	20,500
Miller & Ellis, Boston	20,699
Woodbury & Leighton, Boston	20,950

The contract was awarded to Holbrook, Cabot & Daly.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Hospital Department.

Proposals on laundry shafting and belting for the City Hospital have been received by the Trustees as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Poland Laundry Machinery Company	\$2,544 53
Craig, Donovan & Co.	1,852 11
Blanchard Machine Company	1,810 98

The contract was awarded to the Blanchard Machine Company.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for furnishing 1,500 tons of coal, at the main drainage works, Calf Pasture, Dorchester, were opened on February 20, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
The Mitchell Coal and Coke Company . . .	\$3 05
Darrowmann & Co.	3 55
Loyal Hanna Coal and Coke Company . . .	3 87
E. Russell Norton	3 82
Garfield & Proctor Coal Company	4 95
Metropolitan Coal Company	6 00

The contract was awarded to the Mitchell Coal and Coke Company.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

The number of arrests made in Philadelphia during 1898 was 62,628, of which 27,543 were for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

According to a recent statement prepared by the Chief of the New Jersey Bureau of Statistics, the savings of the people of that State amounted to \$87,434,000 in 1897. These figures include the deposits in New Jersey savings banks and building and loan associations. The net assets of building and loan associations increased from \$9,349,517, in 1885, to \$39,132,063 in 1895; and the number of shareholders increased from 37,730 in 1885 to 87,994 in 1895. The average assets per shareholder amounted to \$248 in 1885 and \$445 in 1895.

In 1885 the depositors in savings banks numbered 87,932, and the total deposits amounted to \$24,126,201. In 1895 the number of depositors had increased to 154,561, and the amount of deposits to \$39,635,535, but the average deposit diminished from \$274 in 1885 to \$256 in 1895.

CENSUS OF HORSES AND VEHICLES BELONGING TO THE CITY.

The tabular presentation on the following pages regarding the number and average cost of the horses and vehicles belonging to the city, together with the cost of keeping the horses, and the number and pay of the drivers employed by the city, shows the character of the returns made to His Honor the Mayor by heads of departments, in reply to the Mayor's Circular, No. 50 (see THE CITY RECORD, Volume I., Page 685):

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER AND COST OF HORSES AND VEHICLES BELONGING TO THE CITY;
ALSO THE NUMBER AND PAY OF DRIVERS EMPLOYED.

I. DRAUGHT HORSES, WAGONS AND CARTS.

DEPARTMENT.	Number owned.	Average purchase price.	Average years of efficient service.	KEPT IN PRIVATE STABLES.		KEPT IN CITY STABLES.		DRIVERS.		WAGONS OR CARTS.			
				Number boarded.	Average cost per week.	Number kept.	Average cost per week.	Number employed.	Average pay per day.	Kind owned.	Number.	Average cost.	Average life in years.
Cemetery	6	\$160 87	7	1	\$5 00	5	\$2 44 ⁹	4	\$12 00 per week	Undertaker's wagon . . . Double-carts Single-carts Watering-carts Manure-carts Hay-carts	1 2 4 2 2 1	\$210 00 180 00 100 00 175 60 114 75 180 00	15 12 9 10 10 12
Children's Institutions	5	100 00	5	—	—	—	—	1	35 00 per month	Wagons	— 12 5	50 00	5
Fire	306	\$132 00	6	—	—	306	1 34 ¹	0 ²	—	Coal wagons Supply wagons For Chief and District Chiefs	42 6 20	340 00 340 00 195 00	25 25 15
Health	8	150 00	8	6	6 08	—	—	—	—	Concord wagons Concord buggy Ambulances Vans Dump carts Jigger	7 1 2 2 2 1	245 00 75 00 — 350 00 50 00 50 00	— — — — — —
Hospital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ambulances Market-wagon Tip-cart	6 1 1	485 00 ⁴ 225 00 60 00	7 15 10
Insane Hospital	13	105 00	8	—	—	13	1 44 ²	4	27 00 per month and found	Double express Farm wagons Milk-wagon Laundry-wagon Single express Tip-carts	2 2 1 1 2 4	207 50 115 00 65 00 110 00 175 00 93 30	— — — — — —
Lamp	5	250 00	3 to 5	—	—	5	6 18	3	2 50 per day	Repair wagons	— 12 5	252 50	—
Library	0 ⁵	—	—	—	—	—	—	0 ⁵	—	—	—	—	—
Park	18	150 00	—	—	—	18	5 00	9	55 00 per month	Double watering-carts . . . Single watering-carts . . . Double dump-carts Single dump-cart	16 2 9 1	335 35 316 83 137 50 50 00	— — — —
Pauper Institutions	8	85 00	10	—	—	8	1 17 ¹	2	27 50 per month and found	Double dump-carts Single dump-carts Express wagons Truck-wagon Hand cart	2 2 2 1 1	122 00 35 00 40 00 25 00 26 00	15 15 10 10 10
Penal Institutions	13	125 00	10	—	—	13	2 00	1	50 00 per month	Express wagons	— 8 3 ⁸	250 00	10
Public Buildings: Repair Division	2	157 50	—	2	6 00	—	—	2	12 63 per week	Lumber wagon Express wagon	1 1	50 00 210 00	— —
Public Grounds	6	180 00	19	—	—	6	3 37 ¹⁰	6	2 00 per day	Democrat wagon Wagons Tip-cart	1 4 1	81 00 225 00 110 00	3 5 5
Street:													
Paving Division	91	150 00	10	—	—	91	5 00	80	12 36 per week	Carriages Express wagons Wooden tip-carts Iron tip-carts Double tip-carts Water-carts	20 14 63 3 13 4	200 00 135 00 68 00 200 00 160 00 175 00	6 10 12 12 12 15
Sanitary Division	192	182 50	12	—	—	192	3 50 ¹⁰	175	2 00 per day	Ash-carts Iron offal-wagons Wooden offal-wagons Paper-carts Paper wagons Express wagons Concord wagons	189 34 87 25 11 5 4	150 00 200 00 250 00 100 00 — — —	15 10 15 10 15 10 10
Sewer Division	48	165 00	12	—	—	48	2 24 ¹	48	2 08 per day	Express wagons Single tip-carts Double tip-cart Single catch-basin carts . .	23 13 1 18	135 00 65 00 160 00 295 00	5 ¹ 5.7 4 4
Street-Cleaning Division	91	165 00	12	—	—	91	3 20 ¹⁰	60	2 10 per day	Dirt-carts Water-carts	— 55 83 9	150 00 350 00	5 to 7 10
Water	30	145 00	—	—	—	30	3 07 ¹⁰	25	2 25 per day	Express wagons Heavy wagons Democrat wagons	— 92 29 3	225 00 200 00 —	— 10 —
Weights and Measures	6	200 00	10	6	6 00	—	—	—	—	—	— 7 1	250 00 175 00	— 6
Wire	1	100 00	12	—	—	1	4 00	1	2 25 per day	Concord wagon Express wagons	— 3 2	— 175 00	— 6
Totals	849	—	—	15	\$5 77	827	—	421	—		830	—	—

II. DRIVING HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

DEPARTMENT.	Number owned.	Average purchase price.	Average years of efficient service.	KEPT IN PRIVATE STABLES.		KEPT IN CITY STABLES.		DRIVERS.		WAGONS OR CARTS.		
				Number boarded.	Average cost per week.	Number kept.	Average cost per week.	Number employed.	Average pay per day.	Number.	Average cost.	Average life in years.
Cemetery	2	\$212 00	5	—	—	2	\$2 94 ⁹	1	\$17 50 per week	3	\$236 00	5
Children's Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Engineering	1	300 00	3	—	—	1	6 50	—	—	2	350 00	8
Architectural Division	1	200 00	3	1	\$6 00	—	—	—	—	2	350 00	8
Fire	25	7141 00	6	1	6 00	24	1 34 ¹	17	1 80 per day	2	200 00	8
Health	3	170 00	3	3	6 00	—	—	—	—	3	325 00	5
Hospital	9	144 00	5	—	—	9	2 10 ¹	6	33 33 per month and found	5	375 00	7
Insane Hospital	3	120 00	—	—	—	3	1 44 ¹	2	32 50 per month and found	4	—	12
Lamp	2	322 50	—	—	—	2	6 18	—	—	3	325 00	—
Park	4	181 00	—	1	6 00	3	5 00	1	6 00 per week	3	249 00	—
Pauper Institutions	2	90 00	3	1	3 50	1	—	—	—	2	130 00	20
Penal Institutions	4	175 00	10	—	—	4	1 12 ¹	—	—	8	—	10
Public Buildings:												
Electrical Construction Division	1	250 00	2	1	6 00	—	—	1	2 00 per day	1	250 00 not bought	—
Repairs Division	2	162 50	—	—	—	2	5 00	1	15 00 per week	1	—	—
Public Grounds	2	193 75	10	—	—	2	3 37 ¹⁰	—	—	2	190 00	—
Street:												
Central Office	4	250 00	8	—	—	4	3 20 ¹⁰	1	15 00 per week	4	225 00	6 to 10
Bridge Division	12	216 81	12	8	6 00	4	7 75	3	2 25 per day	11	150 00	15
Ferry Division	1	225 00	—	1	6 00	—	—	1	15 34 per week	2	232 50	—
Paving Division	23	170 00	7 to 8	4	6 00	19	5 00	2	15 00 per week	20	200 00	—
Sanitary Division	13	200 00	10	1	7 00	12	3 50 ¹⁰	—	—	12	200 00	10
Sewer Division	28	150 00	8	3	7 00	25	2 24 ¹	9	2 00 per day	27	180 00	6
Street-Cleaning Division	8	200 00	10	3	6 00	5	3 20 ¹⁰	1	1 75 per day	8	150 00	3
Street-Watering Division	2	194 50	2½	2	6 00	—	—	1	1 50 per day	2	212 50	2½
Treasury	0 ⁸	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Water	20	150 00	—	1	6 00	19	3 07 ¹⁰	1	900 per year	16	170 00	—
Wire	2	222 50	10	2	5 77	—	—	—	—	3	175 00	10
Totals	174	—	—	33	\$5 95	141	—	48	—	146	—	—
Grand Totals	1,023	—	—	48	—	968	—	469	—	976	—	—

NOTE.—¹ Feed alone. ² Are driven by firemen. ³ The average in 1894 was \$314. ⁴ With rubber tires are \$85 extra. ⁵ Are hired by contract. The contractor, who is paid \$25 per week, furnishes 4 horses, 2 drivers, and 2 wagons of special design, etc., and assumes all risks and liabilities. ⁶ Other wagons were built by the department. ⁷ Average in 1894 was \$225. ⁸ None are owned by the department; 4 vehicles with horses and drivers are employed regularly at \$4 per day. Total cost of this service in 1898 was \$3,679. ⁹ Part of feed raised, and not included in cost. ¹⁰ Not including certain incidental expenses.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following bills have been presented to the Massachusetts Legislature, and referred to appropriate committees:

In the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 157 accompanies the petition of Robert S. Peabody; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. A Department of Architecture is hereby established in the City of Boston, which shall be under the charge of a board of seven commissioners whose official designation shall be the Board of Architecture for the City of Boston.

Sect. 2. Each commissioner shall be an architect who is engaged in the practice of his profession in said city and who has practiced in said city or elsewhere for not less than seven years. During the current year one such commissioner shall be appointed by the President of the School Committee of said city for the term of five years; one by the Mayor of said city for the term of four years; one by the President of said School

Committee for the term of three years; one by the Mayor of said city for the term of two years; one by the President of said School Committee for the term of one year; one by the Trustees of the Boston Public Library for the term of one year; and one by the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for the term of one year. All of said appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the Art Commission of said city acting by vote of a majority of all its members, and the commissioners thus appointed and confirmed shall hold office from the first day of May, 1899, for their respective terms as aforesaid. Subsequent appointments to said Board shall be made by the Mayor of said city or the President of said School Committee, as the case may be, for the term of five years from the first day of May in the year of the appointment, and by the Trustees of the Boston Public Library and the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, as the case may be, for the term of one year from the first day of May in the year of such appointment; and all vacancies at any time occurring in said Board, caused by death, resignation or removal, shall be filled for the remainder of the term thus left vacant by the Mayor of said city, the President of said School Committee, the Trustees of the Boston Public Library and the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, as the case may be, in the manner aforesaid. Any member of said Board may be removed by the authority appointing him or having the power to appoint a successor as aforesaid, that is by the Mayor of said city, the Presi-

dent of said School Committee, the Trustees of the Boston Public Library and the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, as the case may be, for such cause as may by such authority be deemed sufficient and assigned in the order of removal.

Each commissioner shall receive for his services as a member of said Board the sum of ten dollars for each and every meeting of said Board attended by him. Each commissioner shall also receive for his services as architect for any building or work placed in his charge as hereinafter provided an amount equivalent to five per centum of the total cost of said building or work. Such services upon any such building or work shall include the customary work of an architect in and about the plans, construction and general superintendence of the building or work; but said Board may whenever it deems proper authorize the employment by any of the commissioners of expert advisers and of a clerk of the works upon any building or work entrusted to such commissioner, the salary of such expert or clerk of the works to be charged to the appropriation for such building or work. In case the services required of any commissioner, as hereinafter set forth, shall not include full plans and superintendence for any building or work, he shall receive for the services rendered by him as architect in and about said building or work such customary and reasonable compensation as may be fixed by a majority of the other members of said Board. In case any commissioner to whom any building or work has

been entrusted, as hereinafter provided, shall cease to be a member of said Board, otherwise than by removal or death, before the completion of said building or work, he shall continue to perform the services of architect therefor until the completion thereof, for the compensation above set forth.

Sect. 3. Said Board shall examine all plans for the erection of buildings or for the making of structural changes in buildings for the said city, and no buildings shall be erected and no structural change in any building shall be undertaken except in accordance with general plans and designs approved by said Board and by the Mayor of said city and by the Department for whose use the building is intended and, in case of school buildings, also by the said School Committee, or by some sub-committee thereof, appointed for the purpose.

Sect. 4. Subject to the foregoing provisions, all architectural services required in or about any buildings or work for the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital or for the Trustees of the Boston Public Library shall be performed respectively by the commissioner appointed by said Trustees of the Boston City Hospital and by the commissioner appointed by said Trustees of the Boston Public Library. The President of the School Committee shall, with the approval of the Art Commission, divide said city into three territorial districts, which with such approval may be changed from time to time; he shall designate one of the commissioners subject to appointment by him for each of said three districts; and all architectural services required in or about any school buildings in each of said three districts shall, subject to the provisions of the foregoing sections of this act, be performed by the commissioner thus designated for said district. The Mayor of said city shall, with the approval of the Art Commission, divide all the buildings to be erected for the different departments of said city other than the School Committee, the Trustees of the City Hospital and the Trustees of the Public Library, into two classes, which with such approval may be changed from time to time; he shall designate one of the members of said Board subject to appointment by him for each of said two classes; and all architectural services required in or about any building in each of said classes shall, subject to the provisions of the foregoing sections of this act, be performed by the commissioner thus designated for such class.

In case, however, any building is to be erected by said city at an estimated cost of over \$500,000, such Board shall employ for such building an architect not a member of the Board, but who shall be approved by the Mayor and the Art Commission.

Sect. 5. All contracts for the erection of buildings or the making of structural changes in buildings for said city, or for any department thereof, shall be signed in the name of said city by the executive head of the department or by a majority of the members of the board or commission in charge thereof, as the case may be. No such contract shall be made or any liability incurred for any purpose in connection with any such building or structural change involving any expenditure beyond the appropriation duly made therefor. The erection of all buildings and the making of structural changes in any building for said city or any

department thereof shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 4, 5 and 6 of Chapter 418 of the Acts of the year 1890.

Sect. 6. In case any building is under construction or any work unfinished at the date of the passage of this act, it shall remain in charge of the architect under whose plans and supervision the work is being done, in case such architect desires to complete the work.

Sect. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 190 accompanies the petition of J. C. Bennett; it was referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges. It is entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A STATE HIGHWAY BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE CITY OF LYNN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Massachusetts Highway Commission is hereby authorized and instructed to lay out, construct and maintain a state highway between the City of Boston and a point in the City of Lynn along a route described in the following section; and it is further authorized to construct and maintain in or over the tide-waters of the Commonwealth, such bridges, draws, piers, embankments, docks and channels as may be necessary to the construction of said highway and to its maintenance in a condition for safe and convenient use.

Sect. 2. The route of the aforesaid highway shall be as follows: Beginning at the boundary line between the City of Boston and the Town of Revere, at a point where the state highway laid out in said town in the year 1897 meets the said boundary line; thence, in the Town of Revere along the said state highway, Atlantic avenue and over lands to the westward of said avenue, to the driveway heretofore laid out by the Metropolitan Park Commission, a distance of about 2,750 feet, which part of said highway shall be laid out to a width of not less than one hundred feet and wrought for travel to a width of not less than eighty-four feet, with two roadways, each thirty feet wide, located one on each side of a central reserved space of a width of twenty-four feet; thence, to and along Ocean avenue as at present located to Revere street; thence over lands to the northward of Revere street and over lands taken and acquired in the name and for the benefit of the Commonwealth by the Metropolitan Park Commission, to the southerly end of the route described in a petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Revere to the Massachusetts Highway Commission, dated June 8, 1897, which part of said highway shall be laid out to a width of not less than seventy feet and shall be wrought for travel to a width of not less than thirty-four feet, and shall be so located that the south-easterly side thereof shall be not less than forty feet north-westerly from the centre line of the driveway heretofore laid out along Revere Beach by the Metropolitan Park Commission; thence along the route described in the above-mentioned petition to the boundary line between the Town of Revere and the City of Lynn; thence, in the City of Lynn, along the route described in a petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of said city to the Massachusetts Highway Commission, dated

May 18, 1897, to the junction of Broad and Market streets in said city, which part of said highway shall be laid out to a width of not less than seventy feet, and shall be wrought for travel to a width of not less than thirty-four feet.

Sect. 3. The Massachusetts Highway Commission is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$50,000 for the construction of a bridge over the Saugus river, on the route hereinbefore described, and for the purpose of the laying out and construction of that portion of the aforesaid highway described in the petitions hereinbefore mentioned, of the Selectmen of Revere and the Mayor and Aldermen of Lynn, the said Commission is authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$150,000, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 476 of the Acts of the year 1893, and Chapter 497 of the Acts of the year 1894, as amended, except as herein otherwise provided.

Sect. 4. For the purpose of meeting expenses that may be incurred under Section 3 of this act, the Treasurer and Receiver-General is authorized to proceed in the manner prescribed in, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 481 of the Acts of the year 1896.

Sect. 5. The Highway Commission, in laying out, constructing and maintaining the above-described highway, shall proceed in the manner prescribed in, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 476 of the Acts of the year 1893, and Chapter 497 of the Acts of the year 1894, as amended, except as herein otherwise provided.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SENATE BILL No. 193 was introduced on leave by Senator Harrington of Worcester; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ERECTION AND ALTERATION OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 97 of the Acts of 1895 is hereby amended by inserting in the eighth line, after the word "dwelling-house," the words "for more than one family," so as to read as follows:

Section 1. No building hereafter erected in the City of Boston shall be occupied above the second story by more than one family, unless it is a first or second class building, and no second class building more than sixty-five feet in height above the cellar bottom, or third class building more than three stories in height, shall be erected, enlarged, or altered, and occupied as a lodging-house, tenement-house or dwelling-house (for more than one family) unless the basement and first story shall be constructed in the manner provided for the basement and first story of first class buildings, under Section 23 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

In the House of Representatives.

HOUSE BILL No. 21 accompanies the petition of George W. Chipman; it was referred to the Committee on Street Railways. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE WEST END STREET RAILWAY COMPANY TO REPLACE ITS TRACKS ON TREMONT AND BOYLSTON STREETS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The West End Street Railway Company is hereby authorized to replace its surface tracks upon that portion of Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and upon that portion of Boylston street between Park square and Tremont street, which tracks were removed in accordance with the order of the Boston Transit Commission, under the provisions of Section 35 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1894. Said track shall be replaced upon the locations existing at the date of said order of removal; and said West End Street Railway Company shall have the right to operate and maintain its cars thereon in the same manner as if said order of removal had not been made.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 691 accompanies the petition of William S. Wheeler; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT ASSESSORS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 276 of the Acts of the year 1894 is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the words: "No one shall be appointed an assistant assessor under this act unless he has received the written endorsement for this appointment of the President of the City Committee of the political party in said city, of which the appointee claims to be a member," so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. In the City of Boston the assistant assessors shall be appointed in equal numbers from the two leading political parties, for each grade of assistant, and shall be assigned to the various assessment districts so that the assistant assessors assigned to any district shall equally represent such parties. No one shall be appointed an assistant assessor under this act unless he has received the written endorsement for this appointment of the President of the City Committee of the political party in said city, of which the appointee claims to be a member."

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 705 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARLES RIVER EMBANKMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, in extending the Charles river embankment in said city, under authority of Chapter 344 of the Acts

of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, may extend the sea-wall substantially parallel with Beacon street in said city, which shall not be at any point above mean low water more than seventy-five feet distant from the present sea-wall.

Sect. 2. Any real estate in the City of Boston, which in the opinion of the Board of Park Commissioners of said city receives any benefit and advantage from any work done under authority of Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or in addition thereto, or of this act, beyond the general advantages to all real estate in the City of Boston, may, after a like notice to parties interested, as is provided by law to be given by the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston in cases of the laying out of streets in said city, be assessed by said Board for a proportional share of the expense incurred in carrying out said work: provided, however, that the entire amount so assessed shall not exceed one-half the expense of said work. The provisions of Sections 16 and 17 of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, as amended or added to, shall, so far as applicable, apply to any amount so assessed.

Sect. 3. In order to defray any expenses, not exceeding \$600,000 in all, that may be incurred by said Board of Park Commissioners in doing the work authorized by said act in the rear of Beacon street, the City Treasurer of said city shall, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, issue notes, bonds or scrip of said city, running for a period not exceeding thirty years, as said Treasurer shall determine, up to said amount; but no more than \$200,000 of said bonds shall be issued in any one year.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 706 accompanies the petition of Edward R. Coffin; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DAM ACROSS CHARLES RIVER, BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 531 of the Acts of the year 1898 is hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 708 accompanies the petition of Grant M. Palmer; it was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR VOTING BY PROXY AT MEETINGS OF THE BOSTON MARINE SOCIETY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. At all meetings of the Boston Marine Society absent members may vote by proxy, authorized by a writing executed and dated within two months previous to the meeting at which it is used; and no person shall, as proxy or attorney, cast more than twenty votes.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 714 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXPENDITURES OF THE BOARD OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Police of the City of Boston shall forthwith, after the passage of this act, and on or before the first day of February in each year thereafter, make appropriations for the support of the Police Department of said city for the financial year, including repairs and alterations on buildings owned or used by said department. Such appropriations shall be made by items specifying the purposes for which the money is to be expended. Such appropriations, which shall be included within the tax limit of said city for municipal purposes as now established by law, shall not exceed — in the aggregate upon each \$1,000 of the average valuation of the taxable property in said city, as ascertained under the provisions of law limiting the rate of taxation in said city.

Sect. 2. The votes of said Board of Police making such appropriations shall have the same force and effect as orders or votes of the City Council appropriating money, and shall be subject to the same provisions of law in respect to approval by the Mayor, except that the votes of all the members of said Board taken by yeas and nays shall be necessary to pass any such appropriation over the veto of the Mayor.

Sect. 3. After an order or vote of said Board of Police making an appropriation shall have gone into effect, the aggregate amount so appropriated shall be certified by said Board to the Board of Assessors, and shall be included by said assessors in the amount to be raised by taxation in said city for such year.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 715 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM PUBLIC ALLEYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Superintendent of Streets in the City of Boston shall, whenever he shall receive a petition from a majority of the abutters upon any public alley, provide for the removal of snow from such alley at the expense of such abutters; and the cost thereof, as determined by said Superintendent, shall be assessed on the estates abutting upon such public alley, and shall be a lien upon such estates until paid; in the same manner as other special assessments.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 728 accompanies the petition of Andrew J. Bailey; it was referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN GRADE CROSSINGS IN THE CITIES OF CAMBRIDGE AND BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The report of the commissioners appointed by the Superior Court for the County of Middlesex to consider the abolition of the grade crossing of Prison Point street in Cambridge, and report of the commissioners appointed by the Superior Court for the County of Suffolk to consider the abolition of the grade crossings of Austin street, Cambridge street, Perkins street, Main street and Rutherford avenue in the Charlestown district of Boston, heretofore or hereafter filed in the courts in which they were appointed are hereby confirmed, and the parties authorized in said act shall carry out the directions of said commissioners as contained in said report.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 729 accompanies the petition of Josiah Quincy; it was referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled
AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ABOLITION OF GRADE CROSSINGS IN THE CITIES OF CAMBRIDGE AND BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. In the proceedings for the abolition of the grade crossings at Prison Point street, in Cambridge, and at Austin street, Cambridge street, Perkins street, Main street and Rutherford avenue in Boston, pending in the counties of Middlesex and Suffolk respectively, the commission may direct that freight depots and other structures and ways shall be altered, relocated and built anew, may provide for new freight yards and facilities in substitution for existing yards and facilities, may provide for the alteration of drawbridges and sea-walls, and may otherwise alter said proceedings as in their judgment the security and convenience of the public requires.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 738 accompanies the petition of Walter Hunnewell; it was referred to the Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT INCORPORATING THE FIRST CHURCH OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The act to incorporate the First Church of Boston is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: "The proprietors of pews may adopt a by-law or by-laws permitting other persons than proprietors to become members of the corporation, or to participate in the management of its affairs, in such manner as the proprietors may deem wise.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 742 was introduced on leave by Mr. Andrews of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Superintendent of Streets of the City of Boston shall on or before Feb-

ruary 1 of each year establish street watering districts for said city, and shall determine reasonable charges for the year upon estates in said city, for constructing, maintaining and operating the sewerage works for such year, and for watering streets in such districts during such year; and the Water Commissioner of said city shall on or before said day determine reasonable charges upon estates in said city for water for the use of the occupants of such estates during such year.

Sect. 2. Every such charge shall be a lien on the estate for two years after it is determined, and shall be payable by the owner thereof on or before March 1 of the year, and all such charges shall be included in one bill, and after said March 1 shall be collected by the City Collector of said city as taxes on said estates are collected: provided, however, that every charge for constructing, maintaining or operating said sewerage works, or for watering streets by said city, determined after February 1, in any year, through neglect or otherwise, shall be payable on the thirteenth day after notice of the charge has been given to the person charged therewith, and shall be collected as above provided, but shall not be a lien upon any estate.

Sect. 3. Any person aggrieved by any charge for constructing, maintaining, or operating the sewerage works of said city, or for watering streets by said city, or for water furnished by said city, may, on application therefor to the Board of Street Commissioners of said city, made within one month after notice of such charge has been given to him, have such charge considered by said Board, and if such charge is not just and equitable, said Board shall decide thereon and abate or otherwise alter the same so as to make the same just and equitable.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 762 was introduced on leave by Mr. Bresnahan of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LANDS AND BUILDINGS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 365 of the Acts of 1897 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the city of Boston shall lease any lands or buildings (except bath-houses) under their control, to be used for boat-houses, refectories and other purposes, and may grant concessions for keeping boats, carriages and other things for the accommodation of the public: provided, however, that said Board of Park Commissioners shall advertise not less than four times in at least two of the Boston daily newspapers for public bids, and such privileges shall be given to the highest bidder.

Sect. 2. Said Board of Park Commissioners shall ask for either sealed bids, which shall be opened publicly on a certain day, or may auction such privileges at public auction; but in either case the privileges must be given to the person offering the largest amount for the privileges to be enjoyed.

HOUSE BILL No. 767 accompanies the petition of J. Henry Brooks; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

RESOLVE TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM CERTAIN ACTION OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Resolved, That the approval by the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by vote of October 31, 1898, of the sculptured ornaments erected on the building situated at the corner of St. James avenue and Trinity place in said city, on land described in Chapter 452 of the Acts of the year 1898, shall be deemed sufficient to authorize the maintenance of said building, as constructed at the time of said vote of approval.

HOUSE BILL No. 768 accompanies the petition of Robert W. Godfrey; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONNECTION OF SOIL, WASTE AND AIR-PIPES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 128, of Chapter 419 of Statutes of 1892 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "serves," in the fourth line, the words "and shall not be connected by any cup, slip, or washer-joints," so as to read as follows:

Section 128. The waste-pipe of each and every sink, basin, bath-tub, water-closet, slop-hopper and of each set of trays or other fixtures shall be furnished with a separate trap, which shall be placed as near as practicable to the fixture that it serves, and shall not be connected by any cup, slip or washer-joints. Traps shall be protected from siphonage or air pressure by special cast-iron air-pipes, of a size not less than the waste-pipes they serve, placed outside or below the trap. Lead air-pipes may be used only where they are exposed to view. Air-pipes for water-closet traps shall be of two-inch bore if thirty feet or less in length, and of three-inch bore if more than thirty feet in length. Air-pipes shall be run as direct as practicable. Two or more air-pipes may be connected together or with a drain-pipe; but in every case of connection with a drain-pipe such connection shall be above the upper fixture of the building.

HOUSE BILL No. 783 accompanies the petition of Edward W. Presho; it was referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF DANIEL F. CADIGAN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, late a police officer of said city, the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his position until the close of the financial year 1898-99.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 785 accompanies the petition of Charles W. Pierce; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TAKING OF DOWNING'S POND AND CHANDLER'S POND IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND CITY OF NEWTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston is hereby authorized to take by purchase or otherwise, the ponds known as Downing's pond and Chandler's pond, and the lands under and adjacent thereto, situated partly in the Brighton District of the City of Boston and partly in the City of Newton, and if they deem proper, to fill any part or the whole of either or both of said ponds, and to hold the same as a part of the park system of the City of Boston.

Sect. 2. The City Treasurer of said city, on the request of said Board of Park Commissioners, approved by the Mayor, may from time to time issue and sell bonds of said City of Boston to the amount of \$200,000 and to hold the proceeds thereof to pay the expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act; the bonds so issued not to be considered in determining the debt limit of said city.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 791 accompanies the petition of H. Warren White; it was referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECORDS OF PATIENTS TREATED AT FREE DISPENSARIES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

At all free dispensaries of medical and surgical aid in the City of Boston a record of all the patients treated shall be kept, and such records shall be open to inspection by any officer of any charitable organization in the said city.

HOUSE BILL No. 795 accompanies the petition of George G. Tidsbury; it was referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE STEAM RAILROAD CORPORATIONS TO SELL COMMUTATION TICKETS BETWEEN BOSTON AND STATIONS WITHIN A RADIUS OF TWENTY-FIVE MILES AT A PRICE NOT EXCEEDING ONE CENT PER MILE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every steam railroad corporation having a terminal in or road entering the City of Boston shall issue and offer for sale commutation tickets containing not more than fifty rides each, at a price not exceeding one cent per mile or fraction thereof, for passage between said Boston and all stations on each of their respective roads within a radius of twenty-five miles from their terminals or stations in said Boston: provided, however, that no such corporation shall be herein required to sell any ticket for a sum representing less

than five cents for each ride. Each coupon of said tickets shall be accepted for one continuous passage in either direction between Boston and the station designated therein.

Sect. 2. The aforesaid tickets shall not supersede the so-called "season" or three-months tickets now issued by said corporations, but shall be deemed to be in addition to the same.

Sect. 3. Any railroad corporation included in the provisions of this act shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars for each refusal to comply with said provisions.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect July 15, 1899.

HOUSE BILL No. 807 accompanies the petition of John A. Sawyer; it was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTENSION OF MALVERN STREET TO CAMBRIDGE STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston may borrow outside of its debt limit such sum of money as may be necessary to meet the expense of constructing an extension of Malvern street from Ashford street to Cambridge street at its junction with North Harvard street in Ward 25 of said city.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 810 accompanies the petition of Joseph B. Wermers; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. So much of Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1898 as relates to the appointment of the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston by the Mayor of said city, and to the powers, duties and obligations thereof, is hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. All the rights, powers, authority, duties and obligations heretofore by law vested in, or imposed upon the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, shall forthwith by force and effect of this chapter be transferred to, and continue in, and upon the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Boston.

Sect. 3. Said Board shall have the custody and control of all ward-rooms and halls owned and leased by the city, when used for political purposes.

Sect. 4. Said Board of Police Commissioners shall create a department of elections, which shall be located at Police headquarters in the City of Boston, or in such other place as the Board may determine.

The affairs of said department of elections under, and subject to, such rules, regulations and orders as may from time to time be made by said Police Board, not inconsistent with the provisions of the election law or of this chapter, shall be managed, conducted and carried on by two citizens and registered voters of Boston, of the two leading political parties, who shall be known as deputy commissioners of elections.

Said deputy commissioners of elections shall serve for the term of one year and shall receive a yearly salary of \$2,000.

Said deputy commissioners of elections may each be removed at any time by the Police Board for cause.

Sect. 5. Said deputy commissioners of elections shall between the first day of May and the first day of October in each year, appoint assistant registrars of voters, not exceeding four for each ward, who shall hold office for the term of one year, or beginning with the first day of October, unless sooner removed by the deputy commissioners of elections, and who shall so far as possible represent the different political parties.

Said deputy commissioners of elections shall also appoint such registration clerks, or other assistants as may be reasonably necessary, at the salaries fixed by the Board of Police. Said registration clerks shall as equally as may be represent the two leading political parties.

Said deputy commissioners of elections shall also appoint election officers to act at the different polling booths: provided, however, the said appointees shall first be approved by the Board of Police.

Said deputies shall have charge of the printing of the ballots for caucuses and elections.

Sect. 6. All the powers, duties and obligations of the Board of Election Commissioners and of Assessors and Registrars under said chapter of said act, so far as applicable to the City of Boston, shall be exercised and performed by the deputy commissioners of elections under the direction and control of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Sect. 7. Said Board shall constitute the Boston Ballot Law Commission, with the same powers, and acting in the same manner as the Ballot Law Commission, which has heretofore been constituted by the commissioners of elections, in manner and form as prescribed by Section 73 of said act.

Sect. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 840 accompanies the petition of George N. Harrington; it was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs. It is entitled

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOSTON AND EASTERN EXPRESS COMPANY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. George K. Harrington, ——— their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a corporation under the name of the Boston and Eastern Express Company.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to receive and carry parcels and express matter of all descriptions, but not freight, and to do a general express business; and for the purpose of carrying on its business aforesaid, it may contract with any and all street railway companies for cars, trackage, power, service, or otherwise, to enable it to do so in the most convenient and effective manner; and said street railway companies are hereby authorized to enter into such contracts, and to do all things necessary to perform the same.

Sect. 3. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed \$500,000 divided into shares of the par value of \$50 each, of

which the sum of \$5,000 in cash shall be paid into the treasury before said corporation shall begin the transaction of business.

Sect. 4. The capital stock of said corporation may be increased from time to time in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the general law controlling the issue of capital stock, so far as they relate to express companies.

Sect. 5. Said corporation is hereby authorized to run cars and motors at such speed in any city or town in the Commonwealth as may be authorized by the Board of Aldermen or Selectmen of any such city or town.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE BILL No. 846 accompanies the petition, taken from the files of last year, of Samuel Eliot and others; it was referred to the Committee on Education. It is entitled

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND PROVIDING FOR A REORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT THEREOF.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The inhabitants of the City of Boston qualified to vote for its School Committee shall, at the annual municipal election occurring in the year 1898, elect nine persons, inhabitants of the city, to constitute, with three inhabitants of the city appointed by the Mayor thereof, the School Board of said city, the members of which shall serve without compensation; the three persons voted for who shall have received the largest number of votes shall hold their office for three years; the three persons who shall have received the next largest number of votes shall hold their office for two years; and the three persons who shall have received the next largest number of votes shall hold their office for one year. In case two or more persons voted for shall have received an equal number of votes, those who are the seniors by age shall for the division into classes hereby required be classified as if they had received the largest number of votes in the order of ages. The three members appointed by the Mayor shall be appointed by him within the week preceding the second Monday of January, 1899, for one, two and three years respectively. Thereafter, the voters qualified as aforesaid shall annually elect three persons, inhabitants of the city, to serve as members of the School Board for the term of three years, and the Mayor of the city shall appoint one person annually, within the week preceding the second Monday in January, to serve as a member of the School Board for three years.

Sect. 2. Certificates of election shall be issued by the Board of Election Commissioners to such and to so many of the members of said School Board as appear to have been chosen at such election, and certificates of appointment shall be issued by the Mayor to those whom he has appointed; but said School Board shall be the final judge of the qualifications and elections of its own members.

Sect. 3. The persons so elected and appointed as members of the School Board shall meet and organize on the second Monday in January, 1899, and annually thereafter. The unexpired term of office of all members and officers of the School Committee as hitherto organized and established

shall terminate immediately upon the organization of the School Board elected and appointed under this act.

Sect. 4. The School Board shall have the supervision and direction of the public schools and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties in relation to the care and management of schools which are now exercised and performed by the School Committee of said city, except so far as they may be changed or modified by this act; shall succeed to the School Committee's corporate powers and rights, and shall have the powers and discharge the duties which may hereafter be imposed by law upon the school committees of cities and towns. They shall elect a Superintendent of Schools and a Business Agent; they shall organize a school faculty, and shall appoint visitors, as hereinafter set forth.

Sect. 5. A majority of all the members of the School Board shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. They shall choose a Secretary, not of their number, who shall also serve as Secretary to the Superintendent and inspectors as a board, an auditing clerk, and such other subordinate officers as they may deem expedient, and shall define their duties, fix their compensation, and may remove them at pleasure.

Sect. 6. The School Board, on or before the first day of February of the year 1899, shall estimate and determine the amount of money actually necessary to be levied for the current year for the support of the schools of the City of Boston, and shall certify the same to the City Council; and it shall annually, before the first day of January, certify to the City Council through its President and Secretary the amount of money it has estimated to be requisite for school purposes during the ensuing year; and the City Council thereupon shall cause the said amounts certified to be levied and collected as part of the annual tax levy, provided the amount of said estimation and tax shall not exceed one-third of one per centum of the total assessed valuation of the city for the current year; but with the consent of the City Council it may exceed such limitation.

Sect. 7. The School Board shall succeed to all the powers granted to the School Committee in relation to the purchase of land and its laying-out and maintenance for school purposes, and in relation to the erection of school buildings and the alteration and repair of the same; but certain of these powers shall be exercised for the School Board by the Business Agent under its direction, as herein set forth. And in case its powers are found insufficient to enable it to purchase the lands and erect the buildings it deems necessary for school purposes, the School Board shall certify its needs in this respect to the City Council, and with the consent of the City Council shall, through its Business Agent, erect such buildings and purchase such additional lands as it has certified as necessary.

Sect. 8. The School Board shall fix the compensation of Superintendent, Business Agent, inspectors, teachers, janitors, and of all other officers herein mentioned, except the expert accountants appointed by the Mayor. The School Board shall audit all expenses, but there shall be appointed by the Mayor for each year a Board of Audit

consisting of three expert accountants of good reputation, who shall audit the accounts of the year and make a report thereon to the Mayor. The Board of Audit shall be paid by the city, and this payment shall not be part of the requisition referred to in Section 6.

Sect. 9. The votes of a majority of the whole number of the members of the School Board shall be necessary to elect the officers herein prescribed by it to be elected. Said officers shall hold office during good behavior and efficiency, but may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the whole number of the members of the School Board. Visitors may be appointed and removed by the votes of a majority of a quorum.

Sect. 10. The appointment, promotion and dismissal of teachers shall be vested in the Superintendent. He shall report all proposed appointments, promotions and dismissals to the School Board, and these shall be final unless vetoed by a three-fourths vote of the Board. He shall, after consultation with the inspectors and school faculty, determine all courses of study and choose all text-books and other apparatus of teaching. He shall have direction of school attendance officers, who are to take the place of existing truant officers, and shall have the same power over their appointment and dismissal as that given him concerning teachers. Said body of school attendance officers shall include both men and women, who, under regulations provided by the School Board, shall investigate and report upon the cases of pupils absenting themselves from school, with a view to prevent rather than to punish such absence.

Sect. 11. The Business Agent, with such assistance as the School Board shall authorize and determine, shall, under direction of the School Board, have the care and maintenance of school-houses, the purchase of school supplies, the purchase of real estate, and the letting of contracts for the construction and repair of school-houses. He shall nominate and, by and with the consent of the School Board, shall appoint the architects of school-houses. He shall have a general oversight over all constructions and repairs. He shall have the appointment, control and dismissal of the janitors, engineers and other persons employed to work in or about the school-houses. Said Business Agent shall give bond, approved by the School Board, with sufficient surety or sureties in a sum to be determined by the School Board, payable to the Treasurer of the City of Boston, with a condition for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, before entering upon the same.

Sect. 12. The Superintendent shall nominate and, by and with the consent of the School Board, shall appoint not less than six nor more than twelve inspectors to serve for the term of three years, subject to removal by two-thirds vote of the School Board, or by the Superintendent with the approval of a majority of a quorum of the School Board. The inspectors shall act as assistants to the Superintendent in the performance of his duties. Examinations of teachers shall be in charge of the inspectors under the direction of the Superintendent, and certificates of qualification to teach may, after such examination, be issued by the Superintendent.

Sect. 13. A school faculty shall be organized by the School Board and shall con-

sist of the Superintendent as President, ex-officio, of the inspectors, and of not less than thirty more members who shall be elected by the teachers of the schools (not including temporary teachers) from their own numbers; and so far as possible the School Board shall adopt rules of election to provide that every grade of instruction shall be represented, and that any school which does not fall within any particular grade shall also be represented. The faculty may consider all educational subjects, including such as are disciplinary and sanitary, and at its pleasure may report thereon to the School Board.

Sect. 14. There shall be two classes of visitors—visitors at large (not exceeding twenty in number) and local visitors (not exceeding three in number for each school district.) They shall serve without pay. This body of visitors shall include both men and women, and shall be invited by the School Board to visit the schools with a view to a larger public knowledge of school affairs and to personal and moral influence. Visitors at large shall be appointed from among the whole number of citizens. Local visitors shall be appointed from citizens who live in the district for which they are appointed. The body of visitors or the visitors of the same grade or school district may meet from time to time at the call of the Superintendent, or otherwise, and may report to the School Board on any subjects they wish to submit. Normal, High and Latin schools shall be considered each to constitute a district for the purpose of this section, and the metes and bounds of all school districts are left to the discretion of the School Board.

Sect. 15. The teachers, janitors, truant officers (hereafter to be designated school attendance officers) and employees of the schools of Boston, in office and employment at the time of the organization of this School Board, shall have the same tenure of office as if they had already been appointed under the provisions of this act.

HOUSE BILL No. 858 was introduced on leave by Mr. Selfridge of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Rules. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO S. ALICE OSBORNE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, as county commissioners for the county of Suffolk, are hereby authorized to appropriate and pay to S. Alice Osborne, widow of Theodore M. Osborne, late assistant clerk for equity business of the Superior Court in the County of Suffolk, for her use and that of her children, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until the end of the current year.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending February 11, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.9
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	22.9
Number of deaths:	
Males	132
Females	97
Total	229
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	233
Decrease	4

Of the 229 decedents, 222 were white and 7 colored; 145 were born in the United States, 83 in foreign countries, and the birth-place of 1 was unknown; 59 were of American parentage, 154 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 16 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	53	3
Scarlatina	25	—
Measles	180	1
Totals	258	4

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	39
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	24
Bronchitis	7
Marasmus	2
Violent causes	16

Total from principal causes	117
Total from infectious diseases	4
Total from other causes	108

Total from all causes	229
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Deaths of children under 1 year	39
Deaths of children under 5 years	56
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SPECIAL ELECTION.

At a special State Election held on February 7, 1899, for representative to the General Court from the Thirteenth District (Ward 13) in place of James T. Mahoney, deceased, votes were cast as follows:

WARD 13.

Frederick C. Mahoney	557
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LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOSEPH J. CORBETT,
Board of Election Commissioners.

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23. S. B. 119, an Act relative to salaries paid by the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
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26. S. B. 123, an Act to provide for grammar and primary school-houses in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
27. S. B. 124, an Act relative to the Riverway Park of the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.									
28. S. B. 125, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 16.									
29. S. B. 126, an Act relative to contracts with the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2.								
30. S. B. 127, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.									
31. S. B. 142, an Act relative to the granting of leave of absence to police officers in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N. P.)							
32. S. B. 143, an Act relative to tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 15. S. (N. P.)							
33. S. B. 148, an Act relative to the height of buildings in Copley square in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
34. S. B. 149, an Act to amend the charter of the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
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36. S. B. 151, an Act relative to additions, alterations and repairs on school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 21.	March 2.								
37. S. B. 157, an Act to establish a Department of Architecture in Boston, p. 125.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
38. S. B. 158, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
39. S. B. 159, an Act relative to the Boston Transit Commission, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3.								
40. S. B. 175, an Act relative to the new Cambridge Bridge, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.									
41. S. B. 190, an Act to provide for a State Highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, p. 126.	Metropolitan Affairs.									
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43. H. B. 20, an Act relative to Malden Bridge, so called, in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Closed.								
44. H. B. 21, an Act to authorize the West End Street Railway Company to replace its tracks on Tremont and Boylston streets in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Street Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 31. Feb. 2, 9, 13, 15, 24.								
45. H. B. 23, an Act to authorize the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of merchandise, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.								
46. H. B. 25, an Act to authorize the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	Jan. 24. S. (B.)	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 30. H.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7.
47. H. B. 31, an Act to repeal Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	*								
48. H. B. 38, an Act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Public Service. Jan. 11.	Jan. 27. Closed.	Jan. 27. (L. W.)							
49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30.	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.								
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.									
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.								
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.								

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	*								
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.									
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 13, 24.								
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.									
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.								
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N.P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (B.)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S.	
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1.								
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1.								
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.									
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.									
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.								
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (B.)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.				
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (B.)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.									
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.								
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.									
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.									
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.									
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (B.)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.			
75. H. B. 321, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.									
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs.									
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.									

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104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24.								
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.									
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15.								
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15.								
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 1.									
109. H. B. 607, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.										
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.									
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.									
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24.								
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	*								
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.									
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.									

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128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2.								
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2.								
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21.								
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb. 2.									
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb. 2.									
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church, of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Societies. Feb. 2.									
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	*								
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17.								
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17.								
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.									
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.									
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17.								
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H. (L.W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. March 1.								
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs.									
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education.									
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Rules.									

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Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the office of Mr. A. Shuman on February 6, at 2 o'clock.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Burnham, Keany and Rueter.

Mr. Burnham, as committee on laundry shafting and belting, reported that bids had been received, and recommended that the contract be given to the Blanchard Machine Company, the lowest bidder. It was voted that the report of Mr. Burnham be accepted, and that the bid of the Blanchard Machine Company of \$1,810.98, for furnishing and installing shafting and belting, driving the laundry machinery in the new laundry building, be accepted, and that the President be authorized to sign the contract therefor. (For detail see page 123.)

An instrument was presented and read by Mr. Sprague, embodying the assent of the Trustees to the conveyance by A. F. Estabrook, et al., executors of the will of Thomas T. Wyman, of two parcels of land formerly belonging to the said Wyman, and situated on Washington street, in Boston, to the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, together with a release to them of all the interest of the Boston City Hospital, as one of the residuary legatees under the will in said estate, and it appearing that the two corporations assented to receive the estate in part payment of the amounts coming to them as residuary legatees under the will at the value set forth in the inventory of the estate, and that the executors had been unable to sell the estate for a larger sum than the appraisal, and, further, that the Boston City Hospital was to receive in cash the entire amount coming to it under the will, it was

Voted, That the President be authorized and instructed in the name and behalf of the corporation, to execute and deliver to A. F. Estabrook, et al., executors of the will of Thomas T. Wyman, the instrument of assent and release presented.

It was voted that the Mayor and City Council be invited to the opening, on February 15, 1899, of the new surgical operating theatre, and that lunch be served; and voted, also, that on the Monday following, from 3 to 6 P.M., said surgical department and the Hospital generally be opened to the inspection of invited guests.

The resignation of Dr. George W. Gay as senior visiting surgeon, was received and referred to the Medical Committee.

It was voted that there be paid to the Boston Steel and Iron Company the sum of \$290 on account of their contract of September 1, 1898, for iron frame work on covered passage between the administration building and the medical library, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to S. D. Hicks & Son the sum of \$375, on account of their contract of September 1, 1898, for skylight work on covered passage between the administration building and the medical library, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

Mr. Burnham reported that the boom on the coal-pocket tower was situated and arranged so as to interfere with passing vessels, and it was voted that Procter & Co. be employed to change the same, so as not to interfere as complained, at an expense not exceeding \$30.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street on February 9, 1899. Present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Goddard, Connelly and Sanderson and Dr. Baldwin. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Goddard was elected Secretary pro tempore.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$5,155.55, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$3,689.77, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

The report of the Superintendent was read, accepted and placed on file.

It was voted that the question of giving the Superintendent of Asylums permission to refuse to admit dotards be referred to the State Board of Insanity.

It was voted that the question of the discharge of Messrs. Turley, Harris and Harrington, and putting them on the pay-rolls as employees, be referred to the next meeting.

It was moved that Mr. Sullivan's salary be not reduced from what it had been. The motion was lost, and the reduction of salary and the matter of firemen's wages was referred to the Committee on Service, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

The question of the scale of minimum wages was referred to the Committee on Service.

The question of the purchase of dining-room chairs, office and other chairs, carriage robe, book-case, bedstead, rugs and carpet was referred to the Committee on Supplies, with full powers.

The Chair took under consideration the matter of the estimates by the Finance Committee.

The alterations in plumbing and the ventilation of the B building were referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds in consultation with the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance reported progress in the Blake-Callendar suit.

Circulars Nos. 54, 55 and 57 from His Honor the Mayor were read and placed on file, and it was voted that the reduction in salaries recommended in Circular No. 55 be considered at the next meeting.

The quarterly bills for the support of insane in State institutions, amounting to \$44,278.96, were referred to the Committee on Insane in other Hospitals for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The Secretary was instructed to return the bills for the support of Martin Whalen, Mary Danahy, Margaret J. Hurley and Ellen McCarty to the Superintendent of

Adult Poor, and say that the city had paid the bills.

The Committee on Service and the Visiting Committee presented their reports, which were accepted and placed on file.

The Committee on Buildings were instructed to report in regard to means for the prevention of fire in the corridors.

The population on January 8, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	313	250	563
On visit	5	8	13
Total	318	258	576

G. A. GODDARD, Secretary pro tempore.

Library Department.

The regular weekly meeting of the corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Lincoln, and the Librarian.

Communications received: Circular No. 55 from the Mayor dated January 30; the Librarian's report; from Thomas Smythe, dated February 2; from Robert Bancroft dated January 31; from Mrs. F. Hale Cardell.

The following orders from the Common Council, referred to the Trustees by direction of the Mayor "for such action as is considered proper," were read and considered:

"Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to establish a reading-room in Ward 13."

"Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library be requested and authorized, through His Honor the Mayor, to establish a public reading-room in the building formerly the pumping station, and now used for ward-room purposes, on Elmwood street, Roxbury."

Voted, That the Mayor be informed that the appropriation proposed for the maintenance of this Department does not admit of the establishment of either of the reading-rooms above requested.

Circular No. 56 from the Mayor under date of January 31, requesting that the Trustees submit any requests for loans for the Department for the coming calendar year was received and read, and it was

Voted, That the Mayor be informed that the Trustees of the Public Library are not aware of any necessity which will justify them in asking for any loan for the use of this Department during the present fiscal year.

Employed: Samuel H. Chavies, as elevator-attendant, at a salary of \$10 per week, beginning January 27; Henry Frye, now serving as elevator-attendant transferred to the general janitor service at a salary of \$2 per day, beginning January 27.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the Library Building, Dartmouth street appropriation, amounting to \$2,996.50; chargeable to the Library Building Furnishing appropriation, amounting to \$290. The President or Vice-President was authorized to sign special drafts in favor of Elmer E. Garnsey for \$850 and \$290; Smith and Lovett, for \$991; Connery and Wentworth, for \$810;

Isaac N. Tucker, for \$190; T. F. McGann, for \$155.50.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$259.75, trust funds, \$85.05, Station "P," \$18.70, Fellowes Athenæum, \$7.32; miscellaneous articles, \$1,719.73.

Voted, That hereafter and until further orders the Children's Department at the Central Library be closed to the public at 9 o'clock P.M.

Various applications for special privileges were received, considered and disposed of.

Tuesday, February 7, 1899.

A special meeting of the Corporation, called by order of the President, was held at 311 Beacon street at 4.30 P.M. o'clock.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, DeNormandie, Lincoln, Prince and the Librarian.

A communication was received and read embodying a proposal for the purchase of the old Public Library estate at the price set by this Board, \$850,000 cash. After consideration it was

Voted, That the above offer be accepted; and that the Vice-President transmit this acceptance in such terms as he may deem expedient. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 89.)

The following changes in grade and salary, ordered December 23, 1898, have taken effect; beginning February 1.

Executive Department, Peter V. McFarland, D runner to D, \$5 to \$5.50 per week; catalogue department, Frank T. Brennan, D special to C special, \$10 to \$12 per week; ordering department, T. A. McFarland, D special to C special, \$10 to \$12 per week; special libraries, A. E. F. Smith, D runner to D, \$5.50 to \$6 per week; issue department, Lucy I. Bertram, D to D special, \$7 to \$8 per week; Marion McCarthy, D special, \$8 to \$9 per week; Katharine Wiechman, D to D special, \$7 to \$8 per week; Kenneth McKenzie, D runner, \$5 to \$5.50 per week; engineer's department, John A. Lawrence, janitor, \$15 to \$16 per week; and at the Brighton Branch, Ellen F. Conley; Charlestown Branch, Susan E. Livermore, Elizabeth R. Reagan; Dorchester Branch, Mary E. Griffith; East Boston Branch, Alice M. Wing; Jamaica Plain Branch, Nellie F. Riley; Roxbury Branch Elizabeth C. Berry, Dorothy Puffer; South Boston Branch, Idalene L. Sampson; West End Branch Margaret S. Barton; each grade C, \$9.75 to \$10.50 per week.

February 10, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, DeNormandie, Lincoln and the Librarian.

Communications received: From Mrs. John L. Wilson, dated February 4; from Mr. Fiske Warren, dated January 25; from Mr. Lloyd Osbourne, dated January 14; Circular No. 57 from the Mayor; the Librarian's report.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$7,034.94; chargeable to trust funds, amounting to \$313.55; to "Broadway Extension, Improvements" appropriation, \$65.26; to Library

building furnishing appropriation, \$2,301.53; to the Library building, \$912.70; and the President was authorized to sign two special drafts in favor of F. L. Whitcomb, one for \$912.70, the other for \$1,766.14, included in the above.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$225.32; to trust funds, \$426.40; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$2.83; to Station "P," \$9.26; miscellaneous articles, \$3,463.46.

Various applications for special privileges were received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held on February 6, 1899:

Voted, That the agreement of the trustees of the Boston Water Power Company, and others, to pay \$1,000 towards the expense of widening the roadway and changing the planted areas in Boylston road, be accepted under the conditions of said agreement, and that the Superintendent be directed to make arrangements to complete the work within the time named in said agreement.

A request of Catherine Haley, for a permit to place a photographic sectional building at Charlestown Playground, was received and permission refused.

Voted, That the buying and wearing of the new uniform suit be left optional with those who have not worn the uniform suit during the last six months, they being that part of the force principally employed in construction work.

Voted, That the following regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles on the public parks or boulevards be adopted:

No person shall run or operate a motor vehicle of any kind until he shall have been examined and certified as competent by the inspector of the Park Department and a permit issued on such certificate; nor until such vehicle shall have been inspected and a certificate of approval issued by the inspector of the Park Department, and a license for the operation or use of such vehicle has been granted.

No person shall run or operate a motor vehicle on the public parks between the hours of 10.30 A.M. and 9 P.M.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, February 6, 1899.

The forty-sixth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square, on Monday, February 6, at 10 A.M., the full board being present, Mr. Hunnewell, and later Professor Sedgwick, in the chair.

Miss Morse reported the opinion of Mr. A. J. Bailey, Corporation Counsel, to the effect that the Trustees of Pauper Institutions had no legal right to receive mustered-out soldiers. There are none now remaining at Long Island.

The question of better food and more varied dietary for both officers and inmates

at Long Island was then discussed. It was suggested that greater vigilance in regard to both supplies and food should be exercised, and the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Medical Department and Dietary.

The question of the care of valuables belonging to inmates, and especially of persons who may enter the institution at Long Island in a feeble or dying condition, was discussed and referred to the Committee on Rules and Service, with power.

A circular from His Honor the Mayor was read, under the terms of which the salaries of nine persons in the employ of the Pauper Institutions Department will be affected, and it was voted that the pay-roll be adjusted to comply with the directions of the Mayor, and that a notification to this effect be sent to the various employees.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that, in consequence of the severe storm of November 27, and for other reasons, unusual repairs, amounting to about \$3,000, would be necessary at long Island during the coming year.

The appointment of Mrs. Charles Holton, as matron of the dormitory, at a salary of \$30 per month, was confirmed.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse reported concerning the need of storage for water in the almshouse. If the use of the main is suspended for a few hours much inconvenience is experienced.

The question of the enlargement of the morgue at Long Island, and the employment of carpenters to complete this and other work, was referred to the Finance Committee, with power.

The census returns for Long Island on February 4, 1899, are as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	86	131	217
Children	7	10	17
Dormitory	—	230	230
Institution	406	—	406
Totals	499	371	870

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, February 6.

A public hearing was given on the petition of J. G. Ford and others that the name of Avon place be changed to Avon street; and also on the petition of T. A. Bresnahan and others that the name of Covington street be changed to Patriot's terrace.

Remonstrance was received against the change of the name of Covington street.

A public hearing was given on the petition of J. E. Tuttle and others that the name of High street, at Dorchester (Neponset) be changed to Port Norfolk street.

It was voted to change the name of Avon place to Avon street; and that of High street to Port Norfolk street, and the orders were sent to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation.

T. A. Bresnahan was granted leave to withdraw on his petition to change the name of Covington street.

Thursday, February 9.

A petition was received for a sewer in Lorraine street; and a petition for the widening of Walk Hill street was also received.

Friday, February 10.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Mendum and Fairview streets, at West Roxbury.

A hearing was given in the matter of changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways as shown on the Board of Survey plan M 47, Plat 4.

Monday, February 13.

The Board voted to give a hearing in the matter of changes in the streets as shown on the Board of Survey plan 24, Plat 2.

Voted, That in the matter of Mary A. Mann, petitioner for damages occasioned by the laying-out of Greenbrier street, at Dorchester, between Bowdoin street and Bloomfield street, after consultation with the Law Department, and on its advice, the Board assess the petitioner's damages at the sum of \$3,481.42 with interest at 4½ per cent. from September 19, 1895, the petitioner to pay to the city the sum of \$1,192.32 and \$1,466.13, assessments upon her estates for the laying-out and construction of said street with interest upon the same at 4½ per cent. from September 19, 1895, these settlements to be without costs; and consent that the City Solicitor agree to judgment in said case, or cases, upon the terms above mentioned.

Sent to the Mayor for his approval.

Petitions were received for a change of the name of Marshfield street, and of the names of Hunneman street, Yeoman street and Norfolk avenue to Franconia street.

A petition was received for changes in Board of Survey locations, etc. of streets shown on the Board of Survey plan 24, Plat 2, particularly concerning the width of Medfield street.

An order was received from the Common Council requesting the Board to submit an estimate of the cost of widening Hampden street to seventy feet; and from the Board of Aldermen requesting the Board to lay out Davenport street, from Columbia road to Virginia street.

On order of the Board of Aldermen of January 2, 1899, it was voted to report to that Board, through his Honor the Mayor, that to widen Hancock street at Dorchester, from Columbia street to Freeport street, to eighty feet would need an appropriation of \$60,000

Tuesday, February 14.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the petition of John J. McNally for a change of the name of Dalmatia street to Woodcliffe street.

It was ordered that the name of Dalmatia street, at Dorchester, be changed to Woodcliffe street, and the order was sent to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation.

Friday, February 17.

A public hearing was given on the petition for the change of the names Hunneman street, Yeoman street and Norfolk avenue to Franconia street.

An order was passed changing the names of Hunneman street, Yeoman street and Norfolk avenue to Franconia street, and the order was sent to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Bray street, at Roxbury; and Public alley No. 701 was ordered laid out.

Certification of the City Clerk was received that the Board of Aldermen had confirmed the following changes of street names made by the Commissioners:

Shelton street to Wrentham street, Bell street to Biltmore street, High street to Port Norfolk street, Avon place to Avon street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Governor Wolcott, on February 23 vetoed a bill to restore days of grace on sight drafts, which was enacted by the House and Senate on February 14 and 16 respectively. To promote uniformity in the various states regarding this matter was the Governor's principal reason for vetoing the bill. His message comes up for consideration in the House on March 2.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, February 6, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings, and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending February 7, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	2	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	
2...	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	
3...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6...	-	9	-	-	2	11	3	4	15	-	
7...	-	14	-	-	-	20	-	8	57	-	
8...	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	2	9	-	
9...	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	10	3	-	
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	9	-	
11...	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	3	21	-	
12...	-	1	-	-	14	1	1	3	9	-	
13...	1	3	1	-	1	3	-	3	7	-	
14...	1	1	1	-	-	1	5	-	13	-	
15...	2	1	2	-	-	1	1	1	25	-	
16...	-	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	6	-	
17...	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	19	-	
18...	1	1	1	1	-	3	1	1	11	-	
19...	1	3	1	-	-	2	-	3	15	-	
20...	5	-	5	-	-	1	-	9	50	-	
21...	-	1	-	-	-	1	6	1	38	-	
22...	-	1	-	-	1	2	1	3	4	-	
23...	1	2	-	-	1	2	1	4	19	-	
24...	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	4	-	
25...	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	7	-	
T'ls.	12	44	11	3	22	9	69	31	87	390	

Old Court House, February 13, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending February 11, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	6	
2...	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	4	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
5...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	
6...	1	2	-	2	-	-	1	3	9	66	
7...	-	10	-	1	-	-	6	2	14	100	
8...	-	1	-	2	-	-	2	1	5	15	
9...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	15	
10...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	19	
11...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	68	
12...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	39	
13...	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	19	
14...	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	26	
15...	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	24	
16...	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	
17...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	
18...	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	12	
19...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	
20...	1	1	1	-	-	4	-	1	12	36	
21...	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	8	
22...	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	10	
23...	2	4	3	1	-	4	2	-	1	7	
24...	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	5	16	
25...	5	1	-	-	-	-	1	6	2	20	
T'ls..	20	28	6	8	3	22	18	19	79	539	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, February 6, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending February 4, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	131
Number of discharges of mortgages	11
Number of assignments of mortgages	7
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	3
Number of bills of sale	6
Number of assignments of wages	41
Number of married women's certificates,	5
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of ship liens	1

Suits have been entered against the city by the following persons, all being actions of contract, the damages ranging from \$100 to \$500 in each case: Melissa H. Mitchell, Sybil W. Weld, Harriet A. Gannon, Battery Wharf Store Company, Mary McGuire, Anna H. Niles et al., trustees, and J. Franklin Fuller, trustee. These suits are the result of the recent tax for sewer maintenance and street watering. Amelia Francis Nickerson and others have filed a

petition for the assessment of damages of land taken by the Board of Street Commissioners on Boylston street. Jennie M. Allen and James Ward have also entered suits, both being actions of tort, and the damages \$2,000 and \$4,000 respectively.

City Hall, February 13, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending February 11, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	118
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	13
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	8
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of wages	25
Number of married women's certificates, .	4

The following accident notices were filed: February 8, Mrs. Cristine C. Drewett, personal injuries, caused by projecting plank in sidewalk at 3770 Washington street. February 9, Joseph Buckley, injury to horse, caused by uncovered manhole on bridge on Causeway street.

February 10, Henry A. Jones, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk at 22 Tremont row.

City Hall, February 20, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters filed in the City Clerk's office for the week ending February 18, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	86
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	12
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	6
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of assignments of wages	22
Number of married women's certificates . .	5
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	5

An accident notice was filed February 17, by Margaret McNealy, of personal injuries caused by rough and uneven condition of sidewalk on Centre street, Jamaica Plain.

Suit has been entered against the city by Daniel Madden for the failure of the Managers of the Franklin Fund to complete a contract, said to have been entered into by said managers with said Madden.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, February 6, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending February 4, as follows:

Fire-alarm box 342 has been established at St. Mary's Infant Asylum on Jones Hill, Dorchester.

Callmen Frank J. Kelley, of Combination Company 7, and George H. Kincaid, of Ladder Company 9, have been retired from active service and their names placed on the pension-rolls at the rate of \$125 per annum.

Orlando W. Flynn has been appointed as a boy to drive and assist the Chief of District 3.

Transfers have been made as follows:

R. L. Ulvedal, Ladder Company 8 to Engine Company 44; P. A. M. Foed, Ladder

Company 17 to Engine Company 44; Walter Davey, Engine Company 44 to Chemical Company 5; M. E. Tenniham, Engine Company 44 to Engine Company 10; B. F. Sullivan, Engine Company 44 to Ladder Company 8; M. H. Ryan, Engine Company 44 to Ladder Company 17; Denis J. Lane, Engine Company 25 to Engine Company 13; Joseph A. Willour, Engine Company 13 to Engine Company 25.

Bristol Street, February 14, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending February 11 as follows:

Special drafts have been drawn as follows:

George G. Baker, \$624.75, balance due on construction of veterinary hospital on Swett street; Electrical Construction and Repairs Divisions of the Public Buildings Department, \$1,008.31 for labor and material.

The following transfers have been made:

George D. Bullard, Ladder Company 10 to Engine Company 30; Michael J. Finn, Engine Company 20 to Tower Company 1; Timothy C. O'Neil, Ladder Company 12 to Chemical Company 12.

Orders have been drawn on the Mitchell Manufacturing Company for twenty badges for veteran firemen, and the Safety Insulated Wire and Cable Company for 2,013½ feet of cable.

The following permanent substitutes have been appointed:

Thomas J. Kenneale, Engine Company 20; William F. Heldt, Engine Company 44; Frederick W. Johnston, Ladder Company 12; Joseph P. Hanton, Ladder Company 10, and Hiram M. Crowell, Engine Company 44.

The name of Annie A. McDonald, widow of Martin F. McDonald, late a member of Engine Company 13, has been placed on the pension roll at the rate of \$300 per annum, he having died from injuries received in service.

Ordered, That John E. McGowen, of Combination Company 5, be granted an extra day off for his meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on City square February 2.

Bristol Street, February 20, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending February 18 as follows:

L. C. Ray, of Engine Company 37, has been granted an extra day off for his meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on Brookline avenue, February 16.

J. B. Martin, callman on Ladder Company 11, was suspended from 10 A. M. February 6 to 4.30 P. M. February 13, for neglect in paying a bill.

A special draft has been drawn for \$1,552.95 in favor of Thomas McGovern for filling in front of Engine 21, Columbia road.

Greeley S. Curtis has been appointed hydraulic engineer in this Department to take effect at 10 A. M. February 20.

James F. Maguire has been transferred from Engine 26-35 to Engine Company 33 and Fred S. Young from Engine Company 33 to Engine 26-35.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, February 4, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Asa P. Morse, Cypher street, Ward 13, thirteen horses; Patrick Doyle, Neponset court, Ward 23, two cows; John J. Toomey, Binney street, Ward 19, four horses.

W. H. Partridge has petitioned for permit to keep two additional horses on premises rear 20 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 20; hearing called for February 9, at 11 o'clock.

The following is a summary of work done during January, 1899, by the Bureau of Milk Inspection:

Number of samples of milk examined:

From milk wagons	531
From stores	530
Brought by citizens	29
Total	1,090

Number of samples of vinegar examined	107
Number of samples of butter examined,	66

Total samples	1,263
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Number of cases pending January 1, 1899	6
Number of cases entered during January	3

Total cases	9
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Number of convictions	5
Number of acquittals	1
Cases pending February 1	3

Total	9
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Amount paid in fines	\$270
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The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending February 3:

Steers	213
New England cows	37
New England bulls	8
Western cows	66
Sheep	184
Calves	330

Total	838
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During the week 347 pounds of tuberculous beef have been condemned.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending February 4, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary	Totals
Positive	12	6	18
Negative	54	18	72
No growth	2	—	2
Totals	68	24	92

Old Court House, February 11, 1899.

The following application for a permit for the occupancy of a stable has been filed at this office:

A. H. Kinder, 17 Woodward Park street, Ward 16, one additional horse; hearing February 16, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Annie Sullivan, Lake street, Ward 25, seven additional horses; John Riley, 51 Greenwich place, Ward 24, one horse.

The following petition for the occupancy of a stable was rejected:

W. H. Partridge, rear 20 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 20, for two additional horses.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending February 10:

Steers	210
New England cows	40
New England bulls	12
Western cows	83
Sheep	45
Calves	369
Total	759

During the week 412 pounds of tuberculous beef have been condemned.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending February 11, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	16	10	26
Negative	58	29	87
No growth	—	—	—
Totals	74	39	113

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses, four cases; results negative.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending February 17:

Steers	141
New England cows	22
New England bulls	6
Western cows	82
Sheep	87
Calves	193
Total	531

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending February 18, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Total.
Positive	14	10	24
Negative	84	25	109
No growth	2	2	4
Totals	100	37	137

Remarks: Typhoid diagnosis, one case, results positive; septic infection, one case, streptococci and staphylococci pyogenes aureus.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court square, February 6, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending February 4, 1899:

Cases pending	2
Number of applications	81
	83
Number of admissions:	
To Tewksbury Almshouse	5
Bridgewater Almshouse	23
Long Island Almshouse	22
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	6
Boston Insane Hospital	2
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1
Taunton Insane Hospital,	5
Dipsomaniac Hospital	2
	66

Number of applications refused,	6
Number of applications withdrawn	10
Cases pending	1
	83
Settlements investigated	95

28 Court Square, February 13, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending February 11:

Cases pending	1
Number of applications	76
	77
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	4
State Almshouse, Bridgewater	31
Long Island Almshouse	20
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	2
Boston Insane Hospital	3
Taunton Insane Hospital	1
Worcester Insane Hospital	2
Dipsomaniac Hospital	3
	66
Number of applications refused,	1
Number of applications withdrawn	9
Cases pending	1
	77
Settlements investigated	89

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, February 7, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending February 4, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	381
Defects reported	60
Defects corrected	27
Notices of new work received	20
Dead wire removed (feet)	11,200
Fixtures removed	20
Poles inspected	19

Investigation has been made of electrical trouble reported on Harrison avenue, near Broadway extension. The same was found to be a trolley-wire which had been pulled down for a distance of several hundred feet by a broken guy-wire, which crossed the avenue and supported a derrick standing on the westerly side, and in use on the Boston and Albany Railroad improvements.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	75
Notices of new work received	259

Inspections have been made of the temporary wiring at the various theatres, and at one of them where the use of the wiring was forbidden, the owners preferred to discontinue its use rather than make the necessary corrections.

Investigation has been made of three fires reported as probably due to electricity at the following places: 196 Cambridge street, 175 Dartmouth street and at 19-25 Summer street. The fire at the former place was in no way due to electricity. At 175 Dartmouth street the fire was due to a cross between call-bell and electric-light wires. At the last place the fire was due to excessive heat from a bank of lamps used in an advertising sign, igniting combustible framework of same. This apparatus had never received an inspection

or approval from this Department, having been installed without its knowledge.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections	8
Lamp connections	1
Repairs	4

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	11
Building connections	7
Repairs	7
Cable drawings	29

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending February 18, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.4
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	17.6
Number of deaths:	
Males	114
Females	99

Total 213

Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898 180

Increase 33

Of the 213 decedents, 209 were white and 4 colored; 144 were born in the United States, 65 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 47 were of American parentage, 140 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 26 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	40	11
Scarlatina	20	2
Typhoid fever	6	2
Measles	201	—
Totals	267	15

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	19
Pneumonia	40
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	22
Bronchitis	13
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	8

Total from principal causes 109

Total from infectious diseases 15

Total from other causes 89

Total from all causes 213

Deaths of children under 1 year	36
Deaths of children under 5 years	65
Deaths of persons over 60 years	52
Deaths in public institutions	33

An innovation in the Connecticut Legislature, which is much appreciated by all concerned, is a digest in pamphlet form of the 1,500 measures introduced into that body.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMERCIAL COURSE.

In the Annual Report of the School Committee, recently published, the following statement regarding the newly-instituted course of commercial study is made:

The commercial course of study for high schools, which was formally adopted by the Board in 1897, was put into effect with the beginning of the term in September last under very favorable auspices. This course is for two years, and includes instruction in phonography, type-writing, elements of mercantile law, book-keeping, commercial geography and arithmetic, and is designed to afford full equipment for pupils who desire to fit themselves for active business life. Special teachers of recognized ability and long experience have been added to the corps of instructors in these schools where necessary, and the results to be obtained will be awaited with great interest. The following statement shows the number of pupils who are now taking this course in the several high schools:

Charlestown High School	45
Dorchester High School	60
East Boston High School	63
English High School	72
Girls' High School	146
Roxbury High School	100

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF TEAMS.

Boston, February 20, 1899.

Horses and carts will be hired for the coming season, as follows only: Blanks will be furnished on application at the office of the Board of Park Commissioners, Pine Bank, Jamaica Park, which must be filled out by the applicant and left at the office of said Board on or before 1 P.M. of Saturday, March 4, 1899. Applications will be received only from citizens and taxpayers of Boston, actual owners of suitable teams, February 20, 1899, and assessed therefor May 1, 1898. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any application at their discretion. On the tenth of March, at 3.30 P.M., numbers will be publicly drawn by lot at said office, and teams will thereafter be hired in the order of the numbers drawn, but no team discharged for cause other than lack of work shall keep its number. Nor will any team be employed which, with its equipment, is not first-class, and in all respects satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,
LABAN PRATT,
Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

STEEL BRIDGE WORK.

Boston, February 20, 1899.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Friday, March 3, 1899, for building two retractile draws for the bridge on Summer-street extension across Fort Point Channel, in accordance with plans, specifications and form of contract to be seen at said office. Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

February 17, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Bray street, at Roxbury, be laid out as a highway from Washington street to Columbus avenue, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the third day of March, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Boston, February 10, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations is filed, dated June 15, 1892.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

East Second street, between L and M streets, Ward 14.

Also to remove a pole from East Second street, between L and M streets, Ward 14.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 20, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Post, South Boston News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Your petitioners, the Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company, a corporation duly organized and doing business under the laws of this Commonwealth, respectfully ask that a franchise be given them for a turn-out on North Beacon street, near the bridge over the Charles river, in that part of Boston known as Brighton.

Also the right to erect the necessary poles and overhead wires for the operation of their cars by electricity.

All in accordance with plan made by Hodges & Harrington, Engineers, filed with this petition.

Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company,

By H. B. PARKER,
J. L. RICHARDS,
J. W. FRENCH,
A. R. MITCHELL,
WILLIAM F. HAMMETT,
G. FRED SIMPSON,

A majority of the Board of Directors.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 20, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the thirteenth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Globe, Brighton Item and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, February 17, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 in the Old Court House at 12 o'clock M., on Friday, February 24, 1899, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plan numbered 24 made by the Board of Survey and filed January 4, 1894, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is bounded by Beacon street, Audubon road, the Boston and Albany railroad (Newton circuit), and the town of Brookline.

JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
Street Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive proposals for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the East Boston High School, and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$6,000 for faithfully doing the work. The office copy of the plans and specifications may be seen at the office of John Lyman Faxon, 7 Exchange place, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock, P.M., of March 6, 1899, with a certified check for \$1,000, payable to the City of Boston, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,
Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Whereas under Chapter 420, Section 2, of the Acts of 1893, your petitioners, the Newton & Boston Street Railway Company, a corporation duly organized and operating under the laws of this Commonwealth, are authorized to extend, maintain and operate its tracks in any street or location granted to said company by the Aldermen of the City of Boston to the junction of Beacon street, and Chestnut Hill avenue in that part of Boston known as Brighton.

Now, therefore, your petitioners, the Newton and Boston Street Railway Company, respectfully ask that a franchise be granted them on Beacon street in that part of Boston known as Brighton, from the dividing line from the City of Newton on said street to the corner of Beacon street and Chestnut Hill avenue; also the right to erect the necessary poles and overhead wires for the operation of their cars by electricity; said location of track or tracks with necessary turn-outs and poles for overhead wires are shown by plans to be filed with the City Clerk of Boston.

Newton and Boston Street Railway Company,
By HORACE B. PARKER,
J. L. RICHARDS,
J. W. FRENCH,
AUSTIN E. MITCHELL,
G. FRED SIMPSON,
WILLIAM F. HAMMETT,
A majority of the Board of Directors.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 20, 1899.

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Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF EX-ALDERMAN FAUNCE.

Ex-Alderman George B. Faunce died at his home in Roxbury on Friday, February 24, 1899.

The deceased was born in Belfast, Me., in 1824, and in 1845 came to Boston and engaged in business. In 1860-61 he was a member of the Common Council of Roxbury, during the latter year serving as its President. He was elected a member of the Board of Aldermen of Boston in 1878.

DEATH OF LIEUTENANT ENRIGHT.

Lieutenant Timothy Enright, of Police Station 6, South Boston, died on Sunday, February 26, 1899. Lieutenant Enright was born at Limerick, Ireland, in 1845, and came to the United States in 1865. He was appointed a member of the Police Force in 1875 and was promoted to be a sergeant in 1888. He became a lieutenant in 1893. Nearly his entire service in the Department was in connection with Station 6.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments has been issued by His Honor the Mayor:

Circular No. 58.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 23, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby notified that the Repair Division of the Public Buildings Department, having its shops and headquarters at No 8 Plympton street, is now fully equipped for doing all kinds of ordinary cabinet work, whether in the nature of new work or repairs, as well as all branches of repair work upon buildings, as specified in Executive Circular No. 32 announcing the establishment of this Division. It has come to my attention that orders are still occasionally given by some heads of departments to outside contractors for the execution of work not directly in the nature of repairs upon buildings, but which should be performed by the Repair Division. Heads of departments are, therefore, directed to send in future all orders for miscellaneous cabinet work, such as the construction or repair of shelves, counters, tables, etc., including varnishing and polishing, to the Chief of this Division. While the Division does not undertake to make roll-top desks or chairs, all specially designed furniture or fittings required by any department should be procured from it.

The basis of the charges to be made by the Repair Division has been established at the actual cost of labor and materials, plus 10 per cent. to cover general expenses and contingencies; while it may be true in exceptional cases that purchases could be made directly by heads of departments as cheaply as by the Repair Division, I am satisfied that as to the great bulk of materials required the addition of 10 per cent. still leaves the price a low one, as the Division constantly carries considerable quantities of stock, and obtains in every case the benefit of the best discounts. All work done will be charged for upon this basis unless a fixed figure is given in writing by the Chief of the Division and accepted by the

department having the work done, in which case the work must be paid for at such figure, without regard to the cost of executing it.

The following is the schedule of wages paid by the Repair Division to the mechanics in the different trades employed by it, approved by me, and labor performed will be charged for upon the basis of such rates — including in the case of jobbing work, taking less than a whole day, the time occupied by the workmen in going from the headquarters of the Division to the job and returning:

	Per day.
Carpenters	\$2.70 and \$3 00
Plumbers, with one helper	5 25
Painters	3 00
Glaziers	3 00
Furniture-polishers	3 00
Letterers	3 00
Decorators	3 00
Steam-fitters	3 75
Steam-fitter's helpers	2 50
Masons (foremen)	4 00
Masons	3 60
Mason's tenders	2 25
Bricklayers	3 60
Bricklayer's tenders	2 25
Roofers	3 00
Roofer's helpers	2 25
Plasterers	3 44
Plasterer's tenders	2 50
Blacksmiths	3 00
Cabinet-makers	3 00
Granite-cutters	3 04
Laborers	2 00
Machine work in shop (per hour)	60

The Repair Division has been considerably inconvenienced in the past by the delay of some departments in paying bills for work done. While provision has now been made for a moderate working capital for the Division, it is still necessary that its bills should be promptly paid; heads of departments are, therefore, specially requested to see that all bills presented before the tenth of any month are passed for payment in the regular draft on the first day of the month succeeding.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

THE STORM AND THE STREETS.

Mr. Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets, makes the following statement regarding the storm of February 12 and 13:

Succeeding a week of cold weather, during which some nine inches of snow had fallen, with the thermometer ranging from 4° below to 4° above zero, snow commenced falling on Sunday, the twelfth, at 6.45 in the morning, and continued all day with a light steady fall and not much wind, the snowfall for that day amounting to five and one-half inches, with the thermometer only a few degrees above the zero point. During Sunday plans were made for the handling of a moderate storm, and on Monday morning the Department had commenced work with the entire regular force of the Paving and Street-cleaning divisions. Monday the storm continued with increasing violence, snow falling until Tuesday morning, with a total snowfall of sixteen inches on the level, the weather still continuing very cold. The Weather Bureau reported snow unmelted on the ground at 8 P.M. on February 14, twenty-three inches.

Monday and Monday night the work of removing the snow was continued under most difficult conditions, with a high wind and very low temperature. Before night it was seen that the storm would rank as one of the big storms in the history of the Department, and arrangements were made to largely increase the force of men and teams. Many of the Sewer Division men and nearly the entire force of the Sanitary Division, with the Sanitary teams, were added to the force already at work. Careful arrangements were made for handling the storm, based on lines which had been indicated by the experience of three years, during which the Department had handled more snow than in any other years since the consolidation of the Street Department. Tuesday morning found the city well blocked with snow. Owing to the low temperature, the character of the fall was light and dry. The Elevated Road was thus able to keep its lines open, and in some respects the conditions were not so difficult as in the great storm of the preceding November. The streets, except those occupied by the Elevated tracks, were substantially impassable to any except light teams, every street having a level fall of at least sixteen inches, and added to this the snow from the sidewalks, and later, immense amounts of snow from the roofs and areas. Many of the streets, particularly the narrow ones, in the down-town section, were absolutely impassable to vehicles of any kind, the snow in many cases banking up from six to eight feet.

The matter of available dumping-points is one of the most important factors in the removal of a heavy snowfall, the cost and time of removal being very dependent on the number of the dumps and the length of haul to them. An extension of the dumping facilities at the Fort Hill dumping wharf

had been planned, and Hecht's wharf, which has been leased by the city, was prepared for this purpose. To offset this advantage, however, the Charles river was frozen, and it was impossible to use one of the most convenient and valuable dumps, at the foot of Revere street. This dump it was necessary to abandon after very little use. In addition the dump on the Common was badly blocked with the great mass of snow which had been deposited there in the great November and succeeding storms, so that here again there was a very decided decrease in its value as a dumping-point. Arrangements were made to take every possible advantage of such dumping facilities as the Department did possess. Inspectors were assigned to each dump, every team working for the city received a number, and as each team came to the dump its number was checked, and it was seen to that there was as little delay as might be possible in the dumping of the loads and leaving the dump free for the teams following. This numbering and careful checking secured better work from the contractors, as the number of loads at the end of the day was checked up, and it was not possible for the teams to cut their work without the knowledge of the Department. Men were also stationed at certain points on the street to see that the teams were kept moving, and carried their loads as promptly as the conditions would permit.

The fire lines were soon opened, so that the apparatus could in all directions reach a car-track street. The main thoroughfares were opened with little delay, and the work proceeded until the down-town streets were in such condition as to permit of business.

The conditions of the storm were somewhat peculiar. There had been a fall of some nine inches the preceding week, and there was a sub-stratum of ice; and the cold dry fall of this storm made excellent sledding and the conditions of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were such that nearly all traffic was on runners. Under these conditions it was not desirable, with the thick fall of snow on the ground to cut the crossings to the pavement, as this would create so many bad and dangerous cradle-holes for teaming. It was not possible to open gutters until the immense accumulation of snow on the sides of the streets had been removed.

It is safe to say that in the down-town section a fall of sixteen inches means on a majority of the streets that at least three times that amount, or forty-eight inches, must be figured on, as the result of the great quantities thrown from the sidewalks, the roofs and the areas. Thus in certain streets it is necessary to clear them out two, three and even four times to make them passable.

There is another difficulty which perhaps is not appreciated by any except the few familiar with this kind of work, and the teamsters, and that is the fact that on every street where the travel is heavy the snow packs, forms ice, and must be removed from the pavements with picks. In this last storm, this ice formation was of unusual thickness and very hard. There is no other city in this country where the teaming is so heavy and the streets so narrow as in Boston. Thus the removal of this ice as promptly as possible is not only a matter of comfort, but one of absolute necessity. Team traffic would be well nigh paralyzed were it not for the constant work of the Department, day and night, since the storm ended. This portion of the work is not seen by the average citizen, as it is largely done at night on the busy streets; but it is the most important and necessary service that the Department can render,

There is one branch of the work which takes a very considerable amount of men and time to attend to, and which by itself makes very little showing in a general way, and that is the shoveling of certain public and plank sidewalks, the care of which rests on this Department. To illustrate the amount of this kind of work in the outlying districts, I need but mention one as a sample—Dorchester, where on this storm there have been shoveled twenty miles of sidewalks, and opened with plows or by shoveling 170 miles of gutter. The conditions in the other nine districts are similar to Dorchester.

The visit of President McKinley made one of the early duties of the Department in this storm the clearing of the streets over which the presidential party were to pass on their way from the South station to the hotel, the early clearing away of the immense mass about the State House and its approaches, and the prompt removal of a great quantity of snow from Huntington avenue, in front of Mechanics building, where the Home Market Club dinner was to be held. This work was promptly done, and Superintendent Wells is in receipt of a note of thanks from Governor Wolcott for the condition in which these streets were put.

The first three days after the storm continued very cold. Then came a sudden thaw with rain, which made the 500 miles of accepted streets running ponds of water and slush. There had not been sufficient time for the removal of the banks of snow on the sides of the streets except in a portion of the central down-town section of the city. This brought about a condition of things which made foot travel difficult and uncomfortable; and even assuming that the appropriation of the Department was sufficiently elastic to permit the putting on of

larger numbers of men, the natural difficulties to be overcome would hardly have warranted the effort and expense. Saturday the force of crossing-men was increased by several hundred, and the work in the outlying districts taken up more fully.

This storm was in some respects a most difficult one to handle. It was necessary to promptly remove, first, the mass of snow which had fallen, and then, on substantially every down-town street, to pick away the ice. The hard traffic conditions in the streets used for business purposes, if allowed to continue, would have entailed an immense amount of loss to the merchants, the store-keepers and the teamsters. Superintendent Wells's belief is that the necessities of the situation should be faced first, and on this line the work of the Department has been developed.

Although the appropriation for snow purposes in the city is but a comparatively small one, when such storm conditions as have been experienced the last two years have to be met, and the amount available this year not being sufficient to even cover this one storm (the balance being taken from paving maintenance, thus reducing the amount available for next summer's work), money has not been spared where the conditions were such as to warrant its expenditure. At the same time a careful eye has been kept on the expenditures, and no money has been wasted in the attempt to accomplish the impossible in the outlying districts.

Following is a statement of the number of days labor, number of days teaming, and the number of loads of snow removed by the Street Department from Sunday, February 12, to Thursday, February 23, inclusive:

Number days labor, Paving Division	
men	9,831
Number days labor, Sewer Division	
men	4,785
Number days labor, Street-Cleaning Division	
men	3,983
Number days labor, Sanitary Division	
men	1,175
Total number days labor	19,774
Number of single teams employed (hired and city teams)	4,196
Number of double teams employed (hired and city teams)	3,340
Number of four-horse teams employed (hired and city teams)	71
Total number of teams employed	7,607

Total number of loads of snow removed: Single, 37,599; double, 18,235.

In addition to the above, a portion of the Paving and Street-cleaning forces will be engaged on snow work chargeable to this storm for another week. The city streets, however, are now in what may be called a normal winter condition, and it therefore seems proper to bring the statement of the storm to a close at this date.

The statement of the weather conditions prior to, during and after the storm shows that the high temperature continued, materially assisting in the clearing away of the snow in the outlying sections, but at the same time creating the cradled condition of the down-town streets, and after the first three or four days, forcing team travel back to wheels.

There is no more wearing or tiring work than that which devolves on those in charge of the removal of the snow after a heavy storm, requiring as it does constant planning and supervision with continuous exposure to the weather the entire day and the greater portion of the night, including Sundays and holidays, until certain sections are clear and free for travel. Those charged with the work, deputies and district foremen, I desire to thank for their constant and intelligent work, which made the successful clearing of the streets possible.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF REPAIRS DIVISION.

Some time ago His Honor Mayor Quincy requested the Boston Society of Architects to select three of its members (see Mayor's communication on page 16), and the Merchants' Municipal Committee to select one of its members, to serve upon a committee to examine into the financial results and operations of the Repairs Division, and to make any suggestions as to changes in its business system or methods of book-keeping which might seem to it desirable.

In accordance with this request, the Boston Society of Architects appointed Messrs. J. Pickering Putnam, W. S. Blackall and E. J. Lewis, jr., and the Merchants' Municipal Committee appointed Mr. W. O. Blaney. The committee held its first meeting on Saturday, February 25, at the Mayor's office, and organized by the choice of Mr. W. O. Blaney as Chairman and Mr. J. Pickering Putnam as Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF PRINTING PLANT.

The committee to examine into the accounts and operations of the Printing Plant for the financial year 1898-99 met at City Hall, on Saturday, February 25, and organized by the choice of Mr. Horatio G. Curtis as Chairman and Mr. George H. Ellis as Secretary.

This committee consists of four members, one, Mr. Horatio G. Curtis, appointed by the Merchants' Municipal Committee, and three master printers appointed by His Honor the Mayor, viz.: Messrs. George H. Ellis of Boston, Thomas P. Nichols of Lynn, and Frederick Mills of Boston.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following are the records of the meetings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

City Hall, February 21, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held February 21, at 3.30 P.M., in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Present: All the members.

Hearings were given by the Board, and the following gentlemen were heard:

Messrs. Edward I. Aldrich, Francis L. Coolidge and Dr. Samuel E. Courtney, in favor of the request of the School Committee that the Board provide the sum of \$500,000 to be expended by the School Committee during the current year for additional grammar and primary school accommodations.

Gen. N. A. M. Dudley, Mr. Francis J. Ward, Mr. Henry A. May, Mr. John E. Gilman and Mr. Dependence S. Waterman, in favor of an appropriation of \$150,000 for acquiring land adjacent to the Eustis-street burying-ground, and laying out said land and burying-ground as a Roxbury Memorial park.

Alderman P. F. McDonald, Hon John B. Martin, Dr. E. S. Boland, Dr. H. L. Burrell, Rev. George J. E. Patterson, Rev. Albert E. George, Dr. Myles Standish, Dr. William A. Dunn, Representative Michael J. Sullivan, Mr. Daniel L. Prendergast, Judge Joseph D. Fallon, Dr. William A. McDonald and Dr. James J. Minot, in favor of an appropriation for an emergency hospital in South Boston.

Judge Joseph D. Fallon, in favor of an appropriation of about \$100,000 for a municipal building in South Boston.

The Board then went into executive session.

On motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, That the Committee on New School Buildings of the School Committee be requested to furnish this Board as soon as possible with a statement of the number, size and estimated cost of primary and grammar school-houses, respectively, which it would erect out of the appropriation of \$500,000, requested by the committee, in any or all of the following sections, viz.: East Boston, Charlestown, West and North Ends, South End, South Boston, Highland District, Roxbury, Dorchester, West Roxbury and Brighton.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, it was

Voted, That the Board devote as much of Wednesday, February 22, as possible, to visiting the localities where it is intended to expend loan appropriations requested, commencing at East Boston.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That when the Board adjourns it be to meet on next Thursday, February 23, at 3.30 P.M.

Adjourned at 6.43 P.M.

City Hall, February 23, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held February 23, at 3.30 P.M., in the Mayor's office.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last two meetings were approved, the reading of those of the

meeting held February 18 being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Kiley.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That either the Chairman or Secretary be authorized to approve carriage bills incurred by the members of the Board in the discharge of their duties.

The remainder of the session was devoted to informal consideration and discussion of requests for loan appropriations.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Minot, at 6.18 P.M., to meet on Friday, February 24, 1899, at 3.30 P.M.

City Hall, February 24, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held February 24, at 3.30 P.M. in the Mayor's office.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The session was devoted to informal consideration and discussion of requests for loan appropriations.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Minot, at 6.14 P.M., to meet on Saturday, February 25, at 10 A.M.

City Hall, February 25, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held February 25, at 10 A.M., at the Mayor's office.

Present: All the members.

The session was devoted to informal consideration and discussion of requests for loan appropriations.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Sullivan, at 11.08 A.M., to meet on Monday, February 27, at 10 A.M.

City Hall, February 27, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held February 27, at 10 A.M., in the Mayor's office.

Present: All the members.

A communication was received from Mr. Edward I. Aldrich, Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee, in reply to the vote of the Board requesting information as to the number, size and estimated cost of primary and grammar school-houses which the School Committee would erect out of the loan appropriation of \$500,000 requested by it; said communication, after giving certain information, stating that the Committee is unable to give the detailed information requested "within the very limited time available for the purpose."

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That the School Committee be notified that this Board is prepared to pass a loan appropriation order of approximately \$500,000 for additional primary and grammar school accommodations as soon as it receives sufficient information to enable it to make the appropriations by districts.

Mr. Minot moved that the total amount of the loan appropriation order to be prepared and passed by the Board at this time be limited to \$550,000.

Mr. Kiley moved that the said motion be laid upon the table.

Mr. Kiley's motion was lost, as was also that made by Mr. Minot.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That an item be included in the general loan order authorizing a loan of

\$200,000 for Rutherford avenue widening, in accordance with Chapter 275 of the Acts of 1898.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, it was

Voted, That the Board proceed to decide upon a loan bill, taking up separately each item in the draft of the loan bill as informally prepared, and now before the Board.

The said loan bill, as informally prepared, was as follows:

BATHS DEPARTMENT.

1. Convenience station, at or near Park street, additional . . . \$5,000
2. Convenience station, Roxbury Crossing . . . 2,000
3. Summer baths, permanent improvements . . . 10,000
4. Commonwealth park, gymnasium, additional . . . 10,000
5. Gymnasium, Ward 9 . . . 15,000
6. Gymnasium, Paris street, East Boston, new bathing facilities, . . . 5,000
7. Public landing, Dorchester Bay . . . 1,000
8. Gymnasium, Elmwood street ward-room . . . 2,000

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

9. Filing-cabinets and safe . . . 1,700
10. Mt. Hope cemetery, improvement of entrance . . . 1,500
11. Mt. Hope cemetery, greenhouses, . . . 5,000

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

12. House of Reformation, reconstruction of work damaged by storm, . . . 8,000
13. House of Reformation, improvement of graveyard . . . 500
14. Parental School, drainage of land, . . . 5,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

15. Veterinary Hospital, additional . . . 5,600

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

16. Hospital buildings, improvements . . . 20,000
17. Ann White Vose building, equipment and furnishing . . . 22,000
18. Ambulance station and equipment, South Boston . . . 20,000

INSANE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

19. Electric plant . . . 7,000

MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

20. Purchase and improvement of Mechanic's Hall organ . . . 2,000

PARK DEPARTMENT.

21. Christopher Gibson playground, construction . . . 7,000
22. Billings Field, construction . . . 4,000
23. North Brighton playground, construction . . . 7,000
24. Mystic playground, construction, . . . 1,500
25. Neponset playground, construction . . . 5,000
26. Fellows street playground, construction . . . 1,000
27. Land for playgrounds, executions, etc., . . . 12,000

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

28. Almshouse, Long Island, new power-house and equipment . . . 60,000
29. Almshouse, Long Island, barn, improvements in . . . 3,000

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

30. Deer Island, hospital for contagious diseases . . . 15,000
31. Deer Island, electric lighting plant, extension of . . . 5,500
32. Steamer "John Howard," reconstruction . . . 8,000

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

33. Elevator, Old Court House . . . \$5,000
34. Ward-room, Ward 2, improvements in . . . 1,500
35. Ward-room, Ward 17, improvement of lot . . . 1,500
36. Mayor's office, improvements in . . . 1,500
37. Council chamber and ante-rooms, improvement of . . . 1,500
38. Ward-room and gymnasium, Ward 8 . . . 30,000

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

39. Fence around storage lot and storehouses . . . 4,000
40. Fence around square bounded by Old Heath, New Heath and Parker streets . . . 1,000

STREET DEPARTMENT.

41. Harrison avenue, between Kneel- and Bennet streets, asphalt- ing . . . 6,000
42. Milton street, Ward 8, asphalt- ing . . . 1,200
43. Talbot avenue, completion of . . . 50,000
44. Retaining wall, Marcella and Centre streets . . . 2,500
45. Atlantic avenue, Dewey square to Oliver street, paving . . . 38,000
46. Federal street, Dewey square to Milk street, paving . . . 18,000
47. Devonshire street, Milk street to Water street, asphalt- ing . . . 3,800
48. Kingston street, from Bedford street to Beach street, paving . . . 11,000
49. Genesee and Oswego streets, asphalt- ing . . . 8,000
50. Leverett street, Minot street to Craigie's bridge, paving . . . 15,000
51. Congress street, Atlantic avenue to bridge, paving . . . 19,000
52. Chelsea bridge, north draw, widening to 60 feet . . . 30,000
53. Princeton street, East Boston, construction . . . 10,000
54. Prescott street, East Boston, construction . . . 5,000
55. Blackstone street, Hanover street across North street, paving . . . 10,000

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That on all items on which there is any disagreement the yeas and nays be called on the adoption of the item.

Items Nos. 1 and 2 were adopted unanimously.

Item No. 3 was adopted — yeas, 4; nay, 1.

Yeas — Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Items Nos. 4 and 5 were adopted unanimously.

When item No. 6 was reached Mr. Kiley moved to reduce the amount to \$3,000; declared lost. Mr. Kiley called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was lost — yea, 1; nays, 4.

Yea — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Nays — Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry and Mayor Quincy — 4.

The item was adopted as it stood — yeas, 4; nay, 1.

Yeas — Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

(Mr. Kiley subsequently gave notice that he desired to withdraw his objection to the item.)

When item No. 7 was reached, Mr. Kiley moved that the item be eliminated; declared lost. Mr. Kiley called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was lost — yea, 1; nays, 4.

Yea — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Nays — Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry and Mayor Quincy — 4.

The item was adopted — yeas, 4; nay, 1.

Yeas — Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Item No. 8 was adopted unanimously.

Item No. 9 was adopted — yeas, 4; nay, 1:

Yeas — Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Items Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Minot moved that the amount appropriated in item No. 18 be reduced to \$7,500.

Mr. Kiley moved, as a substitute for Mr. Minot's motion, that it be made \$10,000.

The substitute motion was adopted — yeas, 4; nay, 1.

Yeas — Messrs. Sullivan, Barry, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nay — Mr. Minot — 1.

The item, as amended by the substitute motion, was adopted — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry, Kiley and Mayor Quincy — 5.

Item No. 19 was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Kiley moved that item No. 20 be amended by striking out the words "and improvement," and by reducing the amount to \$1,000.

The motion was lost — yea, 1; nays, 4.

Yea — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Nays — Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

The item was adopted as it stood, yeas 4, nay 1.

Yeas — Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Items Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 were considered collectively, on motion of Mr. Barry, and were adopted unanimously.

Items Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Kiley moved to amend item No. 33 by striking out the words "elevator, Old Court House," and inserting in place thereof the words "new elevator, City Hall."

The motion was lost — yea, 1; nays, 4.

Yea — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Nays — Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

The item was adopted as it stood, yeas, 4; nay, 1.

Yeas — Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Items Nos. 34 and 35 were adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Minot, Items Nos. 36 and 37 were stricken out.

Item No. 38 was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, it was voted to insert a new item under the Public Buildings Department, to read as follows: New elevator, City Hall, \$3,200.

Items No. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51 were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Kiley moved that action on item No. 52 be postponed.

The motion was lost — yeas, 2; nays, 3.

Yeas — Messrs. Minot and Kiley — 2.

Nays — Messrs. Sullivan and Barry, and Mayor Quincy — 3.

The question came on the adoption of the item, and it was rejected (four votes being required to adopt an item) — yeas, 3; nays, 2.

Yeas — Messrs. Sullivan and Barry, and Mayor Quincy — 3.

Nays — Messrs. Minot and Kiley — 2.

Items 53, 54 and 55 were adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, at 2.30 P.M., it was Voted, That the Board take a recess until 4 P.M., and that in the meantime a loan appropriation order be prepared, containing the items as agreed upon by the Board.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Mayor's office at 4 P.M., all the members being present.

The Chairman submitted the loan appropriation order, as prepared in accordance with the vote passed before the recess.

(See loan bill as sent to Board of Aldermen on page 150, under "Messages from the Mayor.")

Mr. Sullivan moved that the loan appropriation order, as submitted, be adopted and passed.

The motion was adopted — yeas, 5.

Yeas — Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry and Kiley, and Mayor Quincy — 5.

Both certificates were signed by all the members of the Board.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 5.25 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.

JOHN H. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

February 23, 1899.

General order No. 576.

The following regulation has been adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners in relation to motor vehicles in the public parks and boulevards:

No person shall run or operate a motor vehicle of any kind on the public parks or boulevards until he shall have been examined and certified as competent by the inspector of the Park Department and a permit issued on such certificate; nor until such a vehicle shall have been inspected, and a certificate of approval issued by the inspector of the Park Department, and a license for the operation or use of such vehicle has been granted.

No person shall run or operate a motor vehicle on the public parks between the hours of 10.30 A.M. and 9 P.M.

February 25, 1899.

General Order No. 577.

I. Reserve Officer James H. Waldron, of Division 12, having been commended for vigilance shown while on duty, thereby saving a person from freezing to death on the night of the ninth of February, current, he is hereby promoted to the rank of Patrolman in the Police Force, and assigned for duty in the same Division. He will report at the Clerk's Office, at 9.30 o'clock, A.M., Monday, February 27, instant, to be sworn.

II. Patrolman Murray Munroe, of Division 15, having been commended for courage shown in entering a burning building and saving life and property on the twenty-first of January, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders.

III. Patrolman William O. Bailey, of Division 15, having been commended for performing meritorious service in stopping a runaway horse on the thirteenth of January, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Chapters 494 and 496 of the Acts of 1898 embody certain important changes in regard to school attendance and truancy in the Commonwealth.

Under the new law, no child under fourteen years of age can be employed in a factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. It also forbids his employment for wages while school is in session, and all employment before 6 in the morning and after 7 in the evening.

The old law required thirty weeks' school attendance on the part of a child during the year after he had attained the age of thirteen, and allowed his employment during vacations by means of permits which were granted for a limited time under certain conditions.

Under the new law, attendance upon school is made compulsory for all children between the ages of seven (instead of eight, as heretofore) and fourteen years during the entire time (instead of thirty weeks, and without an allowance of two weeks of unexcused absence, as heretofore) the public schools are in session.

PROPER ORGANIZATION OF CITIES.

The following resolve, being House Bill No. 520, accompanies the petition taken from the files of last year of the Municipal League of Boston, for legislation providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate questions relating to the proper organization of cities:

RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE PROPER ORGANIZATION OF CITIES.

Resolved, That the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, is authorized to appoint a Board of Commissioners, to consist of suitable persons, to consider and report upon the proper organization of cities in this Commonwealth, as to whether there should be one or two legislative chambers; as to whether the presiding officer or officers thereof should be elected by popular vote or otherwise; as to whether the tax limit of expenditures of the cities, or any of them, should be increased or diminished; as to whether the debt limit of the cities, or any of them, should be increased or diminished; and, as to whether any other changes, and, if so, what are desirable in the charters of said cities.

FREE MUNICIPAL LECTURES FOR MARCH.

The Mayor's Advisory Committee on Free Municipal Lectures has arranged the following programme of lectures, to be given in the various school-houses and ward-rooms of the city during March. (Notice of the Central Course of Lectures will be found on page 113):

LOWELL SCHOOL.

Saturday, March 4 — Rev. Edward Everett Hale, "History in Boston Streets."

Wednesday, March 8 — Prof. H. B. Richardson, "German Peasant Life." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Wednesday, March 15 — Mr. Daniel Evans, "Life in the Coal Mines of Pennsylvania."

Wednesday, March 22 — Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor, "Baths and Gymnasia." Illustrated by stereopticon.

SHERWIN SCHOOL.

Wednesday, March 1 — Mr. Joseph G. Thorp, "The Charles River from Source to Mouth." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Wednesday, March 8 — Mr. Henry T. Bailey, "Beauty in Common Things." Illustrated by blackboard.

Wednesday, March 15 — Prof. Charles E. Fay, "In the Canadian Alps." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Wednesday, March 22 — Mr. Daniel Evans, "Life in the Coal Mines of Pennsylvania."

BOWDOIN SCHOOL.

Wednesday, March 1 — Mr. Charles F. Dole, "Our Common Property and How to Increase It."

Wednesday, March 8 — Mr. Charles Barnard, "The Ship, from the Rolling Mill to the Sea." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Tuesday, March 14 — Mr. Thomas C. Esty, "How the Earth Moves."

Wednesday, March 22 — Prof. H. B. Richardson, "German Peasant Life." Illustrated by stereopticon.

CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL.

Thursday, March 2 — Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, "Some Eminent People Whom I Have Met."

Thursday, March 9 — Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor, "Baths and Gymnasia." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Thursday, March 16 — Prof. George Herbert Palmer, "Tennyson as a National Poet." With readings.

Thursday, March 23 — Mr. George G. Crocker, "Passenger Transportation." Illustrated by stereopticon.

LYMAN SCHOOL.

Thursday, March 2 — Mr. C. Howard Walker, "The Omaha Exposition." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Thursday, March 9 — Mr. Charles F. Dole, "Our Common Property, and how to Increase it."

Thursday, March 16 — Dr. Richard Cabot, "With the Bay State at Puerto Rico." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Thursday, March 23 — Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor, "Baths and Gymnasia." Illustrated by stereopticon.

HANCOCK SCHOOL.

Monday, March 6 — Mr. Charles Barnard, "The Ship — from the Rolling Mill to the Sea." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Monday, March 13 — Prof. Charles E. Fay, "In the Canadian Alps." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Monday, March 20 — Miss Vida D. Scudder, "The Ideal of the Hero in English Letters."

Monday, March 27 — Mr. Joseph G. Thorp, "The Charles River from Source to Mouth." Illustrated by stereopticon.

WARD-ROOM, MEETING-HOUSE HILL.

Tuesday, March 7 — Mr. Charles Barnard, "The Steel Bridge." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Tuesday, March 14 — Dr. Charles Harrington, "The Milk Supply of Boston." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Tuesday, March 21 — To be announced.

Tuesday, March 28 — Rev. George Hodges, "William the Silent."

SHURTLEFF SCHOOL.

Tuesday, March 7 — Prof. H. B. Richardson, "German Peasant Life." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Tuesday, March 14 — Mr. Charles F. Dole, "Our Common Property, and How to Increase It."

Tuesday, March 21 — Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, "Some Eminent People Whom I Have Met."

Tuesday, March 28 — Mr. Charles Townsend Copeland, "Readings from Stevenson and Kipling."

OLD FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

Thursday, March 23 — Mr. Paul du Chaillu. Subject to be announced.

Thursday, March 30 — Mr. Christopher P. Brooks, "Cotton, from Seed to Bale." Illustrated by stereopticon.

Doors are open at 7.30, and closed at 8 o'clock. Tickets are not required.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on March 31 and April 1, 1899, commencing at 9 A.M., an examination will be held at the Federal Building in Boston, Mass., for the position of immigrant inspector, qualified as stenographer-typewriter, in the immigration service (Treasury Department), at Boston, Mass., at a salary of \$1,200 per annum.

Two days will be allowed for this examination, seven and one-half hours on the first day and two hours on the second day.

Persons desiring to enter this examination should at once apply to E. E. Stebbins, Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Post Office Building, Boston, Mass., for a copy of the Manual and application blank (Form 304), which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the United States Civil Service Commission, at Washington, D.C.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, February 27, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The following message from His Honor the Mayor was received:

Loan Order.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 27, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith the general loan order passed this day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, under the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898.

The total amount covered by the order is \$709,000, out of a total borrowing capacity at the present date of \$1,650,080.26, leaving an unused borrowing capacity of \$941,080.26. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment has, however, voted that it is prepared to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 for new primary and grammar school buildings, whenever it is furnished by the School Committee with a statement of the proposed distribution of this amount, in the different districts of the city.

If this amount is added to the amount carried by the present order, there would only be left \$441,080.26 of the borrowing capacity for the current year. The law provides that not exceeding four-fifths of the total estimated borrowing capacity can be exhausted by a general loan order, but the Board has thought it necessary to reserve a somewhat larger amount on account of the case now pending in the Supreme Court to test the sewerage assessment law.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

February 27, 1899.

Voted, That this Board, having received the requests for loan appropriations furnished to the Mayor by the several departments, and submitted to the Board by the Mayor, on January 31 of the present year, having prepared the following general loan appropriation order, making such appropriations to be met by loan, and for such purposes as this Board deems the public necessity or convenience require, do hereby pass the same, and that to meet such appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the city, to the total amount of such appropriations, viz.:

BATHS DEPARTMENT.

Convenience station, at or near Park street, additional . . .	\$5,000	
Convenience station, Roxbury Crossing	2,000	
Commonwealth Park, gymnasium, additional	8,000	
Gymnasium, Ward 9	15,000	
Gymnasium, Paris street, East Boston, new bathing facilities	5,000	
Public Landing, Dorchester Bay	1,000	
Gymnasium, Elmwood-street ward-room	2,000	
Summer baths, permanent improvements	10,000	
	<u>\$48,000</u>	

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

Filing-cabinets and safe . . .	\$1,700	
Mount Hope Cemetery, improvement of entrance . . .	1,500	
Mount Hope Cemetery, green-houses	5,000	
	<u>8,200</u>	

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

House of Reformation, reconstruction of work damaged by storm	\$8,000	
House of Reformation, improvement of graveyard . . .	500	
Parental School, drainage of land	5,000	
	<u>13,500</u>	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Veterinary Hospital, additional	5,600	
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HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Hospital buildings, improvements	\$20,000	
Ann White Vose Building, equipment and furnishing . . .	22,000	
Ambulance station and equipment, South Boston	10,000	
	<u>52,000</u>	

INSANE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Electrical plant	7,000	
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MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

Purchase and improvement of Mechanics' Hall organ	2,000	
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PARK DEPARTMENT.

Christopher Gibson playground, construction	\$7,000	
Billings Field, construction	4,000	
North Brighton playground, construction	7,000	
Mystic playground, construction	1,500	
Neponset playground, construction	5,000	
Fellows-street playground, construction	1,000	
Land for playgrounds, executions, etc.	12,000	
	<u>37,500</u>	

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Almshouse, Long Island, new power-house and equipment, . . .	\$60,000	
Almshouse, Long Island, barn, improvements in	3,000	
	<u>63,000</u>	

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Deer Island, hospital for contagious diseases	\$15,000	
Deer Island, electric lighting plant, extension of	5,500	
Steamer "John Howard," reconstruction	8,000	
	<u>28,500</u>	

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Elevator, Old Court House . . .	\$5,000	
New Elevator, City Hall . . .	3,200	
Ward-room, Ward 2, improvements in	1,500	
Ward-room, Ward 17, improvement of lot	1,500	
Ward-room and gymnasium, Ward 8	30,000	
	<u>\$41,200</u>	

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

Fence around storage lot, and store-houses	\$4,000	
Fence around square bounded by Old Heath, New Heath, and Parker streets	1,000	
	<u>5,000</u>	

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Harrison avenue, between Kneeland and Bennet streets, asphaltting	\$6,000	
Milton street, Ward 8, asphaltting	1,200	
Talbot avenue, completion of	50,000	
Retaining wall, Marcella and Centre streets	2,500	
Atlantic avenue, Dewey square, to Oliver street, paving . . .	38,000	
Federal street, Dewey square to Milk street, paving . . .	18,000	
Devonshire street, Milk street to Water street, asphaltting . . .	3,800	
Kingston street, from Bedford street to Beach street, paving, . . .	11,000	
Genesee and Oswego streets, asphaltting	8,000	
Leverett street, Minot street to Craigie's Bridge, paving . . .	15,000	
Congress street, Atlantic avenue, to bridge, paving . . .	19,000	
Princeton street, East Boston, construction	10,000	
Prescott street, East Boston, construction	5,000	
Blackstone street, Hanover street across North street, paving	10,000	
	<u>\$197,500</u>	

STREET LAYING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

Rutherford avenue, widening in accordance with Chapter 275, of the Acts of 1898	200,000	
Total	<u>\$709,000</u>	

Passed, and we certify that said appropriations do not exceed in the aggregate four-fifths of the estimated amount which can be raised during the present municipal year by loans within the debt limit of this city, as certified by the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN,
LAURENCE MINOT.

We certify that no item contained in the above loan appropriation order is to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN,
LAURENCE MINOT.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, February 23, 1899. President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages were received from His Honor the Mayor:

List of City Employees.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 23, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith for your information, and with the suggestion that the same be printed as a document, a classified statement of the number, designation and salary of officers and employees of the different departments, not including mechanics and laborers.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Annexed was the list referred to.)

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Leave of Absence for Policemen.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 23, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police in regard to your order requesting the Board to so amend its regulations as to permit two (2) days leave of absence a month, without loss of pay, to each member of the Police Department.

Respectfully yours,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

February 21, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The Board of Police is in receipt of an order passed by the Honorable Common Council, requesting this Department to amend its regulations so as to permit two days leave of absence a month to each member of said Department without loss of pay.

In reply, would say: The Board has given this matter careful consideration and finds that it would be impossible to comply with this order without great detriment to the efficiency of the Department, or adding very largely to its annual expenditure.

There are now 1,129 officers of all grades in the Police Department, and if the provisions of this order were carried out, allowing twenty-four days leave of absence for each man and maintaining the same standard of efficiency by increasing the number of men in the Department, as we should necessarily be obliged to do, it would cost \$91,440 per annum. This, in addition to the ordinary absentees on account of sickness and leave of absence, which would average about fifty men per day, would cripple the efficiency of the Department unless some provision were made to increase the number of men on duty.

Notwithstanding the increase in the number of patrolmen during the past few years, there is a constant demand for more police officers, not only for ordinary patrol duty, but for special work, such as protection for street crossing and other special details.

In view of these facts the Board does not see how it would be justified in complying with the request made in this order of the Common Council.

Very respectfully,

A. P. MARTIN, Chairman.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Elevator Accident.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 23, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The unfortunate and alarming accident occasioned by the falling of one of the elevators in City Hall, on February 16, was at once made the subject of investigation by the City Engineer, at my direction, and also by the Building Department in the course of the regular performance of its duties. I now transmit herewith, for your information, communications from the City Engineer, from the Building Commissioner, and from the Whittier Machine Company, which had inspected the elevator.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(The communications of the City Engineer and the Whittier Machine Company were printed on page 113 of THE CITY RECORD).

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, February 23, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I enclose herewith for your information, the report made to me by three of the building inspectors of this Department in respect to the elevator accident which occurred at City Hall on February 16.

Respectfully,

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, February 17, 1899.

JOHN S. DAMRELL, ESQ., Building Commissioner.

DEAR SIR: In compliance with your instruction, the undersigned have investigated the accidental fall of the westerly elevator in City Hall on Thursday afternoon last, and beg leave to submit the following report:

The hoisting machinery is located in the basement of the building, and is operated by hydraulic power, supplied from tank pressure. The apparatus consists of a horizontal cast-iron cylinder, nine feet in length and twenty-six inches internal diameter, within which a piston is actuated by a flow of water that is regulated by the movement of a rope inside the passenger car. The piston is attached by means of a

hollow cast-iron tube, seven inches external, and six inches internal, diameter, to travelling sheaves carrying four metallic cables, five-eighths of an inch in diameter, to which the car is suspended.

The tube or piston-rod is connected with the sheaves by means of a yoke or cross-head that serves to maintain the sheaves in position and to communicate motion. This apparatus raises the car by a pulling force upon the cables that are set in motion by the application of water within the cylinder which forces the piston outward and causes a force to be exerted by means of the piston-rod against the sheaves, which are thus given a horizontal movement, each sheave at the same time revolving independently and thus drawing the cables over stationary pulleys located overhead in the elevator shaft, and raising the car to the height desired. The descent is accomplished by gravity when the valve is opened to allow the escape of water from the cylinder, the column of water in which cylinder supports the car and permits its stoppage whenever the valve is closed.

At the time the accident occurred the elevator was ascending and had nearly reached the second landing. It contained six passengers, besides the operator, all of whom were injured, and several quite severely.

The operator reports that he noticed no difference in the action of the car until it began to fall. It fell a distance of about thirty feet, and is apparently uninjured, except that the glass windows and chandelier are broken. The piston-rod is broken at a point near the cross-head, which also is broken and detached. The broken end of the piston-rod rests upon the concrete floor and the other end is partially torn from the piston-head. The movable sheaves were forced against the end of the cylinder, which they must have struck with some power, for the flanges are broken and they are thrown out of line. It is evident that the car began to fall when the ruptured piston-rod no longer held the sheaves in place. Their freedom from the supporting column of water in the cylinder left nothing to prevent the fall of the car, the weight of which caused the cables to unwind.

We find that the car is provided with a safety appliance that is not carried into action except by a slackening or breakage of the cables. In this instance, however, the weight of the falling car maintained the cables taut, and thus prevented the engagement of the safety device. That this apparatus is in good condition is manifest from the fact that the car is now held by the safety appliance, having rebounded when it reached the limit of descent and thus slackened the cables which no longer prevented the engagement of the said appliance.

It seems reasonable to infer that the speed of the falling car was somewhat checked before it completed the descent, the cables having become caught upon the broken and ragged end of the piston-rod, which was forced outward so as to bring a restraining force into operation by means of the entangled cables. This is conjectural, but in this singular case conclusions must be reached by inference and conjecture. The cause of the accident itself must forever remain in doubt, although it is quite apparent that it is attributable to a well defined flaw in the metal comprising the piston-rod,

at the point of fracture. It can never be certainly determined that the initial rupture was where the flaw exists, but presuming that the derangement first occurred at this point of weakness, it is not difficult to account for what followed, while upon any other theory the conditions cannot so easily be explained, even if they admit of explanation.

The imperfection to which the accident may be attributable extends for several inches lengthwise of the piston-rod and inward to a depth of from one-eighth inch to one-fourth inch or half through the shell of the tube. Parts of the metal seem porous and structurally weak, without texture or cohesive strength, and from a superficial examination it can be determined that the quality of the iron is itself defective and unsuitable to be employed in the manufacture of vital parts of machinery upon the integrity of which human life depends. In this instance had the metal been of better quality and in greater quantity the accident might not have occurred.

In conclusion we place on record the conviction that the defect, so easily perceptible after the accident, could not have been detected by any provision within the grasp of human thought or by any power of human perception. Were it suspected or known to exist, its discovery would have been improbable by the ordinary methods of inspection, or by any method in vogue to discover impairment in metallic substances.

P. H. COSTELLO,

FRED C. FLOYD,

THOMAS J. LAVERY,

Building Inspectors.

Referred to the special committee on elevator accident.

Repair of Faneuil Hall.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 23, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith, for the information of your body, a communication addressed to me by the Consulting Architect, in reference to Faneuil Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, ARCHITECTURAL DIVISION.

City Hall, February 3, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I have thought it best to lay before you the exact condition to date of all matters relating to the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall, for the purpose of enlightening the members of the Common Council, if you see fit.

No member of that body has visited this office for information on the subject, and the discussion in the Council last Thursday evening was based on utterly wrong premises.

In March, 1898, Messrs. Woodbury & Leighton gave this office an approximate estimate for the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall, provided that this reconstruction need only include from the ceiling of the market floor up. They felt that the old work below this line was strong enough even to carry safely the heavier iron and plaster work of

the new construction. Under these conditions the estimate for the entire work was about \$80,000, and on this estimate an appropriation was immediately asked for to allow this office to at once prepare for actual operations.

I personally explained to the Committee on Finance that this was only an estimate which I then considered too low, and asked for \$100,000 which I felt would be necessary to properly complete the work.

The matter of preserving the old substructure was next referred to the Engineering Department and they strongly objected to let any of the old work stand unless every column was examined as well as its foundation. The result of this examination was that the Engineering Department decided that fifty of the old columns must be replaced. This, of course, greatly added to the cost of the undertaking, but on this new basis, specifications were written and estimates invited. It was found that one item, the examination of foundations below cellar floor, and the strengthening of the same, if necessary, had better be left to day work, for bids for such work would have to be made by guess work and the contractor would certainly estimate high enough to protect himself.

Seven estimates were received as follows:

Woodbury & Leighton	\$78,500
James Fagan	84,337
J. S. Jacobs & Son	84,943
Gerry & Norcross	91,773
Norcross Brothers	97,000
E. Noyes Whitcomb	99,800
Connery & Wentworth	101,000

The estimate of Woodbury & Leighton was accepted. This included everything about the building, with the exception of heating and ventilation, plumbing and electric lighting, and the day work on the foundations, if the same was found necessary.

As the appropriation made by the City Council for the work was but \$80,000, and as the contract estimate was \$78,500, it was deemed advisable at the time to deduct from Woodbury & Leighton's contract such items of work as need not be done until the last thing. Therefore a reduction amounting to \$7,000 was made for painting, plastering, etc., with the agreement with the contractors that the same amount should be added to the contract again when an additional appropriation was made.

This extra sum allowed us to make borings to determine the condition of the soil, to take care of the pictures and other works of art in the building, and to do any preliminary work on plumbing and heating which, if postponed later, would mean unnecessary cutting and jobbing of completed work.

The work was started in September, 1898, and to date there has not been a single unforeseen extra incurred, and only one payment to the contractor has been made, amounting to \$5,312.50.

The additional appropriation of \$23,000 asked for at this time is to entirely complete the building, and it is to take care of the following matters:

Heating and ventilation	\$5,000
Plumbing	3,000
Painting and plastering (originally deducted)	7,000
Electric work	8,000

This last item of \$8,000 for electric work is the estimate furnished by the Electrical Construction Division.

I should be very glad to have all our drawings, specifications and contract, as well as the conduct of this work, examined by any member or members of the Council. If any just criticism can be made I shall be very glad to hear it.

Respectfully yours,

F. W. CHANDLER,

Consulting Architect.

Placed on file.

CITY RETIREMENT FUNDS.

HOUSE BILL No. 421 was introduced on leave by Mr. J. F. McCarthy of Boston, and has been referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CITIES TO ESTABLISH DEATH BENEFIT AND RETIREMENT FUNDS FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Any city is hereby authorized to provide by ordinance, as a part of the compensation to its employees, for the retirement at a certain age of any or all of such employees who have been in its employment for a period of not less than fifteen years, for the payment of death benefits to the families of such employees, and for deducting the whole or any part of the contributions necessary to create and maintain a fund for such payments from the salaries or wages paid to such employees by such city; and any city is authorized to raise by taxation for such fund an amount each year not exceeding the contributions of its employees to be made during such year, as estimated by the City Auditor of such city.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Exposition projects are multiplying. It is proposed to hold a colonial exposition in Omaha in 1899; an industrial exposition in Philadelphia in 1899; an exposition in Detroit in 1901 to celebrate the second centennial of the discovery of that place; a Pan-American exposition in Buffalo in 1901; a Pacific Ocean and international exposition in San Francisco in 1901; a centennial celebration at Toledo in 1902 of Ohio's admission to the Union, and St. Louis and New Orleans have planned expositions for 1903 in commemoration of the Louisiana purchase. The Paris international exposition is set for 1900, and the Glasgow world's fair for 1901.

The steamer Deutschland, now building for the Hamburg-American Line at the Vulcan Yard, near Stettin, will be the largest of passenger steamers. The vessel has a length of 663 feet, a breadth of sixty-seven feet and a depth of forty-four feet. The steamer will be launched in about six months, but it is not expected that she will be ready for service until 1900.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved February 24, 1899:

Ordered, That coasting privilege be granted on West Fifth street, from Dorchester street to E street, between the hours of 7 P.M. and 10 P.M., subject to the regulations of the Board of Police.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved February 24, 1899:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Mrs. M. G. Weber, four V-shaped signs, at 37 Temple place, Ward 7; M. P. Sadler, one sign, at corner of Washington and Bowdoin streets, Ward 20; Beacon Lunch Company, an illuminated sign, at 7 Charles street, Ward 11; Dr. H. C. Edwards, two tablet signs, at 15 Temple place, Ward 7; John N. Rieger & Co., a V-shaped sign, at 36 Pleasant street, Ward 7; J. H. Carlton, V-shaped sign, at 103-105 Blackstone street, Ward 6; Ryder & Brooks, an illuminated sign, at 12 Essex street, Ward 7; Silas and Peter Coluci, four barber poles, at 4 Chelsea street, Ward 5.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The two following orders were presented to the Mayor, February 14, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the City Auditor be, and is hereby, requested not to pay any bills contracted during 1898, or before that time, out of the appropriation for Board of Aldermen, Contingent Expenses, for the year 1899.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate an electric light at the corner of Geneva avenue and Bloomfield street, Ward 20.

The following order was presented to the Mayor, February 7, 1899, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Jones & Marshall to erect, maintain and use an iron post with a clock surmounted thereon, in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 28-32 Merchants' row, Ward 6; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT AND PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

The following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is in force:

not having been altered or amended by the City Council within the thirty days prescribed by law:

Ordered, That the sum of one million (1,000,000) dollars, be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

The three following orders, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, were concurred in by the City Council:

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars be appropriated for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden bridge, at a width of not less than fifty (50) feet, such work to be completed during the year 1899; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city, payable in ten years from their date, to said amount for said purpose.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars be appropriated to be expended by the Wire Department in carrying out the provisions of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars be appropriated to pay the expenses incurred on the work of the Wire Department, other than the work authorized by Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, the same to be met out of the income and taxes received by the city during the financial year 1899-1900.

HOUSE BILL NO. 370 was introduced on leave by Mr. Bresnahan, of Boston; it was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. It is entitled

RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTHER OF JAMES T. MAHONY, JR.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth to the mother of the late James T. Mahony, jr., a duly elected member of the House of Representatives from the thirteenth Suffolk District, the salary and compensation for travel to which the said James T. Mahony, jr., would have been entitled had he lived to the end of the present session.

Awards of Contracts.

Children's Institutions Department.

Proposals for supplying the Penal Institutions Department and the Children's Institutions Department with beef, mutton, salt and fresh fish, were opened at the office of

the Penal Institutions Commissioner, on January 31, as follows:

FRESH FISH.

KIND.	F. J. O'Hara & Co. per 100 lbs.	J. Burns & Co. per 100 lbs.
Haddock, cod and cusk	\$2 00	\$2 00
Halibut or trout	10 00	9 00

The contract was awarded to J. Burns & Co.

SALT FISH.

KIND.	Caswell, Liv- ermore & Co. per lb.	J. Burns & Co. per lb.
Pollock and hake	2½ cents	2 cents
Cusk	2½ "	3 "
Medium cod (for inmates)	3½ "	—
Hake	2½ "	—
Cod (for officers)	5½ "	—
Cod	—	5 "

The contract was awarded to J. Burns & Co.

MUTTON.

KIND.	Dole & Bailey. per 100 lbs.	N. E. Dressed Meat and Wool Co. per 100 lbs.	I. E. Noyes. per 100 lbs.
Fore-quarters	\$5 50	\$5 00	\$4 50
Hind-quarters	9 00	9 00	8 50
Whole	—	7 00	7 00

The contract was awarded to I. E. Noyes.

BEEF.

KIND.	Schwartzchild & Schutzbarger. per 100 lbs.	J. V. Fletcher & Sons. per 100 lbs.	Sturtevant & Hubby. per 100 lbs.	N. E. Hollis. per 100 lbs.	Learned & Co. per 100 lbs.
Soup rations (chucks and shin)	\$5 50	\$4 60	\$4 85	\$4 65	\$4 89
Chuck for roast	6 25	6 00	6 00	6 00	—
Rump	12 50	13 00	12 50	13 00	—
Corned	6 50	6 50	6 60	6 50	6 75
Round	8 00	—	—	8 50	—
Tip sirloin	21 50	20 00	22 00	21 00	—
Whole	7 75	—	—	7 50	8 00
Sides	—	7 50	—	6 00	7 50

The contract was awarded to J. V. Fletcher & Sons.

H. A. LAMB, Chairman.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Water Department.

Proposals for furnishing the Water Department with 161 tons of cast-iron water-pipes with flexible joints were opened at the office of the Water Commissioner, on February 24, as follows:

BIDDERS.	120 tons 24-inch. 2,000 lbs.	41 tons 12-inch 2,000 lbs.	Total.
Warren Foundry & Machine Co., Philadelphia, N. J.	\$29 00	\$29 00	\$4,669 00
Camden Iron W'ks, Philadelphia	27 60	29 60	4,525 60

The contract was awarded to the Camden Iron Works.

W. E. SWAN, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending February 25, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week 24.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898, 18.2

Number of deaths:

Males 127
Females 128

Total 255

Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898 186

Increase 69

Of the 255 decedents, 248 were white and 7 colored; 163 were born in the United States, 88 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 63 were of American parentage, 171 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 21 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	54	7
Scarlatina	39	—
Typhoid fever	1	1
Measles	175	—
Totals	269	8

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	30
Pneumonia	49
Whooping cough	3
Heart disease	19
Bronchitis	14
Marasmus	—
Violent causes	13

Total from principal causes 128

Total from infectious diseases 8

Total from other causes 119

Total from all causes 255

Deaths of children under 1 year	43
Deaths of children under 5 years	72
Deaths of persons over 60 years	46
Deaths in public institutions	65

Board Meetings.

Library Department.

February 17, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustee's room, at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, Lincoln, DeNormandie, and the Librarian.

Received: The Librarian's report.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$292.40; to trust funds, \$145.57; Fellowes Athenæum, \$8.43; Station "P," \$20; miscellaneous articles, \$1,596.98.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held February 20, 1899:

On the orders of the Common Council, referred to him at the last meeting, the Superintendent reported against the playing of polo at Wood Island Park on account of the danger to skaters, and that the lateness of the season made it inadvisable to light Charlestown Playground or prepare additional grounds for skating.

Voted, That on the application of Henry W. Savage, Medfield street, as laid out from St. Mary's street to Audubon road, on a plan by William H. Whitney, dated February 17, 1899, be approved, so far as to its entrance into said Audubon road, provided that the making of said entrance, including the curbstones and surfacing of the street, at its junction with Audubon road, be in accordance with the directions, and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Parks.

A notice to owners of teams that the annual drawing for teams will be held on March 10, at 3.30 P.M., was approved and directed to be advertised.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Statistics Department.

The thirty-eighth meeting of the Statistics Department was held in Room 73, City Hall, on January 9, 1899, at 3.35 P.M., Messrs. Dewey, Folsom, Jackson and Minot being present. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

Mr. Minot explained the purport of a proposed communication to the School Board, asking their co-operation in compiling statistics as to the cost of constructing and maintaining school buildings.

It was voted to authorize the Chairman to proceed with the publication of Special Publication No. 3 if satisfactory terms could be secured from the Printing Department.

The question of instituting a statistical inquiry as to the cost of public improvements in certain suburban sections, and the relation of such cost to the assessed valuation and taxes collected in those sections, was

discussed. It was agreed that the Brighton District, Ward 25, was the section which could most feasibly be studied.

Mr. Minot reported that a portion of the balance from the year's appropriation would be expended, under the direction of Mr. Jackson, in the preparation of maps for the use of the Department.

The thirty-ninth meeting of the Statistics Department was held at 3.40 P.M. in Room 73, City Hall, on February 13, 1899. Present: Messrs. Dewey, Jackson, Minot, Pearmain and Weld. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

Circular No. 55, to the heads of departments, from His Honor the Mayor, was considered. It was voted that, in accordance with Circular No. 55, all salaries in the Statistics Department, amounting to \$1,000 and upward, be reduced $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; and all salaries exceeding \$700 per year, and not exceeding \$1,000, be reduced 5 per cent.; said reductions to take effect on February 1, 1899, and to continue in effect until otherwise ordered.

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary.

The number of cities in the German Empire having electric railways numbered three at the close of the year 1891. They increased to nineteen in 1894, and on September 1, 1898, numbered sixty-eight in all.

The largest shaft ever made by the Bethlehem Iron Company will be used by the Boston Elevated Railway Company in its 8,000 horse-power engine. With its fittings the shaft will weigh 170,000 pounds.

The City of Paris has laid out an exercise ground for use in the training of automobile cabmen. Dummy figures are placed at various points within the training-ground, which includes two hills and sections of roadway laid with different kinds of pavement, e. g., wood, asphalt and stone. As a rule the cabmen require but ten lessons to enable them to secure certificates of fitness. Each cab is supplied with sufficient power to run it thirty miles at the rate of eight miles an hour.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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35. S. B. 150, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the children of Frederick B. Bogan, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
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* Postponed, awaiting decision of Supreme Court.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, February 27, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending February 25, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	96
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	19
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	7
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of assignments of wages	31
Number of married women's certificates, . .	13
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of bills of sale	2

Accident notices have been filed as follows:

February 21 — George S. Haddock, damage to his estate, 76 Lonsdale street, caused by alleged defective condition of sewer pipes and catch-basin.

February 23 — Mrs. Joanna O'Neil, personal injuries from fall on sidewalk at 10 Dalton street.

Suits have been entered against the city as follows:

William H. Lincoln and Joseph B. Moors, action of contract, damages \$500; William G. Weld et al., trustees, action of contract, damages \$500; Richard D. Flaherty, by his next friend, Richard Flaherty, action of tort, damages \$300; Joseph G. Minot et al., and Richard H. Stearns et al., both actions of contract, damages \$150 each; William Otis Wiley, action of contract, damages \$15,000; John Donovan, Ellen T. Monahan and William R. Clark, all actions of contract, damages \$300 each.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

The following petition for the occupancy of a stable has been presented:

E. C. Swift for the occupancy of a stable at 428 Beacon street, corner Hereford street, Ward 11, for eight horses; hearing called for March 9, at 11 o'clock.

The petition of A. H. Kinder for one additional horse at 17 Woodward Park street, Ward 16, was granted.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending February 24:

Steers	218
New England cows	40
New England bulls	15
Western cows	106
Western bulls	7
Sheep	350
Calves	349
Swine	9
Total	1,094

During the week 450 pounds of tuberculous beef have been condemned.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following statement regarding diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending February 25:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	27	17	44
Negative	98	62	160
No growth	2	2	4
Totals	127	81	208

Remarks: Puerperal septicaemia, one case, few staphylococci.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, February 20, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending February 18, 1899:

Cases pending	1
Number of applications	77
	78

Number of Admissions:

To State Almshouse	39
Long Island Almshouse,	10
Charlestown Almshouse,	1
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	9
Boston Insane Hospital,	2
Worcester Insane Hospital	1
Foxboro' Asylum	6
Epileptic Hospital	1
	69

Number of applications refused	2
Number of applications withdrawn,	6
Cases pending	1
	78

Settlements investigated 82

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont street, February 6, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending February 4, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	117	7
Females	9	2
Total	126	9

Offences:		
Against the person	11	—
Against property	17	8
Against public order and decency	98	1
Total	126	9

Discharges:		
Males	137	9
Females	19	2
Total	156	11

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	100	10
Permit of Commissioner,	31	1
Payment of fine	25	—
Total	156	11

Population:		
January 30, 1899	1,297	496
Committed since January 30, 1899	126	9
Total	1,423	505
Discharged since January 30, 1899	156	11
February 4, 1899	1,267	494

Officer Henry W. Dean, of House of Correction, South Boston, was fined one week's pay for violation of Rule 11 of Duties of Officers.

32 Tremont street, February 13, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending February 13, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	115	4
Females	16	4
Totals	131	8
Offences:		
Against the person	7	—
Against property	12	3
Against public order and decency	115	5
Totals	*134	8

Discharges:		
Males	120	13
Females	21	5
Totals	141	18

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	93	12
Permit of Commissioner,	23	—
Fine paid	22	1
Died	2	—
Transferred to South Boston House of Correction	1	—
Transferred to Concord	—	4
Transferred to Deer Island House of Correction	—	1
Totals	141	18

Population:		
February 6, 1899	1,367	494
Committed Since February 6	131	8
Totals	1,398	502
Discharged since February 6	141	18
February 11, 1899	1,257	484

*Three committed charged with two offences each.

The following appointments have been made:

George I. Nute to position of officer at House of Correction, Deer Island, to fill vacancy caused by promotion of John H. Forger.

John H. Forger to position of officer at House of Correction, Deer Island, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of George C. Sanborn.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, February 14, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by the Wire Department for the week ending February 11, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.	
Inspections made	194
Defects reported	44
Defects corrected	47
Notices of new work received	23
Dead wire removed (feet)	4,900
Dead wire retained (feet)	1,475
Fixtures removed	7

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made 202
New notices received 97

Inspections have been made of the temporary wiring at the various theatres.

An investigation of fire at 139 Beacon street, which occurred February 5, and was reported as probably due to electrical causes, revealed the fact that said fire was not due to causes of an electrical nature.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections 12
Conduit construction 2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction 2
Building connections 3
Pole connections 1
Cable drawings 21

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed 1,084
Feet of duct laid 6,005
Manholes built 2
Service connections made 11
Feet of cable drawn in 125,614

Joseph M. Mahoney, 21 Bailey street, Ward 24, has been appointed a deputy-inspector in the interior-wire division of this Department, taking effect February 3, at a salary of \$925 per annum, this being at the rate of \$1,000 per year. This appointment is a transfer from the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held on Monday, March 6, 1899, at 3 P.M., in the Aldermanic Chamber.

The Manhattan Elevated Railway Company, of New York City, has decided to substitute electricity for steam as motive power throughout its system, and to issue \$18,000,000 of additional stock to meet the requisite expenditure for so doing.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

February 27, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the passageway between Hemenway street and the Fenway and Boylston street and the Westland entrance be laid out as a public alley, designated as Public Alley No. 901, in District No. 10, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said public alley in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 248 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the thirteenth day of March, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

The Water Commissioner of the City of Boston will receive proposals at his office, City Hall, Boston, Mass., for furnishing during the year about 1,350,000 pounds of small iron castings, and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$5,000 for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at said office before 12 o'clock noon, of Tuesday, March 14, 1899, with a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposals. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city; and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will do the work required in the City of Boston may be accepted in preference to a lower bidder who will do said work elsewhere, and that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade-union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

JOHN R. MURPHY, Water Commissioner.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The time for receiving and opening proposals for furnishing a heating and ventilating apparatus for the East Boston High School is hereby extended one week, and such proposals will be received at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, Boston, Mass., until 4.30 o'clock P.M., on March 13, 1899.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

In Board of Health, February 28, 1899.

At a meeting of the Board of Health, this day, the following regulation was passed:

Whereas, It is a practice in this city to collect rags, old paper and other refuse material from dumping-grounds, streets and other places, and to store, sort and otherwise handle the same within dwellings; and

Whereas, In the opinion of this Board, such rags, old paper and other refuse material are a source of filth, and capable of conveying infectious diseases from person to person, and of otherwise creating sickness; therefore

Ordered, That on and after March 1, 1899, no rags, old paper or other refuse material, gathered or recovered from any source, shall be brought into or allowed to remain within any building used as a dwelling.

A true copy. Attest:

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

NOTICE.

Boston, February 20, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations is filed, dated February 9, 1899.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Atherton street, between Amory street and Copley street, Ward 22.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 27, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the sixth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Traveler, Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

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Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Your petitioners, the Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company, a corporation duly organized and doing business under the laws of this Commonwealth, respectfully ask that a franchise be given them for a turn-out on North Beacon street, near the bridge over the Charles river, in that part of Boston known as Brighton.

Also the right to erect the necessary poles and overhead wires for the operation of their cars by electricity.

All in accordance with plan made by Hodges & Harrington, Engineers, filed with this petition.

Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company,

By H. B. PARKER,

J. L. RICHARDS,

J. W. FRENCH,

A. R. MITCHELL,

WILLIAM F. HAMMETT,

G. FRED SIMPSON,

A majority of the Board of Directors.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 20, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the thirteenth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Globe, Brighton Item and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

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NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Whereas under Chapter 420, Section 2, of the Acts of 1893, your petitioners, the Newton and Boston Street Railway Company, a corporation duly organized and operating under the laws of this Commonwealth, are authorized to extend, maintain and operate its tracks in any street or location granted to said company by the Aldermen of the City of Boston to the junction of Beacon street, and Chestnut Hill avenue in that part of Boston known as Brighton.

Now, therefore, your petitioners, the Newton and Boston Street Railway Company, respectfully ask that a franchise be granted them on Beacon street in that part of Boston known as Brighton, from the dividing line from the City of Newton on said street to the corner of Beacon street and Chestnut Hill avenue; also the right to erect the necessary poles and overhead wires for the operation of their cars by electricity; said location of track or tracks with necessary turn-outs and poles for overhead wires are shown by plans to be filed with the City Clerk of Boston.

Newton and Boston Street Railway Company,

By HORACE B. PARKER,

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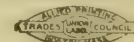
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A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

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DEATH OF EX-CONGRESSMAN RANNEY.

Hon. Ambrose A. Ranney died at his residence on Massachusetts avenue, on Sunday, the fifth instant, in his seventy-eighth year. Mr. Ranney, who was born in Townsend, Vermont, in April, 1821, was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1844. In the interval between his graduation from college and his admission to the bar of his native State, Mr. Ranney taught school and studied law. Soon after his admission to the bar, in 1848, he removed to Boston and established himself as a lawyer. Mr. Ranney became prominent in politics as well as in law.

In 1855 Mr. Ranney held the office of City Solicitor. In 1857 he was elected by the Whig party to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, to which he was returned in 1863 and again in 1864 by the Republicans.

Mr. Ranney represented his party for three consecutive terms in the United States House of Representatives, being first elected from the Third Congressional District in 1880. In Congress he was prominent as a

member of the Committee on Elections and of the Committee on the Judiciary. Since his retirement from Congress he had devoted himself to the practice of his profession.

STREET WATERING.

Following is the full text of the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court in the case of Joshua M. Sears vs. the Board of Aldermen and the Superintendent of Streets of the City of Boston regarding assessments for street watering:

KNOWLTON J. This is a petition for a writ of certiorari to quash alleged illegal assessments laid to meet the cost of watering streets in the City of Boston, under the Statute of 1897, c. 419.

The first and most important question in the case is whether this statute is constitutional. The right of the Legislature to raise money by taxation is founded upon c. 1., § 1., Art. XIV. of the Constitution of the Commonwealth. Under this article there is authority "to impose and levy reasonable duties and excises upon any produce, goods, wares, merchandise and commodities," etc. This authority we need not consider in the present case. Secondly, there is authority "to impose and levy proportional and reasonable assessments, rates and taxes upon all the inhabitants of and persons resident of estates lying within the said Commonwealth." The watering of streets in thickly settled portions of cities is such a public benefit that it legitimately may be provided for at the public expense. So far as it promotes the comfort, convenience and prosperity of the people generally as distinguished from land owners it should be provided for by general taxation, which involves the assessment of proportional and reasonable taxes upon all persons and property within the city. The statute purports to authorize every city not only to "appropriate money for watering the public ways or portions thereof within its limits at the expense in whole or in part of the city," but also to "determine that certain other public ways or portions thereof shall be watered at the expense, in whole or in part, of the abutters thereon." St. 1897, c. 419, § 1. This last provision calls for another kind of taxation which is local and special. Such taxation, under the Constitution, can only exist when there is a special or peculiar benefit to certain real estate, different from that which is received by the inhabitants generally.

The owners of the land upon which such an assessment is made must pay the same

share of the general taxes in proportion to the value of their property that other persons pay. As the Constitution requires that taxes shall be proportional and reasonable, this additional special tax can be justified only where there is a special benefit to property from the expenditure on account of which the assessment is made. Wright v. Boston, 9 Cush. 233-234. Mount Auburn Cemetery v. Cambridge, 150 Mass. 12-14. Dorgan v. Boston, 12 Allen, 223-237. Boston v. Boston & Albany Railroad Company, 170 Mass. 95. Norwood v. New York & New England Railroad Company, 161 Mass. 259-264. Village of Norwood v. Baker, 19 Sup. Ct. Rep. 187. Stuart v. Palmer, 74 N. Y. 189. Sharp v. Spear, 4 Hill, 82. Hammett v. Philadelphia, 65 Penn. St. 146-157. Tide Water Company v. Coster, 18 N. J. Eq. 527. City of Norfolk v. Chamberlain, 89 Va. 196-213. Nichols v. Bridgeport, 23 Conn. 189. Thomas v. Gain, 35 Mich. 162. Taylor v. Palmer, 31 Cal. 254. Sheehan v. Good Samaritan Hospital, 50 Mo. 155. In the last analysis the assessment is not laid as a part of the burden of public expenditure put upon the land, for the burdens which are strictly public are to be shared proportionately by all the people, according to the value of their taxable property. It is rather in the nature of a diminution of that which at first is a public burden, by subtracting from it the amount of the special enhancement of value of private property from the expenditure of public money in part for its benefit. It is taxation in the sense that it is a distribution of that which is originally a public burden, growing out of the expenditure primarily for a public purpose.

It is a grave question whether the benefit that comes to abutting property from the watering of the streets in front of it is such an improvement to the property that it can be made the subject of an assessment upon it. There must be a real substantial enhancement of value growing out of a public work to warrant an assessment upon it. The watering of streets produces only transitory effects, and makes no permanent change in the condition of the property. It greatly promotes the health and comfort of the people generally who use the streets from time to time, but its greatest benefit is to the abutting estates as places for residence or the transaction of business.

Indeed, so much more important to the occupants than to the general public have been the benefits from watering streets, that until lately the expense of the work in this Commonwealth has usually been borne by the abutters, who have procured the watering to be done by private contractors. If a special benefit, accruing from day to day, which very materially increases the

rental value of real estate by reason of the proximity of the property to the place where the beneficial work is done, can be treated as an improvement within the reason of the rule which permits special assessments, then such assessments may be made to pay the expense of watering streets. With some hesitation we hold that there is an improvement of private property when this work is done by a city, which may warrant an assessment upon the abutters.

It was so held in *State v. Reis*, 38 Minn. 371, and in *Reimkin v. Fuehring*, 130 Ind. 382, although the cases generally which uphold such assessments relate to improvements of a permanent character. Many improvements, from which real estate receives an incidental advantage, are held to justify only general taxation. *Hammett v. Philadelphia*, 65 Penn. St. 146. *Washington avenue*, 69 Penn. St. 352. *Erie v. Russell*, 148 Penn. St. 384-386. *Dyar v. Farmington*, 70 Me. 527. *McClosky v. Chamberlain*, 37 N. J. L. 388. *Dietz v. Neenah*, 91 Wis. 422-427.

Treating the watering of a street in a city as a work which may cause a direct, special and peculiar benefit to abutting estates, and thus enhance their value so long as it continues, we come to the question whether the mode of assessment directed by this Statute is within the constitutional power of the Legislature. Section 2 of the Statute is as follows: "If a city shall determine that the streets, or certain streets, or portions of streets, within its limits shall be watered in whole or in part at the expense of the abutters, the expense of the watering of such streets, or portions of streets, for that municipal year, and the proportion of such expense to be borne by abutters, and the rate to be assessed upon each linear foot of frontage of estate upon such streets, or portions thereof, shall be estimated and determined by the Board of Aldermen, and the expense so determined of such watering to be borne by the abutters, shall be assessed in the manner hereinafter provided, upon the estates abutting on such streets, or portions of streets, in proportion to the number of linear feet of such estate upon the street, or portion thereof, so watered." Section 3 provides for a determination of the amount of the assessments either by the Board of Aldermen or by that one of several other specified boards of public officers, which the Aldermen may designate. Section 4 declares that each assessment shall be a lien upon the estate on which it is laid, and directs the collection of assessments in like manner as other taxes are collected, and provides for abatements.

It is now established by the highest judicial authority that such assessments cannot be so laid upon any estate as to be in substantial excess of the benefit received. The case of *Village of Norwood v. Baker*, 19 Sup. Ct. Rep. 187, contains an elaborate discussion of the subject with a citation of authorities from many of the states, and holds that a local assessment for an amount in substantial excess of the benefit received is in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, inasmuch as it would deprive one of his property without compensation, and so without due process of law. The authority of this court is controlling in all state courts, and if it were not, it is in accordance with sound principles and with the great weight of authority in other courts. The principles which have

often been stated by this court lead to the same result. *Boston v. Boston and Albany Railroad Company*, 170 Mass. 95-101, and cases cited. The case of *Kingman, Petitioner*, 153 Mass. 566, dealt with a legislative distribution of public burdens among different political sub-divisions of the Commonwealth, and the language in it must be construed in reference to the facts to which it relates. The right to apportion public burdens among cities, towns and counties as it deems reasonable in reference to benefits and to other considerations, which are not capable of exact estimation in money, is within the power of the Legislature under the first part of c. 1, § 1 Art. IV. of the Constitution, and is not the same as the right to impose and levy taxes upon individuals.

It is of the same nature as the right to create, change or abolish cities, towns or other political sub-divisions of the Commonwealth.

While these assessments must be founded upon benefits, the courts have generally recognized the difficulty, and in many cases the impracticability of attempting to estimate benefits to estates one by one without some rule or principle of general application which will make the assessments reasonable and proportional, according to the benefits. Accordingly the determination of such a rule or principle by the Legislature itself, or by the tribunal appointed by the Legislature to make the assessments, has commonly been upheld by the courts. If, however, its effect plainly is to make an assessment upon any estate substantially in excess of the benefit received, it is set aside. *Weed v. Boston*, 171 Mass. 51 N. E. Rep. 204. *Village of Norwood v. Baker*, *ubi supra*. Assessments of special taxes by an estimate of the particular benefits to each lot, by measurement of the amount of frontage upon the street or sewer, by the measurement of the area of the lots, and by the valuation of the property, have all been sustained. *Springfield v. Gay*, 12 Allen, 612. *Dorgan v. Boston*, 12 Allen, 233. *Downer v. Boston*, 7 Cush. 277. *Wright v. Boston*, 9 Cush. 233. *Workman v. Worcester*, 118 Mass. 168. *Keith v. Boston*, 120 Mass. 108. *Snow v. Fitchburg*, 136 Mass. 183. *Howe v. Cambridge*, 114 Mass. 388. *Chapin v. Worcester*, 124 Mass. 464. *Codman v. Johnson*, 104 Mass. 491. *Leominster v. Conant*, 139 Mass. 384. But as we have already intimated, the only ground on which they can properly rest is that they are methods reasonably determined upon, by the tribunals charged with the duty of determining, in reference to the ascertainment of the benefits actually received by the different estates on which assessments are to be laid. It may be that, in the light of recent decisions, some of these cases would have been decided differently, but in general they rest on sound principles, on the grounds already stated. Most of our cases and our statutes assume under the Constitution that these assessments, like other taxes, are to be reasonable, and, in a general sense, proportional.

Under the present statute it is implied that the Board of Aldermen and the tribunal making assessments will proceed upon correct principles, and assess according to the benefits received, unless the requirement that the assessments are to be "in proportion to the number of linear feet of each estate upon the street or portion thereof so

watered" is objectionable as founded upon a wrong principle. Such requirements in regard to ordinary estates fronting upon streets and sewers have often been upheld.

On the other hand, in reference to estates differently situated, they sometimes would call for assessments far beyond any benefit received, and would therefore be unconstitutional and void. *Weed v. Boston*, *ubi supra*. No facts appear in the present case to show that this rule is not proper in its application to the petitioner's estates, as the method of determining benefits with such approximation to accuracy as can reasonably be required. There may be unoccupied lands in the city which are so situated that they could receive no substantial benefit, either actually or potentially, from the watering of adjacent streets, so long as they remain in their present condition.

Assessments made upon such lands might be void; but as the case does not disclose such, we have no occasion to consider them. We see no reason why the Legislature may not authorize a city to water some of its streets at the public expense, and to assess benefits for the watering of others upon abutters, as it deems best. As a result, some land-owners get the benefit of watering streets adjacent to their estates without paying for the special benefit.

But perfect equality in the distribution of public burdens is not attainable. We are, therefore, of opinion that in its application to the facts of the present case the statute is constitutional.

If the Aldermen might cause some of the streets to be watered at the expense of the city, and others to be watered at the expense of the abutters, it is not shown that their determination in regard to it was improper.

Although the proceedings were in some respects informal, we see no fatal error in them. We are inclined to agree with the petitioner's counsel in his contention that the determination of the expense of watering streets to be watered in whole or in part at the expense of the abutters, and the proportion of such expense to be borne by the abutters, and the rate to be assessed upon each linear foot of frontage of estates upon which such streets, or portions thereof, is to be by the Board of Aldermen, and cannot be delegated to any other board or tribunal. But we are also of opinion that the action of the Superintendent of Streets in making these assessments and reporting them to the Board of Aldermen with the communication of the Mayor, and the subsequent order making an appropriation, taken in connection with the previous orders, are equivalent to an original determination of these matters by the Aldermen themselves. The petitioner shows no such error as to entitle him to a right of certiorari.

Petition dismissed.

HOUSES ORDERED VACATED AND DEMOLISHED DURING FEBRUARY.

During the month of February houses situated at 23 Bow street and at 71 Hanover street were ordered vacated, and house at second rear of 24 Norman street was ordered to be removed by the Board of Health.

FREE MUNICIPAL CONCERTS.

The Music Commission has voted to give another series of Municipal Chamber Concerts in various sections of the city. Fifteen of these concerts have already been given in different localities, and the audiences have been limited only by the size of the halls used. Nearly 20,000 tickets have been issued and distributed by clergymen, charitable societies and local stores. The next series as planned will be held as follows:

Thursday, March 9 — Old Public Library Building.

Tuesday, March 14 — Roxbury High School Hall, Warren street.

Tuesday, March 21 — Brighton High School Hall.

Tuesday, March 28 — Ward-room, Old Franklin School, Washington street, above Dover street.

Tuesday, April 4 — Shurtleff School, South Boston.

The quartette engaged for these concerts consists of Carl Peirce, first violin; Bernard Fiedler, second violin; Samuel Goldstein, viola; Leon Van Vliet, 'cellist. The vocalists are Fred L. Benjamin, baritone; Annette Welsh McMunn, contralto; Zelda Rotali, soprano; Albert H. Houghton, baritone. Mr. James T. Whelan is the accompanist.

COMMERCE OF BOSTON.

The following, relating to the commerce of Boston, is taken from the General Trade Review of the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, compiled by Mr. Elwyn G. Preston, Secretary:

The foreign trade carried on through the Port of Boston during 1898 reflects in a general way the foreign trade conditions of the country as a whole. The exports were by far the largest on record, amounting to \$124,864,787, an increase over the preceding year of \$20,673,097, or 20 per cent. The significance of these figures is made clear by the statement that the exports for 1898 were greater than the combined exports and imports in 1888. The imports were \$48,814,921, showing a falling off of \$36,873,228.

It should be borne in mind, however, that the figures for 1898 were abnormally large, owing principally to the heavy imports of wool and other merchandise during the first six months of the year in anticipation of the Dingley tariff, which went into effect on July 1, 1897.

As compared with the showing of the other ports, also, it must be remembered that the increase in imports at Boston in 1897 over 1896 was very much larger relatively than the increase at any other port. Consequently a general decrease in the imports of the country, as a whole, would show itself with the greatest emphasis at Boston.

Notwithstanding this falling off in imports of nearly one-half, however, the port con-

tinues to hold by a substantial margin its position as the second port in the United States in the value of both its imports and exports, and, as regards the latter, shows a gain during 1898 greater proportionately than any other Atlantic port. The figures in detail for the principal ports of the United States, with percentages, are given in the following table:

Ports.	1897.		1898.		Per cent. of Total Trade of United States.
	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	
New York . . .	\$404,750,496	\$466,527,631	\$469,895,372	\$419,692,119	47.06
Boston . . .	104,191,690	85,688,149	124,864,787	48,814,921	9.19
Baltimore . . .	98,603,921	11,128,423	115,865,305	8,206,764	6.56
New Orleans . .	99,030,119	14,261,555	99,010,294	9,454,665	5.74
Philadelphia . .	51,802,963	43,646,879	59,509,318	37,516,707	5.13
Galveston . . .	60,900,056	644,367	76,788,236	2,093,457	4.17
San Francisco . .	39,803,451	40,847,564	31,998,805	36,057,958	3.60
All other . . .	239,726,349	79,830,611	277,562,241	73,116,838	18.55
Totals . . .	\$1,099,709,045	\$742,576,229	\$1,256,494,358	\$634,958,229	100.00

Among exports, provisions occupy a commanding position, the shipments of that product being \$58,431,065, or 47 per cent. of the total exports. The figures for 1897 were \$53,395,012. Breadstuffs amounted to \$26,540,856 against \$19,216,562 the previous year. The wheat shipments were 13,000,000 bushels against 12,000,000 in 1897; corn 12,000,000 bushels against 9,500,000; oats 8,700,000 against 5,500,000.

Owing largely to the establishment of a direct line of steamers between Galveston and Boston, a substantial increase has occurred in receipts at this port of cotton, both that destined for export and that for consumption by New England mills. The exports amounted to 382,626 bales, an increase of 67 per cent., while the receipts for domestic consumption aggregated 508,000 bales, an increase of 51,000 bales.

The "In-transit and Trans-shipment"

trade, passing through the port of Boston, amounted to \$9,934,528, and was made up as follows:

Entered at Boston for trans-shipment to foreign countries, principally Canada, \$4,937,333; entered at ports on the Canadian frontier and exported to foreign countries, via Boston, \$4,997,195.

With these additions the total foreign trade of the Port of Boston during 1898 is found to be \$183,613,721 as against \$200,330,542 in 1897.

The following table shows the principal countries with which this trade was conducted, also the nationalities of the vessels in which it was carried:

Countries.	Exports to.	Imports from.	Total Trade.	Nationality of Vessels.	Merchandise Carried.	Per Cent. of Total.
United Kingdom . .	\$112,111,900	\$16,590,891	\$128,702,791	British . . .	\$161,565,094	93.79
Germany . . .	3,466,984	3,555,528	7,022,512	German . . .	4,127,949	2.39
East Indies . . .	112,879	6,430,354	6,543,233	American . .	3,305,796	1.92
Egypt . . .	5,676	3,778,312	3,783,988	Norwegian . .	1,475,138	.86
Canada . . .	2,008,252	1,381,734	3,389,986	Dutch . . .	563,431	.34
Belgium . . .	1,628,039	1,114,390	2,742,429	French . . .	478,597	.28
Argentine Republic .	381,097	2,285,058	2,666,155	Italian . . .	105,503	.06
Australia . . .	146,411	2,353,788	2,500,199	Belgian . . .	97,274	.06
Cuba and Porto Rico	8,135	2,122,018	2,130,153	All other . .	456,457	.27
France . . .	60,058	1,727,320	1,787,378	Cars and other land vehicles .	42,951	.03
Netherlands . . .	1,166,787	573,966	1,740,753			
All other . . .	3,768,569	6,901,562	10,670,131			

Owing to the unsatisfactory state of the foreign market, the exports of cattle from the United States show a marked falling off from the previous year, a corresponding decrease appearing in the figures for Boston.

The number exported from this port was 134,838 as against 162,620 in 1897, being practically the same as the shipments from New York, which port shares with Boston the control of this trade.

The mortality on shipboard again strikingly illustrates the superior facilities possessed by our steamship lines for carrying this class of freight. While the figures for the United States as a whole are given by the United

States Bureau of Animal Industry as 0.23 per cent., the losses on shipments via this port were only 0.10 per cent. or less than one half the average for all ports. The loss of the "Londonian," which was abandoned at sea with 655 cattle on board, is not of course included in either the figures for Boston or the United States.

The ocean tonnage entering and leaving the Port of Boston in the foreign trade during 1898 exceeded all previous records, aggregating 3,663,831 tons. The arrivals of vessels engaged in the coasting trade numbered 9,671, being, with the exception of 1896, which exceeded it by 13, the largest on record.

There were 204 sailings to the single port of Liverpool, and a total of 409 sailings to all European ports, as against 388 in 1897. Two new lines have been established during the past year, one to Manchester, England, and one to Copenhagen and other Baltic ports. Beside these two lines, the European service now includes lines to Liverpool, London, Glasgow, Hull, Bristol, Antwerp and Hamburg.

Two new southern lines have also been added to the service, one to Galveston and one to Charleston and Brunswick. These, with the lines to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Savannah and Charleston and Jacksonville, comprise the coastwise service to the South.

Lines are also established between this port and Port Antonio, Jamaica, Nicaragua and Progreso, Mexico.

The Internal Revenue collections for the District of Massachusetts for the year ending June 30, 1898, amounted to \$3,013,885, divided as follows: Spirits, \$773,537; fermented liquors, \$1,902,410; tobacco, \$337,938. The collections in 1897 were \$4,614,462.

The receipts of the Boston Post Office for 1898 were \$2,830,088 against \$2,841,795 in 1897.

THE SPARROW NUISANCE.

The following petition bearing the signatures of a large number of representative and influential citizens has been received by His Honor the Mayor:

To HONORABLE JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The undersigned petitioners hereby respectfully represent that the presence in Boston of hosts of the imported finch, known as the English sparrow, has come to be a public nuisance, general expense and serious æsthetic injury, imperatively calling for prompt municipal abatement. Your petitioners would, therefore, most earnestly request that, as the chief executive officer of this city, you direct the immediate reduction of the pest, by wise and merciful methods, in such places (instancing the Common and conditionally the cemeteries of Boston), as may be made, or may, with this purpose in view, be brought under municipal control.

Accompanying the request is a list of "certain measures available in partially or completely suppressing the bird in Boston." These are in substance:

"First — The persistent destruction of the nests and their contents in the breeding season by thrusting them down with poles, or otherwise dislodging and destroying them.

"Second — It is possible that from some localities in Boston the English sparrow might be in the main expelled, by the prompt removal of all droppings from the entering or adjacent streets.

"Third — In enclosures, where danger to human beings or valued domestic animals need not be apprehended, suitable poison mixed with the food of the sparrow might be tried.

"Fourth — Large house-traps of a simple and not expensive sort may be devised to lure and enclose the sparrows where they may be quickly and mercifully destroyed. Nets are sometimes effective.

"Fifth — Other methods less obvious than these might be suggested if the necessity for them should arise."

The principal reasons for the petition are set forth as follows:

(1.) The English sparrow is notoriously unclean. Its defilement of buildings, statutory, cemeteries, and places of public resort is not only a source of much expense, but an æsthetic disgrace to Boston.

(2.) The unsightly heaps of refuse which English sparrows construct and use for nests form also favorite breeding resorts, highly injurious to foliage.

(3.) The English sparrow — repugnant to most persons by reason of its harsh, monotonous cry and uninviting ways — does little or nothing worthy of notice in the destruction of injurious insects. It is, however, a mobber and robber of hosts of native song birds of delightful ways, charming song, or radiant plumage. These native birds — expelled or kept out from Boston by the English sparrow — are one and all of the highest value as destroyers of injurious insects. A proper reduction of the English sparrow in Boston will, it is believed, bring back these native song birds to the city, where by suitable means they may be re-established and retained among us.

"For full confirmation of the statements herein made, as to the injurious of the English sparrow and the value of our native song and insect-eating birds, reference is here made not only to common knowledge but to the authoritative work.

"The English Sparrow," issued as Bulletin 1, from the United States Department of Agriculture, Division of Economic Ornithology and Mammalogy.

"Reference is also made to the published works of E. H. Forbush, Ornithologist to the Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture, to the publications and verbal statements of trained ornithologic observers too numerous to mention, forming a substantial consensus of scientific opinion on the main points above outlined."

B. E. Fernow, Director State College of Forestry, Cornell University, endorses the petition in the following terms:

"I would unhesitatingly endorse your petition for measures against the sparrow nuisance were I a citizen of Boston, and thereby entitled to be heard in the matter. I believe the reasons which you adduce for such a warfare are well founded, and hope the attempt will be made to rid your city of the nuisance, which, if successful, would be followed by similar crusades elsewhere."

In response to the foregoing petition the Mayor has addressed the following communication to the Superintendent of Public Grounds:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 28, 1899.

WILLIAM DOOGUE, Esq., Superintendent of Public Grounds, 154 East Cottage street, Dorchester, Mass.

DEAR SIR: A number of petitions have been presented to me, signed by a large number of influential people, requesting that steps be taken to reduce the numbers of the English sparrow in Boston, on the ground that it is coming to be a public nuisance, and is particularly injurious in driving out other birds. The first measure of suppression recommended is that the nests and eggs be persistently destroyed during the breeding season by dislodging them from the trees, as fast as made, upon all public grounds. I have agreed to this measure, and you are hereby requested to take steps to have this thoroughly carried into effect. As the sparrows begin to breed in March, this work should begin at once.

The committee has requested me to have one man specially assigned to this work on the Common, and I will therefore ask you to send a second copy of this letter (herewith enclosed) to Mr. William J. Kennedy, instructing him to take special charge of this matter as far as the Common is concerned, and to follow the recommendations, as far as possible, of a committee of the petitioners, of which Mr. Fletcher Osgood, an employee of the Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture, Gypsy Moth Division, is a member. I have advised Mr. Osgood that Mr. Kennedy would be detailed for this work, and would communicate with him as to an appointment to talk over methods of carrying it on. Please ask him to do so.

I should be glad to receive any suggestions from you as to the effectual carrying out of this policy of reducing the numbers of the English sparrow in Boston.

Yours truly,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Law Department for the year ending January 31, 1899, contains the following table, which gives a resume of the work of the Department during the year:

CAUSE OF ACTION.	Pending Feb. 1, 1898.	Brought since Jan. 31, 1898.	Disposed of during year.	Pending Jan. 31, 1899.
Assessments of betterments, taxes, etc. . .	78	113	40	151
Building law violations .	78	15	16	77
Land damages	227	160	77	310
Personal injuries . . .	433	72	126	379
Miscellaneous	116	105	46	175
Totals	932	465	305	1,092

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, at 7.30 P.M., Tuesday, February 28, 1899.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Calderwood, Courtney, and Davison.

The appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the previous meeting were approved.

The following, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and passed unanimously.

(1.) Ordered, That to meet the current expenses of the School Committee, payable during the financial year beginning February 1, 1899, and ending January 31, 1900, the following sums be appropriated for the purposes stated. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 115.)

(2.) Ordered, That the Board of Assessors be notified that the School Committee has appropriated, under Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898, the sum of \$2,848,413.68, for the support of the public schools for the present financial year. Of this amount, \$2,777,427 should be included by their Board in the total amount to be raised by taxation, the balance, \$70,986.68, to be obtained from the following-named sources: Estimated income to be received during the year (\$40,000), excess of income in 1898-99 over the amount estimated (\$698.48), and the unexpended balance at the close of the financial year 1898-99 (\$30,288.20).

The following, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and passed:

(1.) Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an addition to the contract of the Fuller and Warren Warming and Ventilating Company for furnishing a heating and ventilating system in the new Thomas N. Hart District Primary School-house, in the sum of \$230 for installing two 12-inch electric fans for ventilating the sanitariums in said building.

(2.) Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to have the plans of new school-houses built under the direction of the School Committee, suitably mounted for preservation.

(3.) Ordered, That from the sums appropriated for West End School-house site, out of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895, the following transfer be made, being the unexpended balance not required for the purpose for which it was originally appropriated:

Primary school-house, Moulton street, additional land, \$4,938.97.

(4.) Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Francis C. Creber, in the sum of \$790 for fitting up for school purposes a two-room building and a one-room building on Comins terrace, Roxbury, and with William J. Carlin, in the sum of \$109 for furnishing stoves for the same buildings, the said Creber and Carlin being the lowest bidders.

(5.) Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriation be made:

Mechanic Arts High School-house addition, furnishing, \$7,000.

(6.) Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of an additional assistant to the director of drawing, to date from March 1, 1899.

(7.) Ordered, That the salaries of Nellie M. Cronin and Lydia F. Brock, assistants in the office of the Secretary, be each fixed at the rate of \$720 per annum, until otherwise ordered, to date from January 1, 1899.

(8.) Ordered, That there be paid to Patrick M. Connolly the sum of \$12.90 for extra services as janitor of the Eliot School.

(9.) Ordered, That there be paid to James F. Latrobe, janitor of the Brimmer School, the sum of \$16 for services of a fireman in connection with the heating of the building during the time one boiler was being repaired.

(10.) Ordered, That there be paid to Humphrey C. Mahoney the sum of \$12.75 for extra services as janitor of the Cushman School.

(11.) Ordered, That there be paid to Jeremiah W. Murphy the sum of \$20 for extra services as janitor of the Phillips School.

(12.) Ordered, That there be paid to Joseph P. Fleming the sum of \$13.20 for extra services as janitor of the Hancock School.

The following took its second reading, and was passed:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 157. Strike out the word "thirty," in the eleventh line, and insert in place thereof the word "twenty." Add the following to the section: "Assistants shall be dismissed at the close of any month in which the average attendance shall have fallen below the number authorizing their employment. No principal or female teacher of a public day school in Boston shall serve in the evening drawing schools," so that the section will read as follows:

"Section 157. The instructors of the evening drawing schools shall be masters, principals and assistants. The rank of master shall be abolished, as the position now recognized shall become vacant by the retirement from the service of the incumbents in that position, February, 1891. The masters and principals of the evening drawing schools shall be appointed in September. As many qualified assistants as may be necessary in the evening drawing schools shall be appointed in October. Besides the master or principal, each school shall be entitled to an assistant for every twenty pupils, and an additional assistant for a majority fraction thereof. Assistants shall be dismissed at the close of any month in which the average attendance shall have fallen below the number authorizing their employment. No principal or female teacher of a public day school in Boston shall serve in the evening drawing schools."

The Chair read the following:

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

February 27, 1899.

Voted, That the School Committee be notified that this Board is prepared to pass a loan order appropriating \$500,000 for

additional primary and grammar school accommodations, as soon as it receives sufficient information to enable it to make the appropriations by districts.

A true copy. Attest:

JOSIAH QUINCY, Chairman.

The Superintendent of Schools presented the resignations of Capt. Erasmus M. Weaver, instructor in military drill, to take effect March 1, 1899, and of one other teacher. The resignations were accepted.

The names of one special assistant and of three teachers for appointment on probation were laid over under the rule. The reappointments of three teachers were placed on file. The names of eight teachers presented for confirmation were laid over under the rule. Thirteen teachers were granted leave of absence.

The Superintendent presented recommendations in respect to appointments, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the regulations pertaining thereto, as follows:

(1.) That seven temporary teachers be reappointed, and the employment of the teachers named was approved under a suspension of the rules.

(2.) The appointment of one teacher on probation, which was approved under a suspension of the rules.

(3.) Recommending leave of absence for one teacher, which was granted under a suspension of the rule.

The Superintendent presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on the Normal School:

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

By the vote of the School Committee, passed November 22, 1898, the Superintendent was "instructed to ascertain the possibility of extending the City Normal School so as to include some of the surrounding cities and towns."

In obedience to this instruction the following communication was sent to the Superintendent of Schools in the cities of Cambridge, Chelsea, Malden, Medford, Newton, Quincy and Somerville, and in the towns of Brookline, Dedham, Hyde Park, Milton, Revere, Watertown and Winthrop:

"DEAR SIR: At a meeting of the School Committee of Boston on November 22, 1898, it was

"Ordered, That the orders passed by this Board, May 24, that on and after the first day of September, 1899, the Boston Normal School be discontinued, and that the Secretary of the State Board of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts be informed that it is the sense of this Board that a normal school in lieu of the normal school now maintained by the City of Boston should be established and maintained in this city by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, be, and the same hereby are, rescinded, and the Superintendent is hereby instructed to ascertain the possibility of extending the city normal school so as to include some of the surrounding cities and towns.

"Assuming:

"(1.) That the City of Boston maintains a normal school for the purpose of training

teachers to serve in the primary and grammar schools of that city;

"(2.) That the school is provided with a large corps of highly accomplished teachers, a commodious new building, and all other material equipments necessary for a school of the very best kind;

"(3.) That the number of pupils from Boston to be in training for employment in the Boston schools is strictly limited to the number actually needed in those schools, that is to say, about sixty each year;

"(4.) That the number of pupils admitted from any other city, or town, is limited in the same way to the actual annual needs of its schools.

"I desire to ask what answer the School Committee of—would make to the proposition that a limited number of places in such school be taken by—on condition that—contributes its due proportion to the annual expense of the school, and that—be represented on the Board of Management by some chosen member of its School Committee, or by its Superintendent of Schools, as may afterwards be determined.

"For the purpose of obtaining an authoritative answer to this question, will you kindly take the trouble to consult with members of your School Committee and, if you deem it best, to bring the matter formally before your School Committee for consideration and decision by vote?

"Further, I should esteem it a personal favor if you would express quite fully and freely your own views as to the practicability, or desirability, of the school above outlined, and would make any further suggestion which you may deem important."

From all the above mentioned cities and towns replies have now been received, which are herewith submitted for the information of the Board. No desire is expressed on the part of any neighboring city or town to join with Boston in the support of a normal school; and so far as there is any distinct expression of opinion it is adverse to any such plan. The conclusion appears clearly to be that there is no "possibility of extending the city normal school so as to include some of the surrounding cities and towns."

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Salaries it was ordered that Henry E. Loring, sub-master in the Tileston District, be placed upon the second year of service in his rank, to date from February 1, 1899.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Rules and Regulations it was ordered that the afternoon session of the schools in the Minot District shall begin at 1.45 o'clock and close at 3.45 o'clock, except that from the first Monday in November to and including the last Friday in January, the afternoon session may begin at 1.30 o'clock and close at 3.30 o'clock.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Resolved, That we, the School Committee of the City of Boston, hereby express our sincere sorrow at the death of John C. Ryder, late Head Master of the Brighton High School.

Resolved, That we desire to place upon our records an expression of our regard for Mr. Ryder as a man, and our appreciation of his faithful and devoted service in our

public schools. By his scholarly attainments, his dignified bearing, his rare administrative ability, and more especially by the solid worth of his character, Mr. Ryder, as instructor in the evening high school, as Sub-master in the Dearborn and Hugh O'Brien Schools, as Principal of the Mt. Vernon School, as Master in the Roxbury High School, and as Head Master of the Brighton School, won the esteem of this Board, and the respect and love of the teachers, pupils and parents with whom he came in contact.

Resolved, That we extend to his family our profound sympathy for the loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in full upon our records, and that a copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased.

Adopted unanimously by a raising vote.

Mr. Burrill offered the following:

Whereas, an attempt is being made so to amend the law requiring physiology and hygiene to be taught in the public schools so as to more fully define the schools in which it shall be taught, the methods of instruction, and the character of the text books; to provide penalties for non-compliance with the requirements of the law; to provide for the enforcement of the law; to provide for the supervision of the instruction, and to provide for the enforcement of the law.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Board that such legislation is unnecessary and uncalled for.

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee of the Board is hereby instructed to appear before the proper committee of the Legislature and protest in the name of this Board against such legislation.

Adopted.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, to whom was referred, February 14, the proposed transfer of Henry C. Parker, Sub-master in the Dwight District, to the same position in the Warren District, reported that after due consideration of the matter, they are of the opinion that Mr. Parker should remain in his present position, and that the vacancy in the Warren District should be filled by a new appointment. Your committee, therefore, present the name of a candidate whom they consider well fitted to discharge the duties of the position, and recommend the appointment of James H. Leary as Sub-master in the Warren District.

Mr. Bateman offered a minority report approving the nomination of Henry C. Parker to fill by transfer the position of Sub-master in the Warren District, and recommending that the nomination of Henry C. Parker as Sub-master in the Warren District be confirmed.

Mr. Anderson's motion that both reports be laid on the table was refused by the following vote:

Yeas—Anderson, Burrill, Coolidge, Field, Nichols—5.

Nays—Aldrich, Bateman, Bennett, Berridge, Bowdlear, Brett, Campbell, Fleischer, Gallivan, Huggan, Keller, Kenney, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, Strange—16

Mr. Anderson's motion to refer the question of Mr. Leary's fitness to the Board of Supervisors was defeated by a vote of 16 to 6.

A motion to substitute the minority report was defeated.

Yeas—Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Coolidge, Davison, Field, Fleischer, Keller, Nichols—11.

Nays—Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Campbell, Gallivan, Huggan, Kenney, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, Strange—11.

The Chair ruled that the appointment could not be acted upon without a suspension of the rules. Appeal was taken, and, by a vote of 11 to 10, the Board refused to sustain the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Coolidge, the first half of the majority report was referred to the Committee on the Fifth Division.

On a yeas and nays vote the Board refused to accept the remainder of the report:

Yeas—Aldrich, Berridge, Brett, Campbell, Gallivan, Huggan, Kenney, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, Strange—11.

Nays—Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Bowdlear, Burrill, Coolidge, Davison, Field, Fleischer, Keller, Nichols—11.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the whole matter was especially assigned to the next meeting at 8.30.

The Board adjourned at 10.25 P.M.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police.

February 28, 1899.

General Order No. 578.

In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Charles A. Fuller, of Division 9, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, in that he failed to pull in his "on duty" calls from the signal-boxes, the Board finds the said Patrolman Charles A. Fuller guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of ten days' pay.

March 2, 1899.

General Order No. 579.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Louis F. Lutz, of Division 4, by Mrs. Charles Trask, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board orders the complaint to be dismissed, the complainant having failed to appear.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Frederick E. Bostwick, of Division 12, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board finds the said Patrolman Bostwick guilty, and sentences him to a forfeiture of thirty days' pay.

III. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Edward W. Clahane, of Division 12, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, the Board finds the said Patrolman Clahane guilty and orders the complaint to be placed on file.

The annual convention of the League of American Municipalities will be held at Syracuse, N.Y. The date of the convention will probably be the week beginning September 18.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, March 6, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

Appointments.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, viz.:

(1.) William H. Kenney, to be a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1899, in place of Jeremiah S. Sullivan, resigned.

(2.) Frank B. Cotton, to be a Constable of the City of Boston, in connection with his duties at the Charlestown Court, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

(3.) Martin Gilbert, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1899.

(4.) Henry H. Sprague, to be a Trustee of the Boston City Hospital for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Severally laid over under the law.

The following message was received from His Honor the Mayor:

Loan Estimates.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 6, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of the loan estimates received from the heads of the several departments, which were before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for its consideration, I suggest that these estimates be printed as a city document, for the information of the City Council and the public.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Annexed were the estimates referred to. For summary of the estimates see THE CITY RECORD, page 52.)

Ordered printed and sent down.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, March 2, 1899. President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages were received from His Honor the Mayor:

Concert at Phillips School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 2, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Music Commissioners in regard to

your order requesting that a concert be given by the Municipal Orchestra in the hall of the Phillips School, Ward 11.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC.

February 6, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The order of the Common Council, received through you, dated January 26, 1899, and ordering that the Music Department be requested to provide a concert by the Municipal Orchestra in the hall of the Phillips School, Ward 11, was considered by the Music Commissioners at their meeting on February 3. The Commissioners understand the request to be for a free chamber concert by the Municipal Quartette such as are being given in various sections of the city, the Municipal Orchestra having been disbanded on January 15 last.

On referring to a list of school halls furnished this Department by the Secretary of the School Committee, it appears that the hall of the Phillips School is not lighted. That being the case it would not be possible to take affirmative action upon the order, until at least means for illuminating the hall have been put in.

Yours respectfully,

M. J. DWYER, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Street Department Contracts.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 2, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting "a complete list of all the contracts above \$2,000 entered into by the City of Boston, through the Street Department, since January 1, 1898, which have not been open to competition through a public advertisement; also the amount of said contracts and the names of the contractors."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, February 27, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In reply to a your request for a complete list of all contracts above two thousand (2,000) dollars entered into by the City of Boston, through the Street Department, since January 1, 1898, which have not been open to competition through a public advertisement, also the amount of said contracts, and the names of the contractors, I beg to submit the enclosed list.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

The list which is printed on page 172, was ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Veto—Farragut Day Appropriation.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 24, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I herewith return without my approval the order providing for the expenditure of \$1,200 out of the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses, for the celebration of June 28, for the reason that this appropriation is not sufficient to allow of such expenditure, and that it seems to me that a bad precedent would be set by allowing an expenditure for a public celebration, not provided for in the regular appropriation for such a purpose, to be subsequently met in this manner.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The order was reconsidered, and the question came on its passage, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The order failed of passage (fifty votes being required)—Yeas, 31; nays, 15.

Confirmation of Appointments.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 2, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

In response to the order referred to me by your body on January 26, requesting information as to the reasons why, "in violation of plain law," the Mayor has not submitted for confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, the names of the officers coming under the provisions of Chapter 2, Sections 1 and 2, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, I have to state that I know of no such officer, subject by law to such confirmation, who has not been confirmed by the Board of Aldermen, and if the introducer of the order can point out any such officers who have not been so confirmed, I will take immediate steps to see that they are no longer allowed to act.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

The Committee on Towns, on March 3, reported to the House the following bill:

An act to authorize Towns to appropriate Money for Free Public Lectures.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. By vote, taken at the annual town meeting, of two-thirds of those present and voting on the question, appropriations for free public lectures may be made by towns in this Commonwealth.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The water-works of Cleveland, which are under municipal control, netted a profit to the city in 1898 of \$444,000.

* LIST OF STREET DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS ABOVE \$2,000
FROM JANUARY 1, 1898, TO FEBRUARY 27, 1899.

PAVING DIVISION.

CONTRACT.	Contractor.	Amount of Contract.
Ledge lot, Heath street	Frederick Bleiler	\$3,715 89
Ledge lot, Rosseter street	W. J. Emerson	5,773 93
Granite flagging	Rockport Granite Company	4,888 45
Large paving blocks	Rockport Granite Company	32,523 25
Philadelphia paving blocks	Rockport Granite Company	23,367 74
Gutter blocks	Rockport Granite Company	4,100 00
Philadelphia paving blocks	Pigeon Hill Granite Company	8,836 50
Large paving blocks	Pigeon Hill Granite Company	21,522 73
Beach gravel	Thomas Cargill, jr.	3,605 70
Paving Bunker Hill street	J. Turner & Co.	4,608 14
Paving Columbus avenue, Hanley square to New Heath street	Jones & Meehan	27,874 79
Paving Columbus avenue, New Heath street to Heath street	Jones & Meehan	15,187 82
Paving Summer street and Dorchester avenue	H. P. Nawn	30,912 83
Concrete base, Hanover street	Perrin & Carter	2,284 25
Asphalting Beacon street	Barber Asphalt Paving Company,	3,651 60
Paving Hanover street	H. Gore & Co.	2,796 88
Abutments, Brooks street	Boston & Albany R.R. Company	37,164 00
Philadelphia paving blocks	Cape Ann Granite Company	10,775 34
Quarrying stone, Commonwealth avenue	M. Kiernan	11,136 60
Asphalting Shawmut avenue	Boston Asphalt Company	2,956 50
Paving Tremont street	H. Gore & Co.	7,773 92
Concrete base, Tremont street	Perrin & Carter	6,846 60
Filling Jersey street	Boston & Albany R.R. Company	18,817 47
Artificial stone sidewalk, Oakley street	John C. Newborg	2,022 17
Asphalting Kilby street	Barber Asphalt Paving Company,	6,949 00
Paving Tremont street, Weston street to Hammond street	J. Doherty & Co.	2,384 12
Quarrying stone, Commonwealth avenue	A. McMurtry & Sons	4,800 60
Concrete base, Commercial street	Perrin & Carter	2,104 73
Paving Commercial street	H. Gore & Co.	2,803 30
Asphalting Broadway	Boston Asphalt Company	5,453 70
Edgestone	Simpson Bros. Corporation	20,062 54
Paving Norfolk avenue	Barnes, Ruffin Company	3,915 85
Gutter blocks	Rockport Granite Company	4,200 00
Ledge lot, Centre street	Thomas Minton	3,500 00
Delivering stone to Dimock-street crusher	H. P. Nawn	6,509 63
Paving City square	J. Turner & Co.	3,000 00
Artificial stone sidewalks, Lonsdale street	John C. Newborg	2,000 00
Artificial stone sidewalks, Lonsdale street	Barnes, Ruffin Company	2,000 00
Filling Columbia road	J. S. Jacobs & Son	10,500 00
Paving Alford street	P. Brennan & Co.	2,800 00
Filling Columbia road	J. J. Sullivan	4,800 00
Asphalting Public Alley No. 437	Barber Asphalt Paving Company,	2,100 00

SEWER DIVISION.

Moon Island sea-wall	Perkins, White & Co.	\$63,000 00
Dredging Roxbury Canal	Perkins, White & Co.	3,325 00
Back Bay Fens sewerage	Perkins, White & Co.	23,689 01
Harold street	H. P. Nawn	2,109 50
Columbia road, Section 1, excavating rock	H. P. Nawn	11,415 39
Kilsyth road	T. J. Young & Co.	2,489 51
Selkirk road	T. J. Young & Co.	2,718 65
Torrey and Wentworth streets	F. A. Foster	2,262 75
Columbia road, Section 2, excavating rock	H. P. Nawn	7,336 30
Tenean creek	H. P. Nawn	12,000 00
Lanark road	T. J. Young & Co.	2,612 84
North Harvard street	T. J. Young & Co.	3,366 53
Repairs on engines, pumping station (Contract E)	Lockwood Manufacturing Co.	6,000 00
Centre street, Dorchester avenue to Remington street	F. A. Foster	2,579 46
Riverway and Brookline avenue	J. McGraw & Co.	11,784 36
Kinross road	T. J. Young & Co.	2,690 03
Fowler street	J. P. O'Connell	2,591 85
Mattapan brook	J. P. O'Connell	9,450 00
Hopkins street	D. M. Dwyer	2,400 00
Beech Glen street	J. P. O'Connell	3,000 00
Ipswich street	J. P. O'Connell	4,095 20
Harriet street and outlet	T. J. Young & Co.	3,200 00
Tenean creek	H. P. Nawn	10,860 00
Oakland Garden fork, Stony brook	H. P. Nawn	2,570 00
Columbia road, Section 2	H. P. Nawn	3,208 66
Moon Island, paving, grading and parapet walls	Perkins, White & Co.	5,500 00

SANITARY DIVISION.

Widening dock at Fort Hill wharf	W. H. Ellis & Co.	\$3,376 00
Building platform over dock, Fort Hill wharf	W. H. Ellis & Co.	2,843 33
Building platform, Albany street wharf	Thomas E. Ruggles	5,470 00
Disposal of waste	City Refuse Utilization Company,	5,500 00
Collecting and removing ashes, East Boston (extensions of contract),	William F. Hedrington	7,300 00

FERRY DIVISION.

New drop, North Ferry, Boston side	John M. Brooks	\$5,775 00
New drop, South Ferry, East Boston side	John M. Brooks	5,775 00
Plans, specifications, etc., new ferry-boat	Richard F. Keough	2,200 00
New ferry-boat	William McKie	66,000 00

* This list was appended to a communication of the Superintendent of Streets, transmitted by His Honor the Mayor to the Common Council on March 2, 1899. See page 171.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS
GRANTED—REQUIRING THE AP-
PROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The several orders making appropriations for the financial year 1899-1900, and five loan orders, viz.: Order authorizing a loan of \$410,000, to be expended by the Water Department in the extension of water mains; order authorizing a loan of \$55,000, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners in making plans of territory or sections of land under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, etc.; order authorizing a loan of \$25,000 for the Public Buildings Department, Repairs Division, for working capital; order authorizing a loan of \$10,000 for the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, for working capital, and order authorizing a loan of \$10,000 for the Printing Department, for working capital; all of which were submitted by the Mayor to the City Council, January 30, 1899, — were not altered by the City Council within the period of thirty days prescribed by law, and are in force.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved February 28, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Bay State Real Estate Association to construct, maintain and use an area, eighteen feet by seven and one-half feet, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 36 North street, as shown on a plan dated February 10, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, if he deems it advisable, to extend thanks for the citizens of Boston and the Fire Department to W. D. Ross, an engineer on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, for his prompt action in giving the alarm and his efficient assistance at the recent Carleton-street fire.

Order changing the name of the way, at Dorchester and Roxbury, known as Dalmatia street, leading, in continuation of Woodcliff street, from Howard avenue to Blue Hill avenue, to Woodcliff street.

The following were approved March 1, 1899:

Permit to the Crescent Associates to project two bay-windows from building corner of Savin Hill avenue and Spring street, Ward 20.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

John A. Heyl, a sign, at 243 Washington street, Ward 6.

Flanders & Hoffman, a sign, at 19 Province street, and a sign at 14 Chapman place, Ward 7.

George J. Stevens, a sign, at 17 Main street, Ward 5.

Press Cycling Club, a lantern, at 6 Dartmouth street, Ward 12.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Holbrook, Cabot & Daly to erect, maintain and use two guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in Swett street, at or near the new crossing of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, for use in building bridge abutments; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the George A. Fuller Company to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in the following locations, viz.:

One on Utica street, near corner of Tufts street.

Two on East street, between South street and Atlantic avenue.

One on South street, north-west corner, near Essex street.

One on Essex street, near corner Lincoln street.

One on Essex street, between Lincoln and South streets.

One on South street.

Three on South street, near corner Essex street, Ward 7.

To be placed in locations satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The following were approved March 2, 1899:

Permit to Frank Lally to project one bay-window from building corner of Putnam and Bennington streets, Ward 1.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to William H. Faunce to erect, maintain and use a hitching-post in the sidewalk in front of estate 8 Wayne street, Ward 21; the work to be completed according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:

Washington street, between Ruggles and Vernon streets, three poles, forty-five feet in height by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk ten feet; date of plan February 6, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

The New York Board of Estimate and Apportionment has ordered the issue of bonds to the amount of \$7,673,000 to enable the Board of Education to acquire sites and erect new school buildings.

Award of Contract.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building two retractile draws for the bridge on Summer-street extension, across Fort Point Channel, were opened at the office of the City Engineer on March 3, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Berlin Iron Bridge Company, East Berlin, Conn.	\$23,820
A. & P. Roberts Company, Philadelphia, Pa.	23,999
Pittsburg Bridge Company, Springfield, Mass.	24,515
Edge Moor Bridge Works, Wilmington, Del.	24,592
New Jersey Steel and Iron Company, Boston, Mass.	24,600
King Bridge Company, Cleveland, O.	24,982
Penn Bridge Company, Beaver Falls, Pa.	25,864
John Newell, Albany, N.Y.	26,000
Massillon Bridge Company, Boston, Mass.	26,546
New England Structural Company, Boston, Mass.	26,640
Boston Bridge Works, Boston, Mass.	27,600
Youngtown Bridge Company, New York, N.Y.	28,000
New Columbia Bridge Company, New York, N.Y.	28,960

The contract was awarded to the Berlin Iron Bridge Company.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

The bill restoring days of grace on sight drafts, which had passed both branches of the Legislature, but which was vetoed by the Governor on February 23, was passed over the Governor's veto in the House on March 2 and in the Senate on March 6.

In Cleveland, Ohio, the gas companies under contract with the city pay into the municipal treasury \$60,000 a year, and the fund when large enough will be used for the erection of a new City Hall.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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2. S. B. 14, an Act relative to the Bank Officers' Association of the City of Boston, p. 44.	Insurance. Jan. 16.	Jan. 27. Feb. 23. Closed.								
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4. S. B. 20, an Act to provide for the formation and disbursement of a Public School Teachers' Retirement Fund in the City of Boston, p. 44.										
5. S. B. 25 an Act relating to the selling of articles in the streets and from house to house, in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary. Jan. 19.	Feb. 24. Closed.								
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7. S. B. 29, Resolution relative to the construction of a tunnel to East Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 3.								
8. S. B. 30, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
9. S. B. 35, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.									
10. S. B. 36, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Sarah E. Leavitt, p. 74.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 3. Closed.								
11. S. B. 42, an Act to authorize the Cambridge Bridge Commission, with the consent of the United States Government, to construct the bridge to be built between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, without a draw, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 26.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (B.)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 27. H.	March 7.			
12. S. B. 49, an Act relative to the bequest of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library, p. 74.	Libraries and Judiciary. Jan. 27.	March 3.								
13. S. B. 59, an Act relative to the registration of voters, the appointment of election and caucus officers, and the establishment of election districts in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
14. S. B. 67, an Act to cede certain land in Boston Harbor, and jurisdiction over the same, to the United States, for the purpose of extending the present limits of the United States Navy Yard, p. 75.	Harbors and Public Lands, and Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 31. S. (B.)	Feb. 1.	Feb. 1.	Feb. 2. H.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 2.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
15. S. B. 72, an Act to provide that a person applying to vote in the City of Boston, shall not be required to write his name on the voting list, p. 75.	Election Laws. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.								
16. S. B. 76, an Act to abolish the Board of Apportionment of the City of Boston, p. 75.	Cities. Jan. 31.									
17. S. B. 90, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 75.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 7.								
18. S. B. 97, an Act relative to the inspection of steam-boilers, and to regulate steam engineering, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (N.P.)							
19. S. B. 100, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of Bennington street and other highways in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
20. S. B. 108, an Act to provide for a Normal School-house in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	March 2, 8.								
21. S. B. 109, an Act to authorize the establishment of vacation schools in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.								
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23. S. B. 119, an Act relative to salaries paid by the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
24. S. B. 121, an Act relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
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26. S. B. 123, an Act to provide for grammar and primary school-houses in the City of Boston, p. 99 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
27. S. B. 124, an Act relative to the Riverway Park of the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, p. 100 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 7. H. (N.G.C.)							
28. S. B. 125, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 100 .	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 16.									
29. S. B. 126, an Act relative to contracts with the City of Boston, p. 100 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2, 3. Closed.								
30. S. B. 127, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 100 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.								
31. S. B. 142, an Act relative to the granting of leave of absence to police officers in the City of Boston, p. 100 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
32. S. B. 143, an Act relative to tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
33. S. B. 148, an Act relative to the height of buildings in Copley square in the City of Boston, p. 100 .	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16.								
34. S. B. 149, an Act to amend the charter of the City of Boston, p. 100 .	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10.								
35. S. B. 150, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the children of Frederick B. Bogan, p. 100 .	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.								
36. S. B. 151, an Act relative to additions, alterations and repairs on school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 100 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 21.	March 9.								
37. S. B. 157, an Act to establish a Department of Architecture in Boston, p. 125 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 6. S. (N.G.C.)							
38. S. B. 158, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 101 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 9.								
39. S. B. 159, an Act relative to the Boston Transit Commission, p. 101 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3.								
40. S. B. 175, an Act relative to the new Cambridge Bridge, p. 101 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.									
41. S. B. 190, an Act to provide for a State Highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, p. 126 .	Roads and Bridges. March 6.									
42. S. B. 193, an Act relative to the Erection and Alteration of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 126 .	Cities. Feb. 27.	March 6. Closed.	March 6. S. (B.)							
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43. H. B. 20, an Act relative to Malden Bridge, so called, in the City of Boston, p. 30 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Closed.								
44. H. B. 21, an Act to authorize the West End Street Railway Company to replace its tracks on Tremont and Boylston streets in the City of Boston, p. 126 .	Street Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 9, 13, 15, 24. Closed.								
45. H. B. 23, an Act to authorize the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of merchandise, p. 45 .	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.								
46. H. B. 25, an Act to authorize the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 45 .	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	Jan. 24. S. (B.)	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 30. H.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
47. H. B. 31, an Act to repeal Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 30 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	*								
48. H. B. 33, an Act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, p. 30 .	Public Service. Jan. 11.	Jan. 27. Closed.	Jan. 27. (L. W.)							
49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30 .	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.								
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31 .	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 10.							
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45 .	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 6. H. (L. W.)							
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45 .	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.								

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	*								
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.	March 21, 22.								
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 13, 24. Closed.								
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.									
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.								
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N.P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (B.)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S. Feb. 21.	Feb. 23. App.
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.								
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	Feb. 28. March 10.								
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 1. Closed.								
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.								
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (B.)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.				
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (B.)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16. App.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 1. Closed.								
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.								
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.									
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.	March 2. Closed.	March 7. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.	March 23.								
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N. G. C.)							
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (B.)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.			
75. H. B. 321, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.									
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs.									
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	March 21, 22.								

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78. H. B. 332, an Act relative to the leasing of buildings and the granting of concessions by the Park Commissioners of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N.P.)							
79. H. B. 333, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
80. H. B. 350, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
81. H. B. 353, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.									
82. H. B. 377, an Act relative to certain departments of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (N.G.C.)							
83. H. B. 383, an Act relative to the election of the Mayor of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 1. S. (N.G.C.)							
84. H. B. 386, an Act to further regulate the inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13, 24. Closed.								
85. H. B. 387, an Act to change the method of electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	March 21, 22.								
86. H. B. 396, an Act relative to playgrounds in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 30.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
87. H. B. 407, an Act to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston to purchase certain lands on Chestnut Hill avenue, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 10. Closed.								
88. H. B. 463, an Act to authorize the proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate, p. 82.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (B.)							
89. H. B. 464, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to abate a portion of certain assessments for the construction of highways, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.									
90. H. B. 471, an Act relative to the construction of a tunnel from a point on or near Hanover street to a point at or near Maverick square in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3.								
91. H. B. 476, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles Bulle, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 7. Closed.								
92. H. B. 494, an Act relative to the laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Jan. 31.									
93. H. B. 517, an Act relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.									
94. H. B. 528, an Act relative to the tabulation of statistics of parent nativity in Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3.	March 3. H. (B.)							
95. H. B. 529, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 relative to the municipal debt of and rate of taxation in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
96. H. B. 531, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Mary A. Davis, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.								
97. H. B. 532, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward Melia, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.								
98. H. B. 533, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.									
99. H. B. 551, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 1, 8.								
100. H. B. 553, an Act to provide for the widening of Pine street in Boston, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (L.W.)							
101. H. B. 555, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John McGrath certain money, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 2.								
102. H. B. 562, an Act to require poles for wires in the City of Boston to be made of iron, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (N.P.)							
103. H. B. 570, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of James F. Ryan, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.								

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104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24.								
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.								
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8.								
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 8.								
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 9.								
109. H. B. 607, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.										
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2.								
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2.								
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15.								
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.								
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.								
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.								
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	*								
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 21, 22.								
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.								
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16.								
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10.								
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.								
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.								
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15.								
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 14.								
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.								
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15.								

* Postponed, awaiting decision of Supreme Court.

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN PROGRESS OF PASSAGE, BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1899. — Concluded.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Date of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Sent to Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 17.								
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N.G.C.)							
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston. p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2, 15.								
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.								
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6.								
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6.								
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church, of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Societies. Feb. 2.	March 2. H. (L.W.)								
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	*								
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17. March 7. Closed.								
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17.								
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 10.								
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 7. Closed.								
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17. March 7. Closed.								
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H. (L.W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. March 1, 8.								
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs.									
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education. Feb. 20.									
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Counties. Feb. 20.	March 14.								

* Postponed, a waiting decision of Supreme Court.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1899.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	158	12	170	75	75	20	95	23	18	170	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	50	—	50	30	20	—	11	6	28	49	1
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	136	33	169	74	93	2	71	56	38	168	1
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	9	3	12	8	4	—	6	3	2	12	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	5	—	5	5	—	—	3	3	—	5	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	8	2	10	2	8	—	3	1	—	10	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	31	23	54	19	33	2	18	10	4	54	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	1,794	216	2,010	162	1,805	43	1,003	759	152	1,869	141
Totals	2,191	289	2,480	375	2,038	67	1,210	861	242	2,337	143

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	—	—	3	—	14	—	35	4	31	—	34	1	17	—	13	3	6	3	2	1	2	—	1	—
No. 2.	1	—	11	—	14	—	10	—	7	—	4	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3.	—	—	12	1	22	6	23	5	24	2	14	7	18	5	12	4	6	1	3	1	1	1	1	—
No. 4.	—	—	1	—	—	—	5	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	1
No. 7.	—	—	1	—	2	1	7	11	7	5	4	3	4	1	3	—	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
No. 8.	7	4	34	3	62	4	260	32	333	54	286	36	257	34	177	21	150	11	95	8	65	5	68	4
Totals	8	4	62	4	114	11	340	52	407	63	344	47	300	41	207	28	168	17	101	11	70	6	70	5

NOTE. — "M," male, includes boys; "F," female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	29	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	9	Males	21
Missing persons reported	22	Females	1
Missing persons found	7	Americans	19
Lost children restored	39	Foreigners	3
Sick and injured persons assisted	272	Non-residents	20

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,270	19	<i>Brought forward</i>	2,464	22
British Provinces	203	—	Finland	5	—
Ireland	645	3	Denmark	—	—
England	80	—	Holland	3	—
France	4	—	Wales	1	—
Germany	19	—	East Indies	—	—
Italy	53	—	West Indies	2	—
Russia	35	—	Turkey	1	—
China	72	—	South America	—	—
Greece	5	—	Switzerland	1	—
Sweden	24	—	Belgium	1	—
Scotland	38	—	Africa	1	—
Spain	1	—	Hungary	1	—
Norway	8	—	Asia	—	—
Poland	4	—	Arabia	—	—
Austria	2	—	Mexico	—	—
Portugal	1	—	Cuba	—	—
Roumania	—	—			
<i>Carried forward</i>	2,464	22	Totals	2,480	22

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Trustees, in City Hall, on Monday, February 27, 1899, at 3 o'clock.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Fallon, Hersey and Atteaux.

The Board met informally and discussed the plans for the chapel at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

Boston, February 15, 1899.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on February 15, 1899, at 3.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Keany and Rueter.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$25,-472.82.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of new buildings, new laundry building, amounting to \$268.88, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof.

It was voted that there be paid to E. B. Townsend the sum of \$4,544.88, on account of cargo of coal delivered at the Boston City Hospital wharf, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to E. R. Squibb the sum of \$547.27, on account of sulphuric ether delivered at the Hospital, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$1,500 on account of his contract of August 16, 1898, for the extension of the boiler house, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, extension of boiler house, Hospital Department.

It was voted that the wages due Edith E. Emerson, a nurse, deceased, amounting to \$12.84, be paid to her brother, K. B. Emerson.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

First—Respecting receipts from paying patients. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

Second—A communication enclosing one from Dr. McCollom, respecting the resignation of Henry H. Seely as house officer at the south department. The matter was referred to the Medical Committee, which reported back in favor of the acceptance of the resignation, and it was voted that the resignation of Dr. Henry H. Seely, as house officer at the south department be accepted.

Notices of changes in Rules 211 and 214 were given by Mr. Sprague, as follows:

Rule 211. The Trustees shall, upon nomination made by the resident physician, with the advice of the Superintendent, appoint two house officers for the respective terms beginning on the first Mondays of January, May and September in each year. The terms of the house officer shall continue twelve months, and each house officer shall serve four months as junior, four months as senior, and four months as house physician, and they shall, as nearly as may be, be allotted service equally in the scarlet fever and in the diphtheria wards. They shall, as far as practicable, be men who have served as house officers in the Boston City Hospital, or in other hospitals. They shall reside at the south department of the Hospital.

Rule 214. The Trustees shall annually appoint, on nomination of the visiting staff, an advisory staff for the department, consisting of the pathologist, ex-officio, and three other members of the medical and surgical staff. The advisory staff shall consult with the resident physician in regard to the treatment of patients and the general medical administration of the department, and shall make such recommendations as they may deem necessary to the Superintendent, resident physician and the Trustees. They shall hold regular meetings as often as twice in each year, and they shall make annual reports through the visiting staff to the Trustees. The visiting pathologist shall be the pathologist of the department.

A communication was received from Dr. H. L. Burrell, secretary of the visiting staff, upon the action of the visiting staff on the report of the Committee on General Examination, which had been referred back to the staff. The matter was referred to the Medical Committee.

A communication was received from Dr. William G. Adams, requesting a duplicate diploma, the original having been lost in a fire which destroyed his office. The matter was referred to the Medical Committee, which reported in favor of the request, and it was voted that a duplicate diploma be issued to Dr. William G. Adams, as requested.

Dr. Rowe reported verbally upon the boiler-house alterations and extensions, his report being that contained in his letter to Mr. Burnham of February 14, 1899.

Mr. Shuman reported upon matters referred to committees of which he is a member, as follows:

Upon obtaining an approximate estimate on the rebuilding of wards K and L and outpatient department and relief station, substantially in accordance with former reports made upon these matters, as far as it was possible in the present state of affairs to report; and further time was requested and granted.

Upon the modification of Rules 211 and 214, in accordance with the notice of change hereinbefore referred to.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Library Department.

February 24, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room, at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, Lincoln, DeNormandie and the Librarian.

Communications received: From the Mayor, dated February 20 and February 21; the Librarian's report.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the Library building appropriation, amounting to \$3,740.36; chargeable to the Library building furnishing appropriation, \$1,628.65; and the President was authorized to sign special drafts in favor of Jenney & Fox for \$1,591.48, Lynch & Woodward for \$2,148.88, Public Building Department (Electrical Construction Division) for \$1,336.65, and the Mellich & Byfield Company for \$292.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$294.38; to trust funds, \$135.47; to Station "P," \$18.50; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$5.56; miscellaneous articles, \$257.13.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Friday, February 24.

Public hearings were given in the matters of laying out and constructing Mendum and Fairview streets, at West Roxbury.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Read street, at Dorchester, and for a sewer in Chestnut street.

It was voted to pay Charles D. Abramson \$150 for damages occasioned his estate by the taking of his land for an outlet for a sewer in Mascot street; and to pay A. G. Morse and others \$32,750 for all land taken from and damages occasioned their estate by the laying out of Columbia road—the Mayor having approved their several agreements to accept said sums.

A hearing was given in the matter of changes on Board of Survey plan 24, covering territory bounded by Beacon street, Audubon road, the Boston and Albany Railroad (Newton circuit) and the town of Brookline.

Monday, February 27.

The Board issued an order of notice of its intention to lay out Public alley No. 901, and ordered the construction of Edwin street.

Petitions were received for a sewer in a street connecting Seaver street with Hutchings street, and in Chickatawbut street; and for a catch-basin in Moore street.

Remonstrance was received against the widening of Rutherford avenue.

Tuesday, February 28.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Endicott street and in Stillman street.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Washington street and in Hancock street, and for a sewer in Gardner street.

Thursday, March 2.

Orders were received from the School Committee notifying the Street Commissioners of their action in regard to the Elm-street School-house site, and requesting the

Board to take land adjacent to the Warren Grammar School for a primary school in that district.

A petition was received for a sewer in Barry street.

An order was received from the Board of Aldermen requesting the Board to lay out and construct Selma street, at East Boston.

It was voted to pay K. F. Sullivan \$87 and Mary O'Brien \$37 for all land taken from and damages occasioned their estates by the widening of Ruth street—the Mayor having approved their several agreements to accept said sums.

Friday, March 3.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out Bray street, and an order was passed laying out said street.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out an extension of Blanche street.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Heath street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, February 20, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings, and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending February 18, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
2...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	
5...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
6...	1	4	-	1	1	1	9	1	5	30	
7...	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	44	
8...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	12	
9...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	
11...	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	4	14	
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	6	
13...	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	1	
14...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	
16...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	
17...	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	
18...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	
19...	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	2	10	
20...	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	4	4	19	
21...	2	2	1	-	-	1	2	1	-	10	
22...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	
23...	6	2	-	-	-	1	2	3	2	7	
24...	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	5	12	
25...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
T'ls..	11	17	6	2	5	11	26	14	42	203	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, March 6, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending March 4, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	119
Number of discharges of mortgages	24
Number of assignments of mortgages	9
Number of assignments of wages	44
Number of married women's certificates	6
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2

The following accident notices have been filed:

March 1.—Dominico Vetalaro, by Pasquale Papasdarro, death caused by defective tools and explosion of dynamite.

March 2.—Mary M. Kennedy, personal injuries caused by defective condition of coal-hole in sidewalk at 468-470 Tremont street.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, March 6, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending March 4, as follows:

An order has been drawn on the Boston Belting Company for 1,000 feet of three-quarter-inch chemical hose at twenty-three and one-half cents per foot.

The following transfers have been made:

M. J. Flavin, Combination Company 3 to Engine Company 7; M. F. Conley, Engine Company 7 to Combination Company 3; F. H. Gould, Ladder Company 7 to Engine Company 20; James Meehan, Ladder Company 7 to Engine Company 19; T. J. Cavanagh, Engine Company 19 to Ladder Company 7; P. J. Mahan, Engine Company 4 to Engine Company 32; T. J. Keenan, Engine Company 15 to Ladder Company 8; K. T. Harvey, Engine Company 13 to Engine Company 15; Michael Boyle, Engine Company 3 to Ladder Company 12; R. J. McLaughlin, Ladder Company 12 to Engine Company 4; J. F. Mulhern, Fire Alarm Branch to Engine Company 13; E. G. Allen, Engine Company 3 to Engine Company 20; Francis Dolan, Engine Company 20 to Engine Company 3; J. F. Mulhern, Engine Company 13 to Engine Company 19, and James Meehan, Engine Company 19 to Engine Company 13.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, March 4, 1899.

The following petitions have been filed at this office for the occupancy of stables:

Charles Logue, Barry street, Ward 20, two horses, hearing March 9, at 11 o'clock; Trustees of E. D. Jordan, Westbourne terrace, corner Corey street, Ward 25, eight additional horses, forty-eight in all, hearing March 9, at 11 o'clock; A. Vollenweider, 338 Beech street, near corner Linden street, Ward 23, hearing March 16, at 11 o'clock.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending March 3:

Steers	113
New England cows	16
New England bulls	9
Western cows	122
Sheep	325
Calves	455
Hogs	3

Total 1,043

At a meeting of the Board of Health, held February 28, the following regulation was passed:

Whereas, It is a practice in this city to collect rags, old paper, and other refuse material, from dumping-grounds, streets and other places, and to store, sort and otherwise handle the same within dwellings; and

Whereas, In the opinion of this Board, such rags, old paper and other refuse material are a source of filth, and capable of conveying infectious diseases from person to person, and of otherwise creating sickness, therefore

Ordered, That on and after March 1, 1899, no rags, old paper, or other refuse

material, gathered or recovered from any source, shall be brought into or allowed to remain within any building used as a dwelling.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending March 4, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	19	40	59
Negative	65	95	160
No growth	1	5	6
Totals	85	140	225

On March 2 Dr. Charles G. Dewey was appointed medical inspector of schools, in place of Dr. Twitchell, resigned.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending March 4, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	17.9
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	19.0
Number of deaths:	
Males	106
Females	81
Total	187
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	194
Decrease	7

Of the 187 decedents, 180 were white and 7 colored; 122 were born in the United States, 63 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 2 was unknown; 40 were of American parentage, 128 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 19 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	52	2
Scarlatina	26	3
Typhoid fever	5	1
Measles	184	—
Totals	267	6

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	21
Pneumonia	42
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	17
Bronchitis	6
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	9
Total from principal causes	99
Total from infectious diseases	6
Total from other causes	82
Total from all causes	187
Deaths of children under 1 year	32
Deaths of children under 5 years	52
Deaths of persons over 60 years	37
Deaths in public institutions	46

A bill has been introduced in the Missouri House of Delegates granting a franchise for fifty years to the St. Louis Light, Heat and Power Company. The bill provides that the company shall pay from 1 to 2 per cent. of its gross receipts to the city.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 6, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on easterly corner of Huntington avenue and Heath street, Ward 19, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Huntington avenue and Heath street. Dimensions: Twenty-five feet high, seven feet wide on each street, and three feet over line of street.

DAVID RUBINOVZ,

119 Beacon street, Chelsea.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 6, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twentieth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Boston, March 9, 1899.

The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital will receive sealed proposals for supplying the Hospital Department with a cargo of 1,000 tons—2,240 pounds to the ton, more or less—of white ash, egg size, or white ash pea coal, to be delivered alongside of the coal-pocket at the City Hospital wharf, Roxbury canal.

Bidders must specify the kind or kinds of coal they propose to furnish, and the names of the mines from which the coal is taken. Delivery must be made two weeks after award of contract. The relative value of the different kinds of coal offered, will be considered in connection with the price. Proposals to be addressed to "The Boston City Hospital, Proposals for Coal," and left at the Superintendent's office at the Hospital, not later than Monday, March 13, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The right is reserved by the Trustees to reject any and all bids.

Per order of the Trustees,

G. H. M. ROWE, Superintendent.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, March 6, 1899.

The Boston & Albany Railroad Company respectfully asks for leave to lay, operate and maintain two temporary railroad tracks across South street, Ward 7, as shown by red lines on the plan accompanying this petition until September 1, 1899.

The Boston and Albany Railroad Company,

By WALTER SHEPARD, Chief Engineer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 6, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Globe, Evening Record and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 3, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Blanche street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Green Hill street to Preston street, over and upon a private way now known as Harrison street, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventeenth day of March, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, March 6, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing iron castings, such as man-hole and catch-basin frames and covers, lamp-hole frames and covers, catch-basin grates, tide-gate frames, iron inlets, traps, regulator castings and such other castings as may be required, between March 15, 1899, and February 1, 1900, according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond of \$3,000, satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, March 14, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

DEPARTMENT OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE BRIDGES.

March 9, 1899.

Sealed proposals, indorsed "Proposals for Sheathing Roadway of Harvard Bridge," will be received at the office of the City Engineer, 50 City Hall, Boston, until 12 o'clock M., of Wednesday, March 15, 1899, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read.

Each bid is to be accompanied by a certified check for three hundred dollars payable to the Commissioners on Boston and Cambridge Bridges, said check to be returned to the bidder unless he fails to execute the contract should it be awarded to him.

Specifications may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, 50 City Hall, Boston.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids, should they deem it to be for the interest of the cities of Boston and Cambridge so to do.

BENJ. W. WELLS,

WILLIAM J. MARVIN,

Commissioners for Boston and Cambridge Bridges.

CITY OF BOSTON.

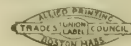
WATER DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Water Commissioner of the City of Boston will receive proposals at his office, City Hall, Boston, Mass., until 12 o'clock M., of Tuesday, March 14, 1899, at which time they will be publicly opened and read, for transporting to or from the pipe-yard of the Water Department on Albany street, and such points within the limits of the City of Boston or Town of Brookline as may be required by the Superintendent of the Distribution Division, such pipes, special castings, hydrants, gates, wood, blocking, tools or other material as may be required during the year ending March 15, 1900. Specifications may be seen and information in regard to the work may be obtained at the office of the Water Commissioner, Room 58, City Hall, Boston.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$200, payable to the City of Boston; said check to be returned to the bidder unless he fails to execute the contract, should it be awarded to him. The amount and character of the securities for the fulfillment of the contract will be determined by the Water Commissioner after the proposals are opened. The Water Commissioner reserves the right to reject any or all bids should he deem it to be for the interest of the City of Boston so to do.

JOHN R. MURPHY, Water Commissioner.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

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Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting on Monday, March 13, 1899, voted to confirm the following appointments of His Honor the Mayor:

Henry H. Sprague, to be a Trustee of the Boston City Hospital for the term of five years, beginning May 1, 1899.

Frank B. Cotton, to be a Constable for the term ending April 30, 1899.

William H. Kenney, to be a Constable for the term ending April 30, 1899, in place of Jeremiah S. Sullivan, resigned.

Martin Gilbert, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1899.

CARRIAGE-HIRE BILLS.

In the case before the Supreme Court, Causten Browne et al. vs. Alfred T. Turner, Treasurer of the City of Boston, and the City of Boston, regarding the payment of bills contracted by Aldermen on account of carriage hire for 1898, Judge Morton on March 10, issued an injunction restraining payment. The opinion is as follows:

It does not seem to me that the method which has been pursued in regard to contracting and paying bills for carriage hire meets the requirements of the statute. I do not think that a blanket vote, passed at the beginning of the year by the Committee on Public Improvements, that they visit the different sections of the city in regard to the street and various other improvements named therein and authorizing the use of the necessary carriages, is the special authorization which the statute contemplates. I do not think that anything in the nature of the authorization contemplated by the statute has taken place. Neither do I think that the certificate required of each member issuing a bill has been furnished under the mode of transacting the business that has followed. I agree that substance rather than form is to be looked at, and I do not lose sight of the fact that we are dealing with the business of a great city. But it seems to me that the statute surrounds the contracting of bills for carriage hire or car fare by the Aldermen, and the paying of them with stringent provisions, and that in the methods, which it is admitted have been pursued, those provisions have not been followed.

The conclusion to which I have come, on this branch of the case, makes it unnecessary to consider the other.

Injunction to issue.

CITY RETIREMENT FUNDS.

The following statement of facts, compiled by the Secretary of the Statistics Department, has been presented to the Committee on Cities of the Massachusetts Legislature in connection with the hearing on House Bill No. 421, introduced by Mr. J. F. McCarthy, of Boston, being an "Act to Authorize Cities to Establish Death Benefit and Retirement Funds for Their Employees." (See THE CITY RECORD, page 153.)

According to information received from the authorities of nearly thirty European cities, it would appear that superannuation allowances to aged or incapacitated munici-

pal civil servants, and pensions or gratuities for the benefit of the widows and children of such servants, are provided to a greater or less extent by several of the larger cities of Great Britain, and by most of the cities on the continent. But usage is not uniform either in Great Britain or on the continent, either as to (1) the classes of officials and employees entitled to pensions and gratuities, or (2) the sources of the funds from which such gratuities and pensions are paid.

In English, Scotch and Irish cities, the provision of pensions for members of the police force is general, being required by the Police Acts for England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland respectively. The pensions of the police are paid out of funds derived from contributions made by both the state and the city, and combined with rateable deductions made from the pay of prospective pensioners. Similar funds are not uncommonly, though less generally, provided for the benefit of firemen and their surviving families.

The number of British schemes for the superannuation of teachers and various other classes of municipal employees, and even workmen on reduced pay, has increased within the last ten years and is still increasing. In most British superannuation and pension schemes, prospective beneficiaries are required to contribute from 2 to 3 per cent. of their annual pay for a term of years, to which contributions the municipality generally adds an equal amount and guarantees from 2½ to 4 per cent. interest on the combined sum.

On the continent, consolidated schemes providing for the retirement on reduced pay of aged or incapacitated officials and employees of every description, and for pensioning their widows and orphans, are fairly common. In some cases, the entire cost of carrying the scheme into effect is borne by the city treasury. In other cases, the city bears the whole cost of pensions to officials on the retired list, while the maintenance of the fund for widows and orphans is met by contributions from the city treasury and obligatory contributions (proportionate to their annual salaries) made by officials, etc., during the term of their active service.

In continental cities, pensions appear very generally to be considered as deferred pay. At the same time, the regulation of the number of posts, the initial salary, and the term of service requisite for securing an increase of pay,—is more completely systematized and ordained than in Great Britain.

The cities of Dublin, Glasgow and Edinburgh all have police superannuation schemes. None of them has a general superannuation scheme, although each of them grants retirement allowances and gratuities to various classes of civil servants and workmen as need arises. The City of London, the London County Council and the Corporation of Birmingham, on the other hand, have all adopted comprehensive schemes.

Following are brief descriptions of some of the most typical municipal civil-service pension schemes in force in Great Britain and on the continent of Europe in 1898; and also a table showing the number of special acts passed by the Massachusetts Legislature in the period of 1888–98, authorizing the City of Boston to pay gratuities to the families of deceased employees, and the sum paid in accordance with such acts.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, Belgium, has a retiring fund scheme (dating from 1839, last amended in 1891), to which all functionaries and employees, including school teachers and police, are obliged to contribute:

(1.) A deduction of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of salary, if less than 3,000 francs.

(2.) A deduction of 5 per cent. of salary, if it equals 3,000 francs.

Five per cent. deduction in either case for first year of service.

(3.) A deduction of first two months' pay when salary is increased. The fund originally received a donation from the city of 55,640 francs. Deficiency is made good by the city.

Superannuation allowance equals one-half of salary:

(1.) In sedentary service, after thirty years contributing to fund.

(2.) In active service, after twenty-five years contributing to fund.

(3.) For those who are incapacitated in service, the allowance is (1) one-sixth or (2) one-fifth of pay after ten years contribution to those who are incapacitated, or where posts are abolished.

An increase of (1) one-sixtieth or (2) one-fiftieth per year is allowed for years in excess of (1) thirty and (2) twenty-five, up to four-fifths of total salaries.

Widow's pension equals (a) two-thirds of husband's allowance if there be more than one child, or if married life equals eight years; (b) one-half of husband's allowance if there be but one child, or married life equals but three years.

One or two surviving children of a pensioned widower are entitled to one-half of pension; three or more to two-thirds of that the father was entitled to. (Fractions of francs and of years are counted as wholes.) Childhood ceases at eighteen years.

BIRMINGHAM.

Birmingham, England, with a population of 501,241 in June, 1896, has four schemes of superannuation, viz.:

(1.) Police Superannuation Fund. (Police Act, 1890.)—It is compulsory on members of the force to contribute $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of pay annually. Stoppages and fines of police, also a considerable number of different kinds of fines and fees are devoted to the fund; also Exchequer contribution, equal to contributions from the force.

Superannuation allowance may be claimed by one who has served twenty-five years, or who is incapacitated after fifteen years. Pension may be granted to his widow should pensioner die within twelve months after grant of pension.

If incapacitated by injury received on duty, a constable is entitled to a life pension.

Scale of pensions: (a.) If service is fifteen years, but less than twenty-one years, annual allowance is one-fiftieth of pay for every completed year of service.

(b.) If service amounts to twenty-one years, but less than twenty-five years, allowance is twenty-fiftieths with two-fiftieths additional for every additional full year.

(c.) If service amounts to twenty-five years or more, thirty-one-fiftieths of pay, with three-fiftieths additional for every year above twenty-five years of service, provided total allowance shall not exceed two-thirds of pay.

Special allowances are paid in special cases where injury is incurred of more or less severity.

Gratuities to officers or survivors of officers not entitled to a pension, may be granted, not to exceed one month's pay for every completed year of service.

If a police officer, not dismissed, leaves the force, he may receive a part or all of his contributions to the fund.

If a constable lose his life by injury incurred while on duty his widow shall receive £15 annually, and each child £2 10s. annually up to fifteen years of age.

(2.) Fire Brigade Superannuation Fund. (Acts 1883, and 1896.)—Contributions of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of pay are compulsory on members of brigade. Sums equal to 15 per cent. of pay of brigade are added. Interest is to equal 3 per cent.

Corporation makes up deficiency in fifteen per cent. or in interest, if need be.

Pensions are tenable by contributing members after thirty years of service, or on attaining fifty-five years of age; or after fifteen years, if incapacitated by accident, injury or infirmity,—as set out in the Police Act in the minimum scale, i. e., one-sixtieth of pay for every year of service under twenty-one and above fifteen years; (twenty-one to twenty-five years, twenty-sixtieths and not twenty-fiftieths, etc.)

Contributing members who leave the service voluntarily, or the legal representatives of such as die before superannuation allowance is tenable, may receive the sums contributed without interest.

(3.) Gas Committee's scheme for its employees. (Approved by Council, 1891.)

Compulsory contributions equal $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 per cent. of salary. Committee adds an equal amount and allows 4 per cent. interest on the combined sum. Officers may contribute $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. additional, which will not be

covered by an equal amount by the Gas Committee, but will draw interest.

Members are entitled to superannuation at sixty years of age after service of twenty years.

Officers who leave voluntarily receive one-half of their contributions without interest. Officers who leave because of reduction of staff or ill-health, receive all of their contributions without interest.

If a member die before he is superannuated, his legal representatives receive the whole of his contributions without interest.

(4.) Birmingham Superannuation scheme, 1897, confirmed by Local Government Board's Provisional Order No. 16. Passed Parliament and received Royal assent August 6, 1897. Took effect April 1, 1898.

The scheme applies to all officers and servants entering service of Corporation after December 7, 1897, who are twenty-one years of age, not a member of the Police Force or Fire Brigade, or in the employ of the Gas Committee or the Birmingham Lunatic Asylum.

It is a compulsory scheme, requiring 3 per cent. contributions of salary or wages,—provided, that contributions on the part of persons having a salary, etc., in excess of £500 shall cease after thirty annual payments, and in other cases after forty annual payments. The corporation manages the fund and pays allowances (and pensions under Part II.) but does not contribute any stated amount or guarantee a specified interest.

Part I. provides for the superannuation, after twenty years' service, of any officer or servant who becomes incapacitated or reaches the age of sixty-five years, or completes an aggregate service of forty years.

Scale of superannuation allowance—for twenty years, but less than twenty-one years, annual allowance of twenty-sixtieths of average pay for five years preceding, with an additional allowance of one-sixtieth for every additional year of completed service up to thirty years, when a maximum allowance of thirty-sixtieths for persons drawing a salary of over £500, and up to forty years where salary is below £500, when a maximum allowance of forty-sixtieths shall be granted.

For special reasons, e. g., fitness, fidelity, the Corporation may add as many as ten years to period of service.

A contributor who has not become entitled to superannuation, but leaves the service because of reduction of staff, bodily injury, or any other cause except misconduct, shall be entitled to receive a sum equal to all his contributions; or his legal representatives shall be so entitled if such a contributor die before becoming entitled to a superannuation allowance.

Gratuities to contributors or their widows or orphans are not provided for.

Part II. provides for the payment of pensions to workmen and servants of the Corporation who, after twenty years' continuous service, being not less than fifty-five years old, are incapacitated, according to the following scale, viz.:

	Per week. s. d.
After 20 years' service	7 0
After 30 years' service	8 6
After 40 years' service	10 0

Adopted December 7, 1897.

A. In 1897–98 the police force numbered 700; 144 constables were in receipt of a

pension; one widow was in receipt of a pension; two constables received gratuities; three widows received gratuities.

B. In 1897-98 the Fire Brigade numbered sixty.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool Superannuation Act, 1893; (previous Act, 1882, Liverpool Improvement Act), applies equally to officers receiving salary or servants receiving weekly wages.

Contributions of officials, 3 per cent. of salary or wages, which the corporation shall invest and add interest accrued to the fund. Accounts shall be kept crediting each contributor with his contributions, and interest realized. (No contribution from Council; no minimum rate of interest guaranteed.)

Superannuation — (1.) Twenty-five years' service. Minimum age of retirement, sixty; allowance, twenty-five-fiftieths (one-half) of his salary; for each additional year of service, one-twenty-fifth additional.

Council may grant higher allowance up to two-thirds.

(2.) After fifteen years' service, an official is entitled at the age of sixty, or earlier if incapacitated, to fifteen-fiftieths of his salary, with an additional one-fiftieth for each year over fifteen years of service. If he serves twenty-five years, his allowance is the same as under No. 1.

Council may grant higher allowance up to two-thirds.

Members retiring at the request of the corporation or retiring voluntarily after ten years' service, are entitled to their own contributions and interest.

When superannuated members die before they have received 75 per cent. of their own contributions, with accrued interest, the Council shall pay the difference to their representatives.

Under clause 53 an officer is entitled to full scale if he retires with the consent of the Council after twenty-five years' service.

Under clause 54 an officer may contribute, but shall not be entitled to superannuation on the scale allowed since the passing of the 1882 Act, unless he has contributed at least ten years to the fund.

Clause 57 provides that any officer appointed after the passing of the 1882 Act, and who has not yet contributed, may contribute, and be entitled to the full benefits of the act; but his contributions for the first ten years shall be at the rate of 5 per cent.

The scheme contemplates a charge on the Corporation funds, to be met from time to time as deficiencies arise.

MANCHESTER.

Thrift Fund (not a superannuation fund), Manchester Corporation Act, 1891, approved August 3, 1892.

Five per cent. on salaries, of which $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. is paid by officials and $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. by the Corporation, is accumulated at 4 per cent. compound interest (half-yearly); the Corporation paying this rate of interest, or making good the deficiency between 4 per cent. and the actual rate obtained from trustees' investments.

At death, or at sixty-five, or at an earlier age, if incapacity is proved to the satisfaction

the Corporation, a contributor or his representative is entitled to receive the whole of his and of the Corporation's contributions, with accumulated interest thereon.

Members retiring bona fide before sixty-five years of age, or leaving on reduction of staff, receive back their own contributions, with accumulated interest; if dismissed for dishonesty, they lose part or all at discretion of the Corporation.

In cases of long illness, an advance may be made up to one-quarter of a member's own contributions and interest; no second advance to be made unless first has been repaid with compound interest.

Expenses of management are borne by the Corporation.

On dismissal of a member, he forfeits his claim on contribution.

Profits on resignations may be applied to payment of expenses.

Members cannot alienate their interest in the fund. If they deprive themselves of personal enjoyment or benefit, the Corporation may devote that interest to the benefit of persons dependent on such members for support.

There is a Consultative Committee of five, elected by members of fund, appointed annually to advise with Finance Committee as to the management of the fund, etc.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The London County Council scheme went into operation April 1, 1895:

All persons employed by the Council shall contribute, unless entitled under other acts to superannuation allowances or pensions, or unless they prove annually that they make provision which will give them no less benefits than they would receive under this scheme.

Contribution.—Three pence for every complete 10s., or 3d. for every additional fraction of 10s.

Council contribute amount equal to the aggregate amount of the contributions of members, and interest at 3 per cent., paid quarterly.

Council also pay management expenses, and make good deficiencies.

Allowances. — Members retiring (at any age) on superannuation, or from incapacity, are entitled to their own contributions, to that of the Corporation and the accumulated interest.

Representatives of persons dying are entitled to the same payment.

Members leaving on reduction of staff, or of their own accord, before superannuation, are entitled to their own contributions, and interest accumulated thereon.

Council, at the request of members retiring, may purchase annuities with the amount to which they are entitled from the fund.

Members dismissed forfeit; no member can alienate; members have no claim on profits from the fund.

HAMBURG.

Hamburg, with a population in 1895 of 619,217, provides for the retirement of its permanent officials who, having completed thirty-five years of age and at least ten years of service, are permanently incapacitated; also, if incapacity arises from illness or injury incurred directly in line of duty, the right of retirement arises before the age of

thirty-five years is reached or ten years' service have been absolved by an official.

After ten years' service, the pension equals forty one-hundredths of pay, and is increased by an additional 2 per cent. yearly for officials drawing 2,000 marks, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. yearly for officials drawing more than 2,000 marks, until the amount of the pension equals one hundred one-hundredths of pay.

Pay on which the pension is reckoned includes certain allowances, e. g., residence, fuel, etc., (an unusual provision).

The retirement scheme dates from 1884, and is purely a city treasury scheme, towards which no contributions are made by prospective pensioners.

In 1896, 630 pensioned officials drew 1,029,01 marks in pensions.

A pension fund for widows and orphans of officials was originally established in 1833. Every widow of an official, without regard to the length of his service, has a claim on a life pension of 20 per cent. of the pay of her husband; and each child (if mother lives) until eighteen years of age, has a claim to 4 per cent. of the father's pay; if the widow is dead the child's claim equals 8 per cent. of the official's income.

The fund is supported by:—

(1.) Entrance payments, obligatory on the part of every official, whether he is married or not, equal to one-twelfth of his salary.

(2.) One-twelfth of every increase of annual salary.

(3.) Regular payments equal to 3 per cent. of the salary of every contributing official. Since 1890, this 3 per cent. has been paid by the city. Formerly, the officials paid it; now they do not have to make annual payments.

The sum of contributions and interest is also payable to the heirs of members who die before they are entitled to superannuation.

Members entitled to superannuation may receive a capital sum representing their contributions, plus interest, instead of an allowance.

(4.) Payments on account of husband's excess of age in respect to the wife. If the man is fifteen to twenty years older than his wife, he makes a single extraordinary payment equal to twice the amount of yearly payment, i. e., 4 or 6 per cent.; if difference is twenty to twenty-five years, four times the amount; if difference is twenty-five to thirty years, ten times the amount; if difference is over thirty years, twenty times the amount.

The Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund amounted to 14,455,813.42 marks at the end of 1897.

Participating members, with rateable official incomes, i. e., salaries, of 20,748,203.60 marks, numbered 8,708 persons at the close of 1897.

Special contributors, i. e., retired or withdrawn officials, numbered 781 with a rateable capital of 1,804,600 marks in addition, thus making the total:

Members.	Salaries.
8,708	M 20,748,203 60
781	1,804,600 00
9,489	M 22,552,803 60

Condition of Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund at the end of 1897:

INCOME.

1. Interest on capital	M 513,309 13
2. Contributions of city (2 per cent. and 3 per cent.) and entrance funds, etc. . . .	617,997 66
3. Extraordinary payments on promotion	82,177 78
4. Extraordinary payments on account of differences of age at marriage	3,965 00
	M 1,217,449 57

EXPENDITURES.

1. Pensions to 1,133 widows	M 538,678 20
2. Pensions to 100 full orphans	22,500 00
3. Pensions to 44 half orphans	62,140 00
4. Cost of administration	17,819 80
	M 641,138 00
Surplus carried to capital account	576,311 57
	M 1,217,449 57

Since 1833, 12,673,258.70 marks have been paid in pensions.

AMSTERDAM.

In Holland, population January 1, 1898, 503,319.

The pension scheme provides pensions for all municipal officials and employees, including workmen and teachers, on retirement; and, in case of death, for their widows and orphans. (Pensions to retired teachers are paid by the state, but pensions to their widows and orphans are paid by the city.) The city fund is derived from contributions by the city, and from obligatory 6 per cent. deductions from salaries and wages of employees, etc.

January 1, 1898, there were 6,000 persons in the civil service eligible to pensions on retirement, or if incapacitated in the line of duty.

On the same date, 545 persons had pensions; also 200 widows and orphans.

The city's annual contribution toward pensions for relatives of deceased members of the service equals 9,500 florins (\$4,750). The total amount distributed to all classes of pensioners in 1897 was 277,756 florins (\$138,878).

BREMEN.

Population in 1895, 141,937.

Bremen has a consolidated scheme for the retirement on account of age or incapacity of practically all classes of civil servants, and for the aid of their widows and orphans. The cost of pensions and gratuities is borne wholly by the city, no contributions being exacted from prospective beneficiaries.

In 1898, there were 1,821 officials, etc., drawing salaries to the amount of 4,482,057 M, or \$1,120,514; and the total amount paid by the city in pensions and gratuities amounted to 401,649 M or \$100,412, of which 140,000 M or \$35,000 were paid to widows and orphans.

DRESDEN.

Population in 1895, 335,070.

Dresden has a consolidated scheme whose cost is borne entirely by the city treasury. (Teachers are provided for by the state.)

Officials eligible to pensions in 1896 numbered 1,377, with salaries amounting to 2,593,675 M or \$648,419. The amount paid out in pensions, etc., in 1896 was 249,891 M or \$62,478.

In 1896, there were eighteen officials placed on the retired list at an annual charge of 34,096 M, and sixteen widows and seventeen orphans were granted pensions amounting to 6,912 M annually.

For table showing Acts of the Legislature authorizing the City of Boston to pay gratuities to families of deceased employees, see page 189.

THE SPARROW NUISANCE.

His Honor Mayor Quincy makes the following statement, for the information of numerous correspondents, who have written him on the subject, in relation to his position in regard to the reduction in the number of English sparrows in Boston:

When this matter was first called to my attention, several months ago, I stated that I would take no action unless a petition were presented to me, signed by such a large number of representative citizens as to prove the existence of a strong and general demand for the inauguration of a movement against the English sparrow, accompanied by sufficient evidence that the best authorities upon ornithology regarded the bird as a nuisance which should be mitigated, if not abated.

When the committee, two of whose members were ladies, presented me with the petition, I found that it contained a large number of the best known names in Boston, including many representative clergymen and physicians, and that it was accompanied by ample evidence from scientific authorities as to the undesirable character and habits of the sparrow. I do not profess to have any personal opinion on the matter, and I have no time to enter into ornithological arguments with my correspondents.

In order to remove some misapprehensions, based upon a misunderstanding of what has thus far been ordered, I desire to state that no order to use poison against the sparrow has been given, and, therefore, there is no ground for the fear that domestic animals are in any danger from eating poisoned sparrows. All that has been done thus far has been to arrange for the destruction of nests in certain public grounds, if this is found possible, and even the question of using traps has not yet been acted upon. I do not wish it understood, either by the friends or enemies of this bird, that I have taken any contract to banish it from the city limits, or even to materially reduce its numbers, for the additional information which has come to me since this matter was brought up indicates that the warfare between the City of Boston and the English sparrow will be a very unequal one, with the disadvantages all on the side of the municipal authorities. The first estimate of the employee of the Public Grounds Department, who has been put in charge of the destruction of nests upon the Common and neighboring public grounds, is that the services of at least five men will be required continuously to prevent the building of nests and the hatching out of the young, as the

sparrow exhibits an exemplary industry, whatever its other faults may be, and will for some time keep on building a new nest as fast as the old one is destroyed. There is a limit to the number of men whom the Public Grounds Department can draw off from their regular work to conduct a warfare against the multiplication of sparrows. I am, therefore, anxious that it should be understood that, while I am willing to have the experiment of destroying the nests tried, as requested by the committee, I do not guarantee results.

No general order has been or will be given for the indiscriminate slaughter of these birds; and in view of the objections which seem to be entertained by many people to the trapping and poisoning of sparrows, I desire to give notice that, before these methods are resorted to, a hearing will be given, at which the friends of the sparrow will be given a chance to present their views. In the meantime, the municipal warfare on the sparrow will be confined to the destruction of nests.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending March 11, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	22.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	21.9
Number of deaths:	
Males	113
Females	122
Total	235
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	223
Increase	12

Of the 235 decedents, 233 were white and 2 colored; 156 were born in the United States, 76 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 57 were of American parentage, 154 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 24 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	38	6
Scarlatina	20	1
Typhoid fever	2	1
Measles	214	2
Totals	274	10

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	32
Pneumonia	44
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	20
Bronchitis	5
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	9
Total from principal causes	118
Total from infectious diseases	10
Total from other causes	107
Total from all causes	235
Deaths of children under 1 year	41
Deaths of children under 5 years	72
Deaths of persons over 60 years	50
Deaths in public institutions	57

TABLE SHOWING GRATUITIES AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO BE MADE BY THE CITY OF BOSTON TO FAMILIES OF DECEASED EMPLOYEES, 1888-98.

Date of expiration of grant.	Authority.	Beneficiary.	Department.	Date of death.	Unexpired term of employment.	Amount paid.
April 30, 1888.....	Chap. 78, Acts 1888..	Widow of Benjamin Cushing.....	Assessing.....	Jan. 5, 1888.....	114 days..	\$1,022 22
Dec. 31, 1889.....	Chap. 39, Acts 1890..	Widow of J. E. Munroe.....	Superior Court.....	July 6, 1889.....	158 days..	821 00
April 30, 1889.....	Chap. 329, Acts 1889..	Widow of G. F. Goold.....	Police.....	March 24, 1889....	37 days..	200 00
April 30, 1891.....	Chap. 50, Acts 1891..	Widow of R. F. Tobin.....	Fire (Commissioner).....	Nov. 22, 1890.....	158 days..	1,534 34
— — — — —	Chap. 53, Acts 1891..	Widow of J. T. Kilty.....	Street (Bridge Division)...	(Gratuity).....	(Gratuity).	1,000 00
May 1, 1892.....	Chap. 52, Acts 1892..	Widow of N. A. Apollonio	Registry (Registrar).....	Oct. 30, 1891.....	182 days..	1,278 39
Dec. 31, 1892.....	Chap. 265, Acts 1892..	Widow of M. F. Kilduff.....	(Clerk).....	April 25, 1892.....	249 days..	816 66
Dec. 31, 1892.....	Chap. 42, Acts 1893..	Widow of George B. Munroe.....	Superior Court.....	Oct. 15, 1892.....	76 days..	354 17
Dec. 31, 1892.....	Chap. 44, Acts 1893..	Widow of J. F. Baxter.....	Superior Court.....	June 23, 1892....	191 days..	883 06
Dec. 31, 1893.....	Chap. 162, Acts 1893..	Sisters of John I. McAvoy.....	Probation Officer.....	Jan. 6, 1893.....	359 days..	1,770 00
Dec. 31, 1893.....	Chap. 110, Acts 1894..	Father of George B. Callan.....	Superior Court.....	Aug. 15, 1893.....	138 days..	637 50
Dec. 31, 1893....	Chap. 112, Acts 1894..	Widow of D. B. Hammond.....	Probation Officer.....	Oct. 14, 1893.....	78 days..	380 00
Jan. 31, 1895.....	Chap. 248, Acts 1895..	Widow of T. W. Willard.....	City Clerk's.....	July 7, 1894.....	176 days..	1,116 50
May 1, 1895.....	Chap. 249, Acts 1895..	Widow of J. C. Short.....	(Clerk).....	July 24, 1894.....	279 days..	1,074 09
— — 1896.....	Chap. 206, Acts 1896..	Widow of Duncan McArthur.....	Assessing.....	— — — — —	13 days..	65 00
Dec. 31, 1896.....	Chap. 157, Acts 1897..	Widow of Charles L. Bancroft...	Water.....	Feb. 22, 1896.....	312 days..	821 33
Dec. 31, 1897.....	Chap. 158, Acts 1897..	Widow of Chris. A. Connor.....	Collecting.....	Jan. 18, 1897.....	346 days..	2,280 00
Dec. 31, 1896.....	Chap. 203, Acts 1897..	Widow of John Leahy.....	Superior Court.....	July 15, 1896.....	168 days..	779 17
Dec. 31, 1897.....	Chap. 429, Acts 1897..	Widow of H. P. Goode.....	Health.....	March 24, 1897....	281 days..	1,085 10
Dec. 31, 1897.....	Chap. 455, Acts 1897..	Widow of R. D. Peters.....	Collecting.....	April 14, 1897....	260 days..	1,280 00
Dec. 31, 1897.....	Chap. 494, Acts 1897..	Widow of M. F. O'Neill.....	Street.....	May 7, 1897.....	237 days..	1,178 61
Sept. 1, 1897.....	Chap. 514, Acts 1897..	Widow of J. T. Paget.....	School.....	May 10, 1897.....	234 days..	611 12
Dec. 31, 1897.....	Chap. 87, Acts 1898..	Children of John Kelly.....	Building.....	Sept. 19, 1897....	103 days..	561 11
Jan. 31, 1898.....	Chap. 88, Acts 1898..	Children of Charles A. Lambert..	Street.....	Nov. 3, 1897.....	89 days..	243 00
Jan. 31, 1898.....	Chap. 99, Acts 1898..	Father of James W. McCabe.....	Health.....	Aug. 3, 1897.....	181 days..	347 26
Jan. 31, 1898.....	Chap. 105, Acts 1898..	Sister of Denis H. Morrissey.....	Assessing.....	Aug. 19, 1897.....	165 days..	1,117 06
Dec. 31, 1897.....	Chap. 110, Acts 1898..	Family of Edward C. Cadigan....	Common Council.....	July 2, 1897.....	182 days..	148 33
Dec. 31, 1897.....	Chap. 111, Acts 1898..	Widow of Charles J. Vaughan....	(Clerk).....	Jan. 27, 1897.....	339 days..	2,505 00
Jan. 31, 1899.....	Chap. *341, Acts 1898..	Widow of Cornelius F. Regan.....	Police.....	Jan. 13, 1898.....	384 days..	1,259 17
Jan. 31, 1899.....	Chap. †406, Acts 1898..	Widow of Daniel F. Murphy.....	Police.....	Jan. 28, 1898.....	369 days..	1,209 86
Dec. 31, 1898.....	Chap. 430, Acts 1898..	Widow of Frank Bowker.....	Street (Sewer Division)...	Jan. 1, 1898.....	365 days..	1,196 52
Jan. 31, 1899.....	Chap. 446, Acts 1898..	Widow of John P. Brawley.....	Clerk of Committees.....	March 27, 1898....	311 days..	2,272 50
Jan. 31, 1899.....	Chap. 534, Acts 1898..	Widow of James M. Ellis.....	Street.....	May 23, 1898.....	254 days..	970 07
Annual pension...	Chap. 569, Acts 1898..	Widow of James M. Ellis.....	Street.....	— — — — —	— — — — —	!
Total amount paid.....						\$32,818 14

* Approved April 14, 1898.

† Approved May 11, 1898.

‡ Annual pension of \$300.

Total number of cases, 34.

NOTE.—In the ten years prior to 1888, there was no legislation regarding any gratuities to employees of the City of Boston. As a rule the families of deceased employees of the School Committee receive the amount of pay due such employees on the day of their death and no more; an exception to this rule was made in favor of the widow of J. T. Paget.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1899.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of February, 1899, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	541,827
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	20.20
Death rate for corresponding month, 1898	17.81

Number of deaths:	
Males	487
Females	425
	912

Condition:	
Married	317
Single	439
Widows	106
Widowers	42
Unknown	8

Color:	
White	886
Colored	26

Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	154
Under 2 years	212
Under 5 years	253

Deaths by diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	1
Under 2 years	1
Under 5 years	1
All ages	3

Nativity:	
United States	598
Ireland	171
England	15
Scotland	7
Germany	13
British America	58
Italy	15
Russia	11
Other countries	13
Unknown	11

Parentage:	
American	217
Irish	305
English	24
Scotch	11
German	19
British American	58
Italian	38
Russian	24
Other countries	48
Mixed	67
Unknown	101

Still-births during the month	60
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Causes of Death.

I. ZYMOTICS.

Alcoholism	4
Croup	3
Cholera infantum	1
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	6
Diarrhoea	2
Diphtheria	17
Erysipelas	3
Influenza	10
Measles	1
Purpura	1
Puerperal fever	2
Rheumatism	1
Scarlatina	5
Syphilis (congenital)	2
Septicæmia	2
Typhoid fever	4
Whooping-cough	7
	71

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	24
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	12
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	17
Phthisis pulmonalis	105
Other Constitutional diseases	25
	183

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	34
Bright's disease	7
Bronchitis	38
Heart disease	94
Meningitis	32
Nephritis	26
Pleurisy	3
Pneumonia	175
Other Local diseases	129
	538

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Inanition	13
Old age	10
Premature birth	16
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	1
Other Developmental diseases	17
	57

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	45
Suicidal	9
Other Violent causes	1
	55
Unknown causes	8

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN FEBRUARY.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of February, 1899, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 470; total number of mortgages, 508; total amount of mortgages, \$4,082,656.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	135
South Boston	43
East Boston	27
Roxbury	62
Dorchester	115
West Roxbury	37
Brighton	32
Charlestown	19
Total	470

Commander H. G. O. Colby, for the last two years in charge of the Second Light-house District, with headquarters at Boston, has been ordered to the command of the "Concord" on the Asiatic station, vice Commander Walker, detached and ordered home on waiting orders. Lieutenant-Commander J. F. Selfridge has been ordered to take Commander Colby's place at Boston.

Lloyd's tables show that the United States and Norway were the largest buyers of British built ships in 1898, the United States acquiring forty-two vessels of 118,857 tons, and Norway 113 vessels of 109,885 tons.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, March 13, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages were received from His Honor the Mayor:

Veto — Edgestone Assessment.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 4, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature an order passed by your Board rescinding the edgestone assessment levied by an order passed on December 26, 1898, against St. Philip's church on East Lenox street.

My reason for taking this action is that the Corporation Counsel informs me that the Board of Aldermen has no authority to make this abatement, and that the order is illegal.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID F. BARRY, Acting-Mayor.

The vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered, and the question came on passing it, the objections of His Honor the Acting-Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to pass it over the veto, the vote being yeas, 0; nays, 9.

Location of Fire-box.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 13, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in reference to your order requesting that a fire-alarm box, with a red signal-light, be located at the corner of Columbus avenue and Massachusetts avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

FIRE COMMISSIONER.

Bristol Street, March 3, 1899.

HIS HONOR JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Referring to the request of the Honorable Board of Aldermen that the fire-alarm box No. 98, corner Columbus and Massachusetts avenues, be placed on a lamp-post with a red signal light, I beg leave to respectfully report that such action would be of no avail for the purpose of giving an alarm, inasmuch as said location is several hundred feet from the underground wires which are necessary to connect such post and light with the fire-alarm branch of this Department, and no money is available for the necessary work.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee of Public Improvements.

Appointments by the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 13, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Fred Cutter, Armine W. Montgomery and Maurice D. Kingsbury weighers of boilers and heavy machinery for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Respectfully yours,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

Sale of City Property, East Boston.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 13, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, and, in accordance with his request, I recommend the the passage of the accompanying order. This matter was fully considered by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and the conclusion arrived at by the Board was that, in view of the general financial condition of the city, it would be better to provide for meeting this undoubted need of the Street Department out of the proceeds of the proposed sale, rather than by direct appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, March 11, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: This Department has urgently recommended that there be established in East Boston a Street Cleaning and Sanitary District. At the present time, the street-cleaning work is performed by sending over on certain days the Charlestown force, and the sanitary work is by contract. This arrangement is unsatisfactory, and becomes more so each year. The citizens of East Boston ask better service, and the Department desires to furnish it. To do this, however, it is necessary that the stable and yard accommodations in that district be rearranged.

At the present time, the Paving and Sewer Divisions have their quarters on city property on Marion street, between Chelsea and Paris streets. The buildings on this property are of but little value and badly out of repair, and are not adapted to the work of the district. The city owns a piece of property well adapted for the purposes of a Street Department yard and headquarters, for the reason that it is accessible by water, so that material can be landed directly from vessels. This property is not now in use, and if an appropriation of \$25,000 could be secured, it would be possible to place thereon a building so arranged as to properly accommodate the local forces of the Paving, Sewer, Street Cleaning and Sanitary Divisions.

To cover the expenditure of \$25,000. I would respectfully suggest that the property now occupied by and assigned to this Department be sold, and the proceeds of the sale applied to making good the appropriation of \$25,000 required for the new building and plant.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

March 13, 1899.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to sell the land and buildings owned by the city, now used by the Paving and Sewer Divisions of the Street Department, and situated between Chelsea and Paris streets, East Boston, and that the Mayor be authorized to execute a deed of the same in the name of the city; the proceeds received from such sale to be turned into the treasury, subject to subsequent appropriation by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the City Council.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Construction of Sewerage Works.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 13, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a letter from the Superintendent of Streets, with statements appended, which explains the situation of the city with respect to the construction of additional sewerage works. On account of the importance of the subject, I recommend that this communication be printed as a city document.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, March 4, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I desire to call your attention to the situation as regards sewerage works, even assuming that the present law is declared constitutional, and the attempt to repeal the same at the Legislature fails. This act provides \$1,000,000 annually for construction of sewerage works. In a statement already made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, I submitted figures showing that the cost of work already commenced, under contract, or arranged for, amounted to \$607,000, and of the work ordered by the Street Commissioners, but not yet commenced, to \$233,000, making a total of \$840,000—exclusive of land damages.

This sum, I would say, further, does not include Commonwealth avenue, on which the estimated cost of the necessary sewer work to be completed before 1900 is about \$100,000. The act providing the money for the surface work on Commonwealth avenue, requires that this avenue be completed before January 1, 1900; after that time the money is no longer available. In addition, on the section of Blue Hill avenue, from Walk Hill street to Neponset river—which certainly should be undertaken this year—the sewerage work is estimated to cost

\$78,000. There is also a very considerable portion of Columbia road ready for sewerage works, which is not included in the above estimates. Nor are the following very important sewerage works provided for:

East Boston low level sewer, which will have to be built if the order is passed for the construction of the Bennington street boulevard; further construction on new surface drain systems, such as Lauriat avenue Canterbury branch of Stony brook, Roslindale branch of Stony brook, Mattapan brook, Goldsmith brook, Dorchester brook separation, and Davenport brook. There is no money provided for work on Stony brook, either at the head-waters or at the outlet end, or for Muddy river, or for Shepard street brook in Brighton, or for what is known as the West Roxbury low-level sewer.

All this work is needed, and if it is not carried on it will be a hardship upon the abutting estates. From the above statement it will be seen that more than the \$1,000,000 which is available is already ordered; and the Street Commissioners should be notified that no more sewer work can be ordered for the coming year unless further money is provided for the construction thereof.

Unless some action is taken by the Legislature making provision for such further sum as may be needed for the construction of sewers, the development of property in many sections of the city will be stopped; and as this construction of sewers is assessed upon the estate benefited, and not upon the general taxpayer, it is but reasonable and fair that parties desiring sewers for which they are willing to pay, should be accommodated by the city.

Ordinarily \$1,000,000 would be sufficient for the needs of sewer construction for any one year; but, under the conditions which existed last year, it was necessary that large sewerage works which had been neglected for many years should be undertaken, and for this reason much of the work of the year is costly, and thus the appropriation is too limited to allow for the demands which will surely come after the opening up of the season's work.

I think it the duty of the Department, or the administration, to present this situation to the consideration of the Legislature for such action as that body may deem proper. The suggestion of this Department would be that, for this year, at least, an additional sum of \$1,000,000 be allowed, making a total of \$2,000,000. I cannot, for my own part, see any particular reason for limiting the amount to be spent for sewerage works, if the authority passing the orders for the construction of the same be properly safeguarded. In anticipation of the very urgent and reasonable demands which will be made upon this Department during the coming season, I desire that the cause of, and the responsibility for, a condition which must lead to the refusal to furnish relief, should be placed upon the only body which has it in its power to supply such relief.

I append herewith tabulation showing the expenditures under the Sewerage Act from July 23, 1897, to February 1, 1898; also tables showing in detail the exact expenditures between February 1, 1898, and February 1, 1899; also the expenditures during the fiscal year 1899-1900, thus covering the \$2,000,000 authorized for last year.

Then follows a summarization, itemized by districts and jobs, of the cost of proposed work for the present fiscal year, as given without detail in the letter to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment dated January 12. This shows that work amounting to more than the entire \$1,000,000 authorized for this year is ordered, planned for and substantially under way.

I then submit table showing sewers petitioned for, ordered by the Board of Street Commissioners, but not yet started, amounting to \$1,349,860, for which there is no appropriation.

Then follows a statement of work petitioned for, but not yet ordered, given by districts and itemized, amounting to \$321,725.

I would suggest that it might be advisable to print these tables in THE CITY RECORD, or as a document, so that the public could fully understand the situation as regards sewerage works.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

(Accompanying the above were the detailed statements referred to.)

Ordered printed and sent down.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, March 9, 1899, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley being in the chair.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Speedway — Franklin Field.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 3, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Commissioners in reference to your order requesting that a speedway be constructed on the south boundary of Franklin Field.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Jamaica Plain, March 2, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The Board duly received the vote of the Common Council of February 9, requesting that a speedway be constructed on the south boundary of Franklin Field, and referred it to our Superintendent, a copy of whose report we herewith send you.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

February 27, 1899.

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Esq., Chairman.

DEAR SIR: Regarding the order of the City Council of February 9, asking that a speedway be constructed on the south boundary of Franklin Field, referred by the Mayor to the Park Department for suitable action, I beg to say that there is no space

large enough which can be set apart for this purpose. The total length of the proposed line from Blue Hill avenue to the barn is only 1,100 feet. A considerable space would be needed at either end for starting and slowing up, shortening the track down to not more than 750 feet. On this score alone the plan is not feasible, without entering into considerations of danger to users of the playground, and the cost of construction and maintenance, which would be heavy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PETTIGREW, Superintendent.

Placed on file.

Wall — Dorchester Park.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 7, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in relation to your order requesting them to construct a wall along Dorchester Park, on Dorchester avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Jamaica Plain, March 6, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In response to your communication, enclosing a vote of the Common Council requesting this Board to construct a wall along Dorchester Park on Dorchester avenue, I have to report that the Board planned some time ago the building of such a wall, and is waiting for funds for its construction.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Belvidere-street Construction.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 9, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting a statement of the reasons for the delay in the construction of Belvidere street.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, March 9, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In reply to inquiry contained in enclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to inform you that there has been no delay in the construction of Belvidere street. This street was originally laid out by the Board of Street Commissioners, September 1, 1897. Owing to the refusal of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to allow the taking to be made across their location, it was necessary for the Legislature to pass a special act authorizing the Street Commissioners to make this taking; and on August 1, 1898, the street was again laid out, and the order of construction passed. Since then the sewer has been

built and the street filled, and the further construction will be carried on as soon as it is the proper season for such work.

The old portion of the street was put in condition last year as far as the railroad line, and such work as was possible has been done.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

Reading-rooms in Wards 13 and 19.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 9, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Public Library Trustees in reference to your orders requesting the establishment of reading-rooms in Wards 13 and 19.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Copley Square, February 4, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The following orders of the Common Council, dated January 26, 1899, were referred to the Trustees by your direction "for such action as may be deemed proper."

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to establish a reading-room in Ward 13.

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library be requested and authorized, through His Honor the Mayor, to establish a public reading-room in the building formerly the pumping station and now used for ward-room purposes on Elmwood street, Roxbury.

I am instructed to convey to you the following vote, passed by this Board with reference thereto:

Voted, That the Mayor be informed that the appropriation proposed for the maintenance of this Department does not admit of the establishment of either of the reading-rooms above requested.

Very respectfully,

HERBERT PUTNAM,

Librarian and Clerk of the Corporation.

Placed on file.

Assignment of Wages.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 9, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Treasurer in reply to your order requesting certain information in regard to the assignment of salaries.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, February 4, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I acknowledge receiving from you a communication accompanying an order of the Common Council requesting the City Treasurer "to inform the Common Council

the names of the heads of departments or divisions whose salaries are assigned at the present time; also the length of such assignment." In reply to this request, I would state that there are no such assignments recorded in this office.

Yours respectfully,

ALFRED T. TURNER, City Treasurer.

Placed on file.

Carriage Regulations.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 9, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police stating that they will be glad to do what they can to carry out your request that carriages waiting outside of churches during funeral services shall stand in line on the side of the street on which the church is located.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE.

February 2, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The Board of Police is in receipt of the order passed by the Common Council, requesting that they take such action as may be necessary to provide that carriages waiting outside of churches during funeral services shall stand in line on the side of the street on which the church is located.

In reply, I would say that our captains will be notified to instruct their patrolmen to carry out the provisions of the order.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT F. CLARK,

Acting-Chairman.

Placed on file.

Engine-house — Parker Hill.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 9, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in relation to your order requesting that a new engine-house be located in the vicinity of Parker Hill, Ward 19.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER.

Bristol Street, February 2, 1899.

HIS HONOR JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the communication from the Honorable Common Council, regarding a new engine-house and apparatus in the vicinity of Parker Hill, Ward 19, I would respectfully report that, in my opinion, with the adjacent apparatus recently strengthened, as now established, this locality is as well protected as several others within the city limits; and until such time as the present policy of the city is changed so as to give the outlying districts the same protection as is afforded to the congested parts, I cannot

advise or see the necessity of further outlay in this neighborhood.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL,

Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Number of Building Inspectors.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 9, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Building Commissioner in reply to your order requesting certain information as to the number of men employed as building inspectors.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, March 4, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In answer to the order of the City Council of February 16, referred by you to this Department March 3, to wit: That the Building Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, report to the Common Council on or before March 2, 1899, the number of men he employs as building inspectors under the authority of Chapter 8, Section 1, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, and under what or by whose authority more than the legal number are employed, would reply that no more than the legal number are employed; that under the provisions of Chapter 8, of Section 1, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, there are employed twenty-one building inspectors.

Under the provisions of Chapter 455, Section 5, of the Acts of 1894, there are employed eleven plumbing inspectors, one of which number is a supervisor of plumbing. Under the provisions of Chapter 265 of the Acts of 1897, there were employed eight inspectors of gas-fitting, one of which is a supervisor. Of the twenty-one building inspectors employed, one is supervisor of plans, one is supervisor of egress and has associated with him two inspectors of the egress division, one is supervisor of construction, and has associated with him thirteen inspectors of construction, and three inspectors are assigned to elevators and boilers.

Very respectfully,

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Ice for Municipal Purposes.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 9, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith for your information a communication addressed to me by the Water Commissioner, at my request, stating briefly the results thus far of the new policy which has been adopted of having the Water Department cut ice for municipal use from its own reservoirs. This ice was harvested primarily for the purpose of enabling the

Department to install and conduct a considerable number of summer drinking fountains, in which the water is cooled by passing through a coil of pipe contained in an insulated ice-box placed underground. A few ice-water fountains of this type were installed last summer, and the small cost at which they were maintained, with the very large use which was made of them, afforded every encouragement to make a large increase this year in the number of such fountains. While the ice has been harvested primarily for this particular use, under the control of the Water Department, it also affords an interesting opportunity of testing the ability of the city to produce and deliver ice for some other municipal uses at a lower price than it has been paying.

This experiment constitutes another step in the general policy, which I have favored where every opportunity seemed to offer, of having the city provide for the needs of the municipal service, as far as possible, through the direct employment of labor, instead of through the contract system.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, March 9, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Water Department has finished the harvesting of ice from its reservoirs. The amount of ice cut and stored is over 1,600 tons. All the work in connection with the erection of the ice-houses (except some masonry work) and the cutting and storing of the ice, etc., has been done by labor furnished by the Department. From a commercial standpoint, if we charge against the ice the cutting and packing and the repairs on the ice-houses as well as their original cost, so that after some years the ice-houses will have paid for themselves, the cost per ton would be about 96 cents. This estimate is based upon the theory that there will not be much shrinkage in the amount of ice as now stored, and for the purposes for which the Department is going to use the ice the shrinkage should be nominal.

The Department was at a disadvantage in cutting the ice, inasmuch as the men had no practical experience in ice-cutting operations. The work was all done without the use of machinery, and we were compelled to do considerable work in the way of removing snow from the ice. I am of the opinion that next year, by using machinery, and through the experience obtained this year, under ordinary weather conditions, the ice can be harvested at a figure far below that given above.

Last year, owing to the fact that the ice was used in our cold-water fountains, scattered over the city, in a chopped condition, we found it necessary to do our own teaming. The charge to us for ice was \$2.50 a ton in cakes, and fifteen cents per basket, nominally of fifty pounds, or \$6 per ton when chopped. As we must do our own teaming we consider the ice as now stored worth approximately \$2.50 per ton.

On the question of the Water Department furnishing ice to the other city departments, which you requested me to report upon, I would say that while we have over 1,600 tons stored, and probably will use only 1,200 tons, leaving a surplus, yet I believe it would be wise for us to hold that surplus in view of any possible shrinkage, or any extraordinary demand upon our water-fountains, which would increase the consumption of ice. I am of the opinion, however, that we could deliver ice to the City Hospital, at cost, for a less sum than they are now paying. It is questionable whether we could deliver it in competition with ice companies to the various isolated departments and buildings belonging to the city. We could experimentally deliver a supply for a few days to the Hospital this year, and from this delivery estimate what the cost would be of the ice next year to that institution. The ice which we have in store has been analyzed and found to be of the best quality.

We can cut 30,000 tons from our reservoirs in a favorable season.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

Sent up.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved March 11, 1899:

An ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained, etc.:

Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 12 by striking out the words "of the United States in any capacity and shall give preference in all cases to citizens of Boston," and inserted in place thereof the words "and, if male subordinates, legal voters of Boston, in any capacity."

The following was approved March 8, 1899:

Ordered, That the order of the City Council, dated September 18, 1898, directing payment to Mary Jane Murphy, widow of Daniel Murphy, late a police officer, be rescinded.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved March 8, 1899:

List of persons liable to serve as jurors in the several federal and county courts held within the County of Suffolk. (Doc. 54.)

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

A. Bloomberg, 99 Hampden street, Ward 17.

J. Rosen, 42 Pleasant street, Ward 7.

Permit to Samuel J. Ellis to run four passenger barges, between Maverick square and Chelsea, during the present season.

Orders, That the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to

ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Marie E. Sundberg, Allston street, Ward 20, of artificial stone, with granite edge-stone.

Mrs. Caroline Ehrhart, 728 East Second street, Ward 14, of brick with granite edge-stone.

Melville A. Wescott, 2491-2497 Washington street, Ward 18, of brick.

Joseph Green, 34-38 Lancaster street, Ward 8, of artificial stone with granite edge-stone.

James F. Haddock, Washington street, near Roslin street, Ward 24, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to move a wooden building, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto, as follows:

John Soley & Sons, a pitch roof, twenty-three feet in length, by twenty feet in width, by eighteen feet in height, from the corner of Birch and Brandon streets, across said Birch street to a lot opposite present location.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the proprietors of the Social Law Library the sum of \$1,000 for the use of the library for the present year; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Ordered, That the Register of Deeds be authorized to have printed, stereotyped, indexed and distributed the eleventh volume of Suffolk Deeds; the expense of same, not exceeding \$2,500, to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The following was presented to the Mayor, March 4, 1899, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That there be paid to Mary Jane Murphy, widow of Daniel Murphy, late a member of the Police Department of the City of Boston, the sum of \$1,209.86, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to serve as a police officer until the close of the fiscal year 1898-99, such payment being authorized by Chapter 406 of the Acts of 1898, and to be charged to reserve fund.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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28. S. B. 125, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 100 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.									
29. S. B. 126, an Act relative to contracts with the City of Boston, p. 100 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2, 3. Closed.	March 10. H. (L. W.)							
30. S. B. 127, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 100 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
31. S. B. 142, an Act relative to the granting of leave of absence to police officers in the City of Boston, p. 100 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
32. S. B. 143, an Act relative to tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
33. S. B. 148, an Act relative to the height of buildings in Copley square in the City of Boston, p. 100 .	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16.								
34. S. B. 149, an Act to amend the charter of the City of Boston, p. 100 .	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
35. S. B. 150, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the children of Frederick B. Bogan, p. 100 .	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (B.)							
36. S. B. 151, an Act relative to additions, alterations and repairs on school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 100 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 21.	March 9. Closed.								
37. S. B. 157, an Act to establish a Department of Architecture in Boston, p. 125 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 6. S. (N. G. C.)							
38. S. B. 158, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 101 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
39. S. B. 159, an Act relative to the Boston Transit Commission, p. 101 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3.								
40. S. B. 175, an Act relative to the new Cambridge Bridge, p. 101 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
41. S. B. 190, an Act to provide for a State Highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, p. 126 .	Roads and Bridges. March 6.	March 20.								
42. S. B. 193, an Act relative to the Erection and Alteration of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 126 .	Cities. Feb. 27.	March 6. Closed.	March 6. S. (B.)	March 7.	March 8.	March 9. H.	March 13.	March 13.		
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43. H. B. 20, an Act relative to Malden Bridge, so called, in the City of Boston, p. 30 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Closed.	March 13. H. (B.)							
44. H. B. 21, an Act to authorize the West End Street Railway Company to replace its tracks on Tremont and Boylston streets in the City of Boston, p. 126 .	Street Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 9, 13, 15, 24. Closed.								
45. H. B. 23, an Act to authorize the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of merchandise, p. 45 .	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.								
46. H. B. 25, an Act to authorize the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 45 .	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	Jan. 24. S. (B.)	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 30. H.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
47. H. B. 31, an Act to repeal Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 30 .	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	*								
48. H. B. 38, an Act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, p. 30 .	Public Service. Jan. 11.	Jan. 27. Closed.	Jan. 27. (L. W.)							
49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30 .	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.								
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31 .	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 10, 17.							
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45 .	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 6. H. (L. W.)							
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45 .	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.								

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	*								
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.	March 21, 22.								
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 13, 24. Closed.								
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	March 23.								
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.	March 14. H. (R.)							
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N.P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (B.)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S. Feb. 21.	Feb. 23. App.
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.								
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	Feb. 28. March 10, 17.								
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 1. Closed.								
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.								
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (B.)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.				
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (B.)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16. App.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 1. Closed.								
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.								
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.	March 21, 22.								
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.	March 2. Closed.	March 7. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.	March 23.								
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N. G. C.)							
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (B.)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.			
75. H. B. 321, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.	March 14. Closed.								
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs.									
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	March 21, 22.								

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78. H. B. 332, an Act relative to the leasing of buildings and the granting of concessions by the Park Commissioners of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N.P.)							
79. H. B. 333, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 10. H. (N.P.)							
80. H. B. 350, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
81. H. B. 353, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.									
82. H. B. 377, an Act relative to certain departments of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (N.G.C.)							
83. H. B. 383, an Act relative to the election of the Mayor of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 1. S. (N.G.C.)							
84. H. B. 386, an Act to further regulate the inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13, 24. Closed.	March 13. H. (N.P.)							
85. H. B. 387, an Act to change the method of electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	March 21, 22.								
86. H. B. 396, an Act relative to playgrounds in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 30.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
87. H. B. 407, an Act to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston to purchase certain lands on Chestnut Hill avenue, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 10. Closed.								
88. H. B. 463, an Act to authorize the proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate, p. 82.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 6. H. (B.)	March 7.	March 8.	March 10. S.	March 13.	March 14.		
89. H. B. 464, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to abate a portion of certain assessments for the construction of highways, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.									
90. H. B. 471, an Act relative to the construction of a tunnel from a point on or near Hanover street to a point at or near Maverick square in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3.								
91. H. B. 476, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles Bulle, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (B.)							
92. H. B. 494, an Act relative to the laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Jan. 31.									
93. H. B. 517, an Act relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.									
94. H. B. 528, an Act relative to the tabulation of statistics of parent nativity in Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3.	March 3. H. (B.)	March 10.	March 13.					
95. H. B. 529, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 relative to the municipal debt of and rate of taxation in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
96. H. B. 531, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Mary A. Davis, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (B.)							
97. H. B. 532, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward Melia, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (B.)							
98. H. B. 533, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 14. Closed.								
99. H. B. 551, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.								
100. H. B. 553, an Act to provide for the widening of Pine street in Boston, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (L.W.)							
101. H. B. 555, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John McGrath certain money, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 2.	March 2. H. (B.)							
102. H. B. 562, an Act to require poles for wires in the City of Boston to be made of iron, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (N.P.)							
103. H. B. 570, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of James F. Ryan, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (B.)							

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104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. March 8. Closed.								
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (B.)							
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.								
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 8. Closed.								
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 9, 10. Closed.								
109. H. B. 607, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.										
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2.								
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2.								
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15.								
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (B.)							
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 9. H. (L. W.)							
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.								
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	*								
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 21, 22.								
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (B.)							
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16.								
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 1 st . H. (B.)							
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (B.)							
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15.								
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 14.								
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (B.)							
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15.								

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128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 17.								
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S.(N.G.C.)							
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2, 15.								
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. H.(N.G.C.)							
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb.2.	March 6.								
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb.2.	March 6.								
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church, of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Societies. Feb. 2.	March 2. H.(L.W.)								
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	* .								
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17. March 7. Closed.								
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17.								
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (B.)							
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17. March 7. Closed.								
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H.(L.W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. March 1, 8. Closed.								
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H.(L.W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 6. Closed.	March 9. S.(N.G.C.)							
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education. Feb. 20.									
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Counties. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.								

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Board Meetings.

Library Department.

Friday, March 3, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room, at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, Lincoln, DeNormandie and the Librarian.

Received: Circular No. 58 from the Mayor; the Librarian's report.

Salaries fixed as follows, beginning at the dates mentioned: Anita F. Hemmings, grade B, \$12; Marie Coolidge, grade B special, \$17.50; Grace A. Hitchcock, grade B special, \$15.50, March 1; William C. Maiers, jr., grade D runner, \$5.50, March 14.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$521.71; trust funds, \$209.44; station "P," \$11.94; Fellowes Athenæum, \$36.52; Fellowes Athenæum, periodicals, 36 cents; miscellaneous articles, \$1,305.42.

Among gifts reported, that of Miss Olivia Y. Bowditch of the plates of the translation of the *Mécanique Céleste* was made a matter of special mention and appreciation.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Voted, That the Vice-President be authorized in behalf of the Board to take such action and execute such conveyances with respect to the sale of the old Library estate as the Law Department may advise to be necessary for the completion of such sale.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held on March 1, 1899.

Present: Mr. Fowler, chairman Mrs. Wolcott, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Thorndike, Mr. Sproules, Dr. Plummer, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Kerrigan, Mr. Pierce, Miss O'Brien and Dr. Stuart.

It was voted to draw on the City Treasury for \$2,000.

Voted: To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll, the same having been read in full.

Voted: To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending February 10, 1899, the same having been read in full.

Circular No. 57, from His Honor the Mayor, with reference to the card-list of employees of the city in the office of the Civil Service Division, and directing that names of new employees shall be entered there, was read and placed on file.

Circular No. 58, from His Honor the Mayor, giving information as to the kinds of work which the Repair Division is prepared to do, and directing heads of departments to send to it for such work to be done, was read and placed on file.

A communication was received from the Trustees for Children, inviting the Board "to appoint a committee of one to form a joint committee, with one member from the Pauper Institutions Trustees and one of the Trustees for Children, to consider whether any concerted action can be taken in behalf of destitute women with children."

Voted: That Miss O'Brien be appointed to represent the Board on the joint committee.

Voted, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to employ an expert accountant to make the usual examination of the books and accounts for the year ending January 31, 1899.

The Committee on Finance reported having examined the accounts for the past two months and found them correct. The report was accepted and placed on file.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by Miss Rogers. It was accepted and placed on file.

The monthly report of the Committee on Lodge was read by Mr. Fowler. It was accepted and placed on file. The chairman reported that the committee had held a number of meetings during the past month, and improvement at the lodge had resulted in consequence.

The Committee on Building reported everything working well in its jurisdiction.

The Medical Committee reported thirteen visits made by Dr. Sprague in Charlestown in February. Mrs. Thorndike having resigned from the Medical Committee, Dr. Plummer was appointed to fill the vacancy.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel with regard to Chapter 479, Acts of 1898, "An Act relative to the promotion of Anatomical Science," and it was referred to the Committee on Burials.

The Committee on Application of Widows with Young Children reported by its Chairman, Mr. Sproules, that it had organized, with Miss O'Brien as Secretary, and had had special investigation made in such cases. A report of action already taken was read, accepted and placed on file.

Voted, that all new applications from widows with children be referred to the same committee, and that the committee be also authorized to act with regard to such of the old cases of widows with children as may be referred to it by the Committee of Investigation and Relief or its sub-committee.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held on March 6, 1899:

Voted, That occasional practice of field signaling in Franklin Park, by the Signal Corps of the First Regiment, Boston School Cadets, be permitted during the season of 1899, under the direction of the Superintendent.

Voted, That the East Boston Cricket Club be permitted, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks, to use a portion of the playground at Wood Island Park, for the purpose of playing cricket, during the season of 1899.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, it was

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to purchase, on maintenance account, seven horses, three sets double harness, two western dump wagons and two sprinkling wagons, at an estimated cost of \$2,139.70, to be stationed at the Franklin Park yard.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

The forty-seventh regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, February 20, at 10 A.M.

Present: Mr. Hunnewell (in the chair,) Mr. Rutan, Mrs. Fallon, Miss Morse and Dr. Grainger.

The records of the previous meeting were read, but approval was waived until a meeting of the full Board.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee presented a memorandum, concerning the increase of 39 per cent. in the cost of maintenance of the city institutions for the care of sick, insane, paupers (including children) and criminals. During the six years from 1892-93 to 1897-98, inclusive, this has increased 39 per cent. While the increase in the cost of maintenance of some of the institutions has been much larger than 39 per cent. that of the institutions now under the charge of the Pauper Department has been a little over 10 per cent. He also stated that the population of the pauper institutions for the year 1898 was less than at any time during last ten years.

The placing of the glass panel in the window (Davis legacy) was referred, with power, to Mrs. Fallon and Miss Morse.

The question relating to the board of the engineer at Long Island was referred to the Acting-Superintendent.

The question of providing better accommodations for the nurses employed on night duty in the hospital was referred to the Committee on Medical Department and Dietary.

The Acting-Superintendent asked to be empowered to engage a more efficient laundress, who should receive a higher salary and fulfil a slightly different class of duties. He was requested to find such a person and make a recommendation to the Board.

The Acting-Superintendent reported the need of better toilet accommodations in the basement of the dormitory.

The number of inmates at Long Island on February 20, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	89	137	226
Children	8	10	18
Dormitory	—	229	229
Institution	417	—	417
Totals	514	376	890

FRANCES R. MORSE,
Secretary pro tempore.

A special meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was called by the Chairman on February 20, at 3.45 P.M., for the purpose of hearing the report of the Committee on Superintendent.

Dr. Grainger, chairman of the committee, reported that after looking thoroughly over the ground, the committee were unanimous in bringing in the name of Mr. Alvin T. Hert, of the Indiana Reformatory, Jeffersonville, Indiana, as a candidate for the position of Superintendent of Long Island.

Voted, That the report of the Committee be accepted and adopted. (The salary to be \$2,500, with the addition of house, servants and supplies.)

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Baths Department.

Following is a summary showing the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of January, 1899, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

January.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount received.
1 . . .	187	41	56	32	316	\$2 82
2 . . .	129	49	27	23	228	1 42
3 . . .	150	80	63	41	334	3 53
4 . . .	203	95	63	42	403	3 92
5 . . .	250	93	78	51	472	5 52
6 . . .	104	52	89	43	288	2 58
7 . . .	403	102	263	587	1,355	8 04
8 . . .	324	91	109	103	627	6 42
9 . . .	200	75	73	61	409	4 29
10 . . .	151	63	65	53	332	1 25
11 . . .	161	59	62	47	329	1 44
12 . . .	174	73	67	41	355	2 63
13 . . .	202	103	86	64	455	4 69
14 . . .	426	123	581	270	1,400	9 03
15 . . .	487	109	81	87	764	11 00
16 . . .	207	74	83	67	431	4 62
17 . . .	251	93	85	62	491	5 00
18 . . .	175	83	93	61	412	2 87
19 . . .	150	71	75	38	334	2 85
20 . . .	253	122	93	57	525	6 26
21 . . .	576	173	665	314	1,728	10 87
22 . . .	503	131	107	82	823	11 24
23 . . .	200	94	79	57	430	4 60
24 . . .	151	43	42	30	266	2 84
25 . . .	174	65	70	38	347	3 16
26 . . .	203	78	85	44	410	4 32
27 . . .	251	81	83	40	455	3 29
28 . . .	375	97	245	416	1,133	7 03
29 . . .	323	83	79	57	542	7 23
30 . . .	150	70	78	43	341	3 40
31 . . .	153	67	55	37	312	2 82
Totals.	7,646	2,633	3,780	2,988	17,047	\$150 98

NOTE.—Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, March 13, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending March 11, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages . . .	135
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	25
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	3
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages . . .	4
Number of assignments of wages . . .	38
Number of married women's certificates, . . .	5
Number of bills of sale . . .	5
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors . . .	1
Number of ship liens . . .	1

The following accident notices have been filed:

Mary J. Powers, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in street at corner of Allen and Chambers streets. Clara E. Alden, personal injuries caused by defective sewer-cover on Tremont street. John W. Carley,

personal injuries caused by alleged defect in Lincoln street.

Suits have been entered against the city by the following-named persons, all being actions of contract, the damages in each case being placed at \$110: Pasquale Pepe, Guiseppe Carbino, Luigi Cancelliere, Michele Musto, Salvatore Sarno, Antonio Massoro, Pietro Guglianni, Michele Guvetose, Tomaso Ruzzo and Antonio Maso. Annie Lynch has also entered suit in an action of tort, the damages being placed at \$600.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, March 11, 1899.

A petition for the occupancy of a stable has been received from the following-named person:

Patrick J. Brady, St. Mark street, Ward 23, for twenty additional horses, (making forty in all); hearing March 16, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Trustees E. D. Jordan, Westborne terrace, corner Corey street, eight additional horses; Charles Logue, Barry street, Ward 20, two horses; E. C. Swift, 428 Beacon street, Ward 11, eight horses.

Following is the report of the work done at the Abattoir during the week ending March 11, 1899:

Steers	117
New England cows	18
New England bulls	7
Western cows	46
Sheep	87
Calves	276
Hogs	6
Total	557

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending March 11, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	9	29	38
Negative	61	64	125
No growth	6	4	10
Totals	76	97	173

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses, two cases, negative. Gonorrhea diagnosis, one case, negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, February 20, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending February 20, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	100	17
Females	15	4
Totals	115	21
Offences:		
Against the person	7	1
Against property	6	13
Against public order and decency	104	7
Totals	* 117	21

Discharges:		
Males	128	11
Females	26	2
Totals	154	13

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence, Permit of Commissioner	88	11
Payment of fine	40	1
Bailed	25	—
Died	1	—
Totals	154	13

Population:		
February 13, 1889	1,257	484
Committed since February 13, 1899	115	21
Totals	1,372	505

Discharged since February 13, 1899	154	13
Totals	1,218	492

*Two men committed, charged with two charges each.

Statistics for the week ending February 25, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	108	13
Females	19	2
Total	127	15
Offences:		
Against the person	5	3
Against property	17	7
Against public order and decency	106	4
Returned from escape	—	1
Total	* 128	15

Discharges:		
Males	125	15
Females	27	7
Total	152	22

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	100	20
Permit of Commissioner,	34	1
Payment of fine	18	—
Transferred to Deer Island	—	1
Total	152	22

Population:		
February 20, 1899	1,218	492
Committed since February 20, 1899	127	15
Total	1,345	507

Discharged since February 20, 1899	152	22
February 25, 1899	1,193	485

*One man committed charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Police Department.

The following order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

March 4, 1899.

General Order No. 580.

I. Patrolman Walter H. Brown, of Division 16, having been suspended from duty on April 26, 1898, and having enlisted in the service of the United States during the Spanish war, it is

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Walter H. Brown be and he hereby is restored to duty, with loss of pay during the term of his suspension.

II. The resignation of Patrolman Walter H. Brown, of Division 16, having been presented, it is hereby accepted, and he is honorably discharged from the police force of the City of Boston, to take effect this day.

The Sundry Civil Bill of the United States contains an appropriation of \$80,000 for a lighthouse at Pollock Rip Shoals, Mass., and \$163,750 for harbor improvements at Boston.

The contract for building Blue Hills parkway, Brook road to Canton avenue, bids for which were opened by the Metropolitan Park Commissioners on March 6, has been awarded to Bell & Co., of Boston, at \$69,221.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 10, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Atlantic avenue (formerly Cove street) be extended by a bridge over the tracks of the Terminal Company and over Fort Point Channel to Dorchester avenue at West First street, in South Boston, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1896, as amended by Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fourth day of March, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, March 20, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing Beach Gravel from March 27, 1899, to February 1, 1900, according to the office copy of the contract which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent in the sum of \$3,000 for faithfully doing the work and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, March 21, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, March 13, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing Bank Gravel and Sand from March 27, 1899, to February 1, 1900, according to the office copy of the contract which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent in the sum of \$2,000 for faithfully doing the work and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Monday, March 20, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, March 13, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing and placing the steel superstructure of the Charlesgate West Bridge, over Ipswich street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, Room 50, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond of \$3,000, for faithfully doing the work, and leave at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, Room 47, City Hall, on or before 12 M., of Friday, March 24, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Old Court House, Boston, March 14, 1899.

Proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., Saturday, March 18, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing, for the three months ending July 1, 1899, whatever best quality hard, white ash, broken, egg or stove coal that may be required for the public buildings and for the several departments of the City of Boston not otherwise provided for. The amount required is about 1,500 tons, more or less, broken coal; 1,000 tons, more or less, egg coal; 500 tons, more or less, stove coal. Also about 1,000 tons, more or less, best quality George's Creek Cumberland coal for steam and smithing uses. Information will be furnished by the fuel clerk at this office every day from 1 to 2 o'clock. The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals if for the city's interests so to do. Bids to be addressed "Proposals for Coal."

JOHN DROHAN,

Superintendent Public Buildings Department.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 8, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 29 Spring street, Ward 8, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second, third and fourth stories over Spring street. Dimensions: Thirty-two feet high, twelve feet wide, and three feet over line of street.

EDWARD L. BRODIE.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 13, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, March 16, 1899.

The Committee on Public Improvements will give a public hearing in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, March 21, 1899, at 2 o'clock P.M., on the petition of the Boston Transit Company for permission to operate automobile vehicles on certain streets in the City of Boston as set forth in the petition of said company on file in the office of the Clerk of Committees.

FRANK J. O'TOOLE, Chairman.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 13, 1899.

The undersigned request permission to project from building Nos. 113, 115, 117 and 119 Richmond street, Ward 6, four bay-windows of the following description: To project from second third and fourth stories over Richmond street. Dimensions: Thirty feet high, eleven feet wide and three feet over line of street.

LOUIS AND HENRY ROSENBAUM.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 13, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, March 13, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing North river flagging from March 27, 1899, to February 1, 1900, according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent in the sum of \$2,000 for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, March 21, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT, FERRY DIVISION.

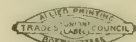
PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Boston, March 13, 1899.

Scaled proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, Room 47, City Hall, Boston, until Wednesday, March 22, 1899, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing and delivering in the sheds on the ferry wharves of the City of Boston, 7,000 tons, more or less, of Georges Creek Cumberland Coal, or its equivalent, 1,500 tons to be delivered on or before April 1, 1899, the balance as ordered on or before January 31, 1900. Proposals will state the particular kind and price per ton of 2,240 pounds, delivered as above, including all costs and expenses of weighing by a weigher appointed by the City of Boston, and stevedoring the same to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets.

Said proposals must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$500, made payable to the City of Boston, said check to be forfeited to the city in case of failure to appear and sign the contract within five days from the date of the award; a bond, with sureties or a deposit of money or other security satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets will be required for the faithful performance of the contract; the Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, should he deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

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Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments has been issued by His Honor the Mayor:

Circular No. 59.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 15, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the request of the City Council, you are hereby instructed to allow, in part compensation for their services, all city employees, whose services can be dispensed with, leave of absence on Friday, March 17, 1899 (Evacuation Day), without loss of pay.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting on Monday, March 20, 1899, voted to confirm the following appointments made by his Honor the Mayor:

Fred Cutter, Armine W. Montgomery and Maurice D. Kingsbury, to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on Monday, the twentieth instant, Mr. Barry, the Chairman, announced the names of the aldermanic members of the Joint Committees of the City Council as follows:

Art Department—Doyle, Adams, McDonald, Berwin, Brick.

Assessing Department—Dixon, Colby, O'Toole, Prescho, Day.

Auditing Department—Dixon, Codman, O'Toole, Day, Prescho.

Bath Department—Berwin, O'Toole, Prescho, Brick, Doyle.

Building Department—Day, Codman, Barry, Prescho, Brick.

Cemetery Department—McDonald, Colby, Doyle, Codman, Day.

City Clerk Department—Codman, Dixon, Adams, O'Toole, Day.

City Messenger Department—Dixon, Colby, Brick, Berwin, McDonald.

Claims—Colby, Day, Adams, O'Toole, McDonald.

Clerk of Committees Department—O'Toole, Prescho, Doyle, Codman, Dixon.

Collecting Department—Prescho, Brick, Adams, Day, Doyle.

Contingent Expenses—Prescho, O'Toole, Codman, Dixon, McDonald.

Election Department—Dixon, Colby, Brick, Berwin, Doyle.

Engineering Department—Brick, Berwin, Day, Codman, McDonald.

Fire Department—McDonald, Prescho, Dixon, Adams, Day.

Health Department—O'Toole, Berwin, Doyle, Colby, Brick.

Hospital Department—Dixon, Colby, McDonald, Codman, O'Toole.

Institutions Department—O'Toole, Prescho, Day, Colby, McDonald.

Lamp Department—Doyle, Adams, Day, O'Toole, Prescho.

Legislative Matters—Prescho, O'Toole, Colby, Brick, Dixon.

Library Department—Adams, McDonald, Prescho, Doyle, Brick.

Market Department—Barry, Adams, O'Toole, Dixon, Codman.

Music Department—Codman, Day, Berwin, Dixon, McDonald.

Ordinances and Law Department—O'Toole, Colby, Barry, Adams, Day.

Overseeing of the Poor Department—Day, Berwin, Doyle, Prescho, McDonald.

Park Department—Colby, Day, Prescho, Brick, Dixon.

Police—Berwin, Dixon, Prescho, Day, Brick.

Printing—Day, Berwin, Prescho, Doyle, Dixon.

Public Buildings Department—O'Toole, Adams, McDonald, Codman, Doyle.

Public Grounds Department—O'Toole, Prescho, Dixon, Colby, Doyle.

Public Lands—Adams, Day, Prescho, Brick, O'Toole.

Registry Department—Brick, Codman, Colby, McDonald, Doyle.

Schools and School-houses—Codman, Dixon, Colby, O'Toole, McDonald.

Statistics Department—Colby, Day, Adams, Brick, Dixon.

Street Department—Codman, O'Toole, Brick, Berwin, McDonald.

Street Laying-out Department—Berwin, Dixon, Day, Prescho, Doyle.

Treasury Department—Adams, Brick, Colby, Doyle, McDonald.

Vessels and Ballast Department—Dixon, Adams, O'Toole, Codman, Doyle.

Water Department—Dixon, Prescho, O'Toole, Berwin, Doyle.

Weights and Measures Department—Day, Codman, Doyle, Colby, McDonald.

Wire Department—Codman, Doyle, Berwin, Day, McDonald.

JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Fourth of July—The whole board, Alderman Barry, Chairman; Adams, Berwin, Brick, Codman, Colby, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole, Prescho.

Labor Day—O'Toole, Codman, Day, Colby, Brick.

Mayor's Address—Berwin, Brick, McDonald.

Memorial Day—Barry, Berwin, Day.

Seventeenth of June—Prescho, Berwin, Dixon, Day, Brick.

THE MALDEN BRIDGE.

The following communication has been addressed by His Honor the Mayor to the Boston members of the Massachusetts Legislature. House Bill No. 936, printed below, was originally introduced as House Bill No. 20 (see THE CITY RECORD, Vol. II., page 30), and the changes in the bill over the original draft are indicated in *Italic*:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 15, 1899.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE
FROM BOSTON:

I think it my duty to call your attention to the provisions of House Bill No. 936, entitled "An Act relative to Malden Bridge,

so-called, in the City of Boston," which has been favorably reported by a majority of the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. I believe this bill to be most unjust to this city, in that it compels an expenditure of \$110,000 in excess of the sum which is needed, in the opinion of the city authorities, to remedy the present admitted deficiencies of the Malden bridge, this large extra cost of a sixty-foot bridge over a fifty-foot one being due to the far more expensive character of the draw required for the greater width. Last year a similar persistent effort was made to impose this large expense upon this city, but it finally failed of success, chiefly through the opposition of Boston members.

Fully recognizing the need of taking some action, and being unwilling to further resist mandatory legislation unless the city itself provided for the proper accommodation of traffic on this bridge, I recommended an appropriation for this purpose to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment early this year, and on February 7 an order was passed, by the unanimous vote of all the members of this Board, appropriating the sum of \$50,000 "for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden bridge, at a width of not less than fifty feet, such work to be completed during the year 1899."

This appropriation was passed in concurrence by the Common Council on February 17, and by the Board of Aldermen on February 20; it has gone into effect, and the City Engineer is pushing forward the preparatory work as rapidly as possible, having already advertised for bids for the new draw required. I append hereto a copy of a letter addressed to me by the City Engineer, Mr. William Jackson, whose experience and professional rank certainly make his views entitled to respect, stating his opinion that provision has now been made for doing all that is desirable at the present time.

Whatever may have been the case before, I cannot see that any sufficient ground remains, in view of the action which the city has now voluntarily taken, for mandatory legislation to compel the entire rebuilding of this bridge. The large extra expenditure required for such rebuilding,—as proposed by the pending bill, represents, in my opinion and that of the City Engineer, an unnecessary and wasteful use of the funds of the City of Boston; moreover, this amount cannot be spared out of the very limited borrowing capacity now remaining unused, without seriously trenching upon the resources of the city still available to meet the pressing needs of the different districts for the balance of this year. I cannot believe that the Legislature, upon a full understanding of the facts of the case, will pass this bill; but, in any case, I should not consider that I had performed my duty unless I

called the situation to the attention of the representatives of Boston in both branches of the Legislature, and appealed to them to resist this uncalled-for imposition upon the city.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

For a communication from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to the Legislature, see the records of the meeting of that Board, page 211.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, March 13, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In reply to your inquiry concerning the Malden bridge, I would say that when I was asked to give my opinion to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment as to the proper action to be taken by the city and the amount of the appropriation needed, I advised the rebuilding of the draw and the partial reconstruction of the present bridge, so as to give a width of not less than fifty feet, rather than the complete rebuilding of the bridge at the present time at any greater width. I believe that a bridge fifty feet in width is sufficient to provide for the needs of traffic for the next ten years, and that the entire rebuilding of the bridge at any greater width should be postponed until that time.

My estimate of the cost of building a new bridge sixty feet in width is about \$160,000, and I am of the opinion that, in view of the uncertainty as to what may be the requirements of traffic at this point in the not distant future, it is not advisable to attempt at the present time to build a permanent and expensive structure.

Several large interests below this bridge have already made it necessary to provide for a considerable widening of the draw of the North Chelsea bridge, the next below this one; and it is expected that in a few years it will be necessary to replace the North Chelsea bridge by a steel bridge on masonry piers, with a draw having 100-foot openings. If the development of this part of the harbor should be carried above the Malden bridge, a similar construction would be necessary here, but as the expense would be large, it does not seem to me to be wise at this time to enter into it, especially as the traffic over the bridge for the present, and for at least ten years to come, can be accommodated by using in the proposed reconstruction a part of the old structure, making the new bridge fifty feet in width in the clear, with a ten-foot sidewalk and a forty-foot roadway.

A bridge constructed as above would last for at least ten years, at which time some idea can be had of the probable development of this section of the harbor, and of the kind of a permanent bridge which will be needed.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

The bill referred to is as follows:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MALDEN BRIDGE, SO CALLED, IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City Engineer of the City of Boston, *in its name and behalf*, is hereby authorized and required forthwith after the passage of this act to construct and complete a bridge across Mystic river, at, upon, or near the present site of the so-called Malden bridge, and the Board of Street Commissioners of said city shall take in fee any lands which the Board may deem necessary to enable the city to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sect. 2. Said bridge shall be not less than sixty feet in width, shall be suitable for ordinary travel, and shall be built in such places and on such plans, and with a draw of such opening not less than forty feet in width, as the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners shall approve, and shall be constructed and maintained subject to the provisions of Chapter 19 of the Public Statutes and of all other laws which now are or hereafter may be in force relating to bridges over tide water, except that no compensation for displacement of tide water, or for occupying any lands or flats of the Commonwealth, shall be required from said city.

Sect. 3. The cost of constructing said bridge shall be paid by the City of Boston, and for the purpose of paying said cost the Treasurer of said city shall, from time to time, issue notes, bonds or scrip of the City of Boston *inside of the debt limit of said city*, to an amount not exceeding *two hundred thousand dollars*, and use the proceeds to meet the expenses incurred under this act. Such scrip, notes or bonds, shall bear such interest, payable semi-annually, not exceeding four per centum per annum, and be payable at such times, not less than ten nor more than forty years from their date, as shall be determined by said Treasurer.

Sect. 4. The City of Boston shall maintain and keep said bridge in repair and shall maintain and operate the draw thereon and shall be liable under the limitations of law for all damages for which towns are liable, resulting from or recovered by reason of any defect or want of repair of the same.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of imports and exports, together with the entrance and clearance of foreign vessels, and the number of passengers arrived at the Port of Boston during the month of February, 1899, as compared with the corresponding month in 1898:

	Imports.		Exports.	
February, 1899	\$	\$3,795,879	\$	\$10,313,631
February, 1898		5,151,640		8,964,464

	Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
February, 1899	79	153,277	64	131,797
February, 1898	85	133,540	72	119,541

Passengers arrived, February, 1899	447
Passengers arrived, February, 1898	606

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

In Document 13, 1899, which constitutes the annual report of the Fire Department for the year 1898-99, the Fire Commissioner notes the completion of the salt-water service for Atlantic avenue, through Congress street, Post Office square and Central street to Central Wharf, to be used by the two fire-boats in case of conflagration, but not for ordinary service; the completion of a new house for Engine 30, on Centre street, West Roxbury, and its occupancy on June 1; the establishment on November 8 of Combination Company No. 6 in new quarters at Grove Hall, Dorchester; the placing in service of a second fire-boat, Engine 31, after many trials; the completion of the work of placing the wires of the fire-alarm underground in the district prescribed originally by the Legislature in 1894; the efficiency and excellence of the whole fire-alarm system; the provision of increased protection in out-lying districts; and the zeal and vigilance shown by officers and men throughout the Department in the performance of their duties.

Commissioner Russell states that "much extra work was caused by the two heavy storms of the year; that of January 31 was especially disastrous to the overhead service, as the wires, poles and fixtures erected for their support were broken, torn down and otherwise demoralized to a greater extent than ever occurred on any previous occasion since the fire-alarm system was established.

"The damage resulting from the November storm was much less in extent, but a great amount of emergency work was made necessary by it before the circuits were restored to their normal condition.

"The whole fire-alarm system has continued to show its excellence through alarm-boxes and transmitters, the former never failing to properly send in the alarms, while the latter, in sending them out, has struck 7,300,000 blows without serious mistakes in directing the engines and other apparatus."

The principal recommendations made by the Fire Commissioner are: (1), that, if it should seem advisable to extend the salt-water service, which is capable of throwing 30,000 gallons of water per minute to the top of a ten-story building—a sixteen-inch pipe be laid from Central Wharf through Atlantic avenue, India and Franklin to Congress street, from Congress street through Atlantic avenue, Summer, Bedford, Chauncy, Summer, Hawley and Milk streets to Congress street to cover a thickly-congested territory, in which, at any time, it may be necessary to fight a conflagration; (2), that the wires of the fire-alarm branch be placed under ground from Dover-street bridge to Tremont street, up Tremont to Roxbury, from Roxbury to Washington, down Washington to Eustis, from Eustis to Harrison avenue, down Harrison avenue to Northampton, through Northampton to Albany, down Albany to the point of starting. And also in Charlestown from Warren bridge through City square to Park street, through Park to Henley, through Henley to Chelsea,

through Chelsea street to Chelsea bridge, inasmuch as the storms of the past year have clearly demonstrated the advantage of such action; (3), that an additional ladder company be placed in the territory adjacent to Engines 38-39, on Congress street, to provide necessary ladder service for the many large buildings in that neighborhood.

Appended to the report are the usual tables showing the organization and pay-roll of the Department, which includes 833 officers and men; the boundaries of fire districts; the location of engine-houses, fire apparatus, etc.; the causes of fires and alarms during the year 1898-99; and a list of the alarm bells and public clocks under the charge of the Department.

During the year ending January 31, 1899, 1,980 alarms were received, of which 1,515 were from citizens; 1,689 fires occurred within the city, of which 425 were extinguished by extinguishers, 253 by buckets of water, 282 by chemical engines, 141 by hydrant streams, 294 by steam fire-engines, and the remainder by miscellaneous and private means; 797 buildings were slightly damaged, 103 were considerably damaged and 24 were totally destroyed.

The total fire losses amounted to \$1,441,261, or \$440,044 on buildings, and \$1,001,217 on their contents. The buildings involved were insured for \$10,680,856, and their contents for \$4,558,805, or \$15,239,611 in all.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

The report of the Committee on Supplies constitutes School Document No. 1—1899.

This report covers the entire running expenses of the schools, excepting the amount paid for salaries and the expense incurred under the head of repairs on and alterations of school buildings.

Gross expenditures amounted to \$241,268.79, or \$15,431.29 less than the estimates.

The net expenditures for the fiscal year 1898-99 amounted to \$238,389.

The net amount expended shows an increase of \$6,896 in supplies and incidentals, and an increase of \$6,919 in fuel, gas and water,—a total increase, as compared with the cost for the previous year, of \$13,815.

The average number of pupils belonging to the different grades of schools was 83,008. The average cost of this Department per pupil for books, supplies and incidentals was \$1.63, and for fuel, gas and water was \$1.24—a total cost per pupil of \$2.87.

The value of the stock on hand at the close of the year amounted to \$24,776, an increase of \$2,282 as compared with the value of the stock on hand January 1, 1898, which shows that the schools were supplied with this amount less than the expenses of the year would indicate.

The total amount expended for books, drawing materials and stationery during the year was \$77,736; deducting \$259, the in-

come received, it leaves \$77,476 as the net amount expended for these items, an increase over the previous year of \$5,383.

The cost of supplying pupils under the free text-book law, charging for this purpose the entire net cost of all the books, stationery and drawing materials purchased during the year amounted to ninety-three cents per pupil, which varies but slightly from the cost for the two years previous.

The cost of supplementary reading the past year was \$7,717.19, an amount nearly double the average cost for ten years previous. This was partly due to changing the books in the primary schools of three divisions from circulating to permanent reading.

The expense for printing, including the stock used, amounted to \$9,110.79, as compared with \$7,350.37 for the year preceding. This advance in cost was due principally to the large edition of the "Outline of Lessons in Drawing," prepared by the Director of Drawing, and the extra amount of printing necessitated by the changes in the Rules and Regulations during the year.

The cost for furnishing new flags and for repairing old ones, to meet the unusual demands of the schools, amounted to \$746.86. The increase in patriotic feeling occasioned by the war with Spain was responsible for a large part of this outlay.

The expenditures for manual training supplies during the year just closed amounted to \$6,320.

Kindergarten materials, including the services of maids, cost \$3,536.32. The combined expenses for these two special grades of schools present a decrease as compared with the previous year of \$1,396.15, which is due to the fact that since September no new kindergartens or manual training classes have been started.

The amount of coal purchased during the year for the several schools was 16,253 tons, an increase of 926 tons as compared with 1897-98.

The total expense on account of coal, including weighing, amounted to \$75,946.75, an increase as compared with the year preceding of \$1,640.

Two hundred and fifty-three cords of wood were purchased during the year from the Overseers of the Poor, at an expense of \$2,792.57, including sawing, splitting and hauling.

The cost for water is increasing at a faster rate than any other item of school expenses. The bills sent in by the Water Department, and paid during the past year, amounted to \$13,439.20, as compared with \$10,275.58 in 1897-98, and \$7,861.72 in 1896-97, an increase of over 70 per cent. in two years.

Gas and electric lighting cost \$10,757.34 in 1898-99, as compared with \$8,694.51 in 1897-98, and \$6,834 in 1896-97, an increase of 57 per cent. in two years.

This committee has little or no control over these last-mentioned expenditures, and can but record them as they occur; and if the present rapid rate of increase be continued it will doubtless lead to some plan of more direct responsibility than exists at present.

The total cost for fuel, gas and water the past year amounted to \$102,935.86, an increase over the year previous of \$6,919.57.

The following shows the net expenditures properly chargeable to the different grades

of schools for all items under control of this committee:

CLASS OF SCHOOL.	Net cost of supplies.	Average number pupils belonging.	Average cost per pupil.
High	\$45,178 65	5,714	\$7 91
Grammar	108,947 47	38,059	2 86
Primary	59,086 22	29,666	1 99
Evening High and Elementary . .	6,263 96	5,064	1 24
Evening Drawing,	1,430 89	566	2 53
Horace Mann School	1,419 78	116	12 24
Kindergartens . .	5,008 25	3,807	1 32
Manual Training Schools	7,328 99	—	—
School Committee and officers . .	1,442 91	—	—
Totals	\$236,107 12	82,992	—

Table showing the net expenditures for supplies and incidentals for the year:

YEAR.	Supplies and Incidentals.	Number of Pupils.	Rate per Pupil.
1889-90 . .	\$86,162 83	66,003	\$1 31
1890-91 . .	85,108 95	67,022	1 27
1891-92* . .	79,217 13	67,696	1 17
1892-93 . .	91,176 52	68,970	1 32
1893-94 . .	85,331 74	71,495	1 19
1894-95 . .	96,535 02	73,603	1 31
1895-96 . .	114,442 25	74,666	1 53
1896-97 . .	128,710 62	78,167	1 65
1897-98 . .	128,557 41	81,638	1 57
1898-99 . .	135,453 51	83,008	1 63

*Nine months.

The committee emphasize the fact that in 1876-77, without free books and supplies, the cost under the head of supplies and incidentals was \$2.44 per pupil, as compared with \$1.63 per pupil for the past year, not only with free books and supplies, but with various new sources of expenditure, such as manual training, cooking, etc., as indicating the efforts of this committee toward a careful and economical administration of their department.

The Council at Louisville, Ky., has adopted an ordinance requiring all street railways in that city, beginning with January, 1900, to provide protecting vestibules for motormen between November 1 and April 1 of each year.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, at 7.30 P.M., on Tuesday, March 14, 1899. Present, all the members except Mr. Fleischer.

Mr. Burrill offered the following:

Ordered, under a suspension of the rules, that the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and passed:

(1.) Ordered, That the new primary school-house on Walk Hill street, Forest Hills, be named the Francis Parkman School, in honor of Francis Parkman, the historian.

(2.) Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Webb School be fixed at the rate of \$240 per annum, to date from December 12, 1898, until otherwise ordered.

(3.) Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Stephen M. Weld School be fixed at the rate of \$720 per annum, to date from February 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(4.) Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas W. Kenny the sum of \$76 for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, from September 12, 1898, to January 27, 1899.

(5.) Ordered, That there be paid to Humphrey C. Mahoney the sum of \$113 for extra services rendered as temporary janitor of the Paul Revere School from November 19, 1898, until January 1, 1899.

(6.) Ordered, That Henry E. Loring, sub-master in the Tileston District, be placed upon the second year of service in his rank, to date from February 1, 1899.

(7.) Ordered, That there be paid to Kate F. Hobart, assistant in the Horace Mann School, the sum of \$42 for extra services rendered as teacher of wood-working in that school during September and October, 1898.

(8.) Ordered, That there be paid to H. D. Dudley, for the Denison House Association, the sum of \$16, for cleaning and heating the Denison House Kindergarten, from January 2, 1899, to February 27, 1899.

(9.) Ordered, That there be paid to Edward J. Cox, sub-master in the Lowell School, the sum of \$65 in addition to his regular salary, for services rendered as acting-master of that school during the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Jones.

(10.) Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of F. G. Coburn & Co., for the construction of the Webster-avenue Primary School-house, in the net sum of \$464.37, for cutting brickwork and furnace setting, wiring for motors, hot water heater, hinging window-guards, and sanding cornice, which amount includes a deduction on account of omission of separate coal pit included in original specifications.

(11.) Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 148. Strike out the last sentence

of said section, and insert in place thereof the following:

"Such male instructors above the rank of assistants who have attained the maximum salary of their rank shall be masters, and those who have not attained the maximum salary of their rank shall be junior masters, provided, that no instructor who has once attained the rank of master shall, by any change in the salary schedule, be deprived of that title."

(12.) Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 314. Strike out the section and insert in place thereof the following:

"Section 314. No child under the age of fourteen years shall be admitted to an evening school and no pupil in the day schools shall be admitted to an evening school except by express permission of the Committee on Evening Schools. No pupil shall be admitted to any evening school who has not pledged himself to as regular attendance as his circumstances will permit; and no pupil shall be admitted to the Evening High School who is unable to attend at least two evenings a week, except by permission of the Committee on Evening Schools. Any pupil who shall absent himself from an evening school for three consecutive evenings on which his attendance is due shall be discharged, and shall not be re-admitted until he shall have satisfactorily explained his absence. A principal may discharge a pupil for disobedience or improper conduct; and such pupil shall not be re-admitted without the consent of the Committee on Evening Schools. Principals of evening schools shall enter the name and address of each pupil, and the evenings on which he is to attend, in a book kept for the purpose; provided that no person shall be considered a member of any school until he shall have attended at least two evenings."

Section 316. Strike out the section and insert in place thereof the following:

"Section 316. The text-books used in the evening schools shall be such only as are duly authorized by the Board. The several principals shall be responsible for all books owned by the city in use in their respective schools; and pupils in the elementary schools shall not be permitted to take such books from the several buildings."

The Chair read the following:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 11, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I return herewith, without my approval, order passed by your Committee on February 28, providing for the payment of \$12.90 to Patrick M. Connolly for extra services as janitor of the Eliot School; of \$13.20 to Joseph P. Fleming for extra services as janitor of the Hancock School; of \$20 to Jeremiah W. Murphy for extra services as janitor of the Phillips School, and \$12.75 to Humphrey C. Mahoney for extra services as janitor of the Cushman School. I understand that such extra services consisted in washing the windows of school buildings, and it seems to me that such service properly comes under the regular duties of a janitor, and should be allowed for in his regular salary, instead of as an extra.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

February 14, 1899.

Ordered, That there be paid to Patrick M. Connolly the sum of \$12.90 for extra services as janitor of the Eliot School.

Laid over, under the rule.

February 28, 1899. Passed.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

February 14, 1899.

Ordered, That there be paid to Joseph P. Fleming the sum of \$13.20 for extra services as janitor of the Hancock School.

Laid over, under the rule.

February 28, 1899. Passed.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

February 14, 1899.

Ordered, That there be paid to Jeremiah W. Murphy the sum of \$20 for extra services as janitor of the Phillips School.

Laid over, under the rule.

February 28, 1899. Passed.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

February 14, 1899.

Ordered, That there be paid to Humphrey C. Mahoney the sum of \$12.75 for extra services as janitor of the Cushman School.

Laid over, under the rule.

February 28, 1899. Passed.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, reconsideration was voted, and on his motion the orders were passed over the Mayor's veto by the following vote:

Yeas—Aldrich, Berridge, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Campbell, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Fifield, Gallivan, Huggan, Keller, Kinney, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, Nichols, Strange—19.

Nays—Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Bowdlear—4.

The Chair read the following:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 11, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I return herewith the annual appropriation order, as passed by your Committee, having approved of all the items therein except the six items under the heading of "Salaries for Janitors," amounting in the aggregate to \$156,000, which I hereby disapprove, for the reason that I believe that the salaries of janitors should be itemized in the same manner as salaries of instructors are itemized, so as to show at least the number of janitors who are paid each grade of salary. As the items stand, there is nothing to show the distribution of the aggregate amount of each item between the number of janitors who are to be paid out of such item. It seems to me proper that the Mayor should have the same opportunity to pass upon the salaries paid to janitors which he has to pass upon salaries paid to instructors.

The item "Additional for washing floors, etc., \$2,800," under the heading of "Salaries for Janitors," is disapproved for the reason that it seems to me that the washing of floors should be considered as coming within the regular janitor service.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Superintendent of Schools presented appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations as follows:

The appointments of two special assistants, laid over, under the rule; the appointment of one temporary teacher, which was placed on file; the reappointments of five temporary teachers, placed on file; the appointments of five teachers on probation, which were laid over, under the rule; confirmations of the appointments of seven teachers, which were laid over, under the rule.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to seven teachers.

The Superintendent presented the reappointments of three temporary teachers, which were approved, under a suspension of the rules.

The Superintendent submitted for approval the appointment on probation of P. Frank Packard of Salem, Mass., as Instructor of Military Drill, to date from March 29, 1899.

Laid over, under the rule.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, February 14, a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the Common Council, asking that the sanitary condition of the Ticknor School, South Boston, be investigated, and that such changes and repairs as are necessary be made so as to put the same in proper condition, reported that they have again investigated the condition of this building and are fully acquainted with its necessities with regard to alterations and repairs.

These are so extensive, however, as to involve the closing of the school, should the work be undertaken at the present time. Your committee therefore recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that it is the intention of this committee to furnish new sanitary accommodations for this school, and to make other alterations and repairs during the coming summer vacation.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the amount due William M. Newton, deceased, late sub-master in the Warren School, be paid to his widow, Mary E. Newton.

On the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Accounts and Hygiene and Physical Training, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on the Normal School be authorized to employ Dr. E. M. Hartwell to continue the course of lectures formerly given by him as Director of Physical Training for the benefit of the pupils in the Normal School, at a cost not exceeding \$500; provided that, if there are a

less number of lectures than were given last year the compensation shall be reduced correspondingly.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Salaries it was ordered:

(1.) That there be paid to Clarence P. Coburn the sum of \$80 for extra services as acting-principal of the Franklin Evening School during the vacancy in the principalship of said school, and that there be also paid to Annie Dooley the sum of \$2, and to Adah F. Whitney the sum of \$8, for services rendered as assistants in that school during the same time.

(2.) That there be paid to H. Caroline Wort the sum of \$212, for services rendered in primary school, Everett District, from September 6, 1898, to February 9, 1899, inclusive.

The annual report of the Committee on Supplies was presented by Chairman Davison, and was accepted. (For abstract of the report, see page 207.)

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, reported that:

The Committee on the Fifth Division, to whom was referred, February 28, a report relative to the retention of H. C. Parker as sub-master in the Dwight District, and filling the vacancy in the sub-mastership of the Warren District by a new appointment, report that they have given the matter careful consideration, and are willing that Mr. Parker should be transferred to the Warren District.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of the transfer of H. C. Parker as sub-master to the Warren District, and his transfer was ordered by the following vote:

Yeas—Aldrich, Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Fifield, Huggan, Keller, Nichols—13.

Nays—Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Campbell, Gallivan, Kenney, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, Strange—10.

Adjourned to March 28, at 7.30 P.M.

RESIGNATION OF MR. PUTNAM.

Mr. Herbert Putnam, Librarian of the Boston Public Library and Clerk of the Corporation, has been offered by President McKinley the position of Librarian of the Library of Congress, and has accepted. His resignation as Librarian of the Boston Public Library has been presented to the Trustees and accepted.

Mr. Putnam was appointed Librarian at Boston on February 11, 1895, and Clerk of the Corporation on April 16, 1895.

Detroit's annual budget of municipal expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1899, amounts to \$4,855,000. Among the estimates are: Public Lighting Commission, \$160,000; Board of Education, \$1,168,267; Board of Public Works, \$1,303,885; Water Board, \$75,000; Police Commission, \$555,320; Fire Commission, \$700,723; Park Board, \$193,424; Public Library, \$51,321; Health Board, \$41,273.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The record of the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, held on Wednesday, the fifteenth instant, is as follows:

City Hall, March 15, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on March 15 at 4 P.M., at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston.

Present: All the members except Mr. Kiley.

The records of the last three meetings were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Minot.

The following papers, received on the dates stated, were placed on file:

ART DEPARTMENT.

Orders requesting appropriations, as follows:

January 1—For acquiring land adjacent to the Eustis-street burying-ground, and for laying out said burying-ground and the land so acquired as a Roxbury memorial park, \$150,000.

January 9—For the purchase of the oil painting, "Boston Massacre, March 5, 1770," to be hung in Faneuil Hall.

January 16—For a monument to the citizens of Boston, who died in the military and naval service of the United States during the late war, \$50,000.

January 23—For a statue to the late Senator James E. Hayes, to be located in the public ground bounded by Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton streets, Charlestown.

BATHS DEPARTMENT.

Orders requesting appropriations, as follows:

January 16—For providing a bath-house at Savin Hill beach, Ward 20.

January 23—For an open-air gymnasium on the playground, Ward 3, \$25,000.

January 23—For an underground lavatory and public convenience station at the junction of Endicott and Blackstone streets, Ward 6.

January 9—For a gymnasium and all-the-year-bathing-house on the site of the present Cabot-street bath-house, Ward 18, \$40,000.

January 9—For a playground and open-air gymnasium, Ward 19.

January 30—For the erection and maintenance of a public convenience station at the junction of West Broadway, Broadway extension and Dorchester avenue, Ward 13.

January 30—For putting the bathing beach at the head-house, Marine Park, in the same condition as the bathing beach at the foot of L street, known as the L-street bathing beach.

February 6—Petition of Phillip O'Brien and many others for an appropriation for the erection of a gymnasium and winter bath on bathing beach at the foot of Bunker Hill Heights.

February 6—For the establishment of a gymnasium at the North End Park \$25,000.

February 6—For fitting up ward-room on Elmwood street, Ward 19, as a gymnasium.

February 13—For gymnasium at Orchard Park.

February 13—For a public landing in Dorchester bay, \$1,000.

February 13—For a gymnasium on the Ward 14 playground, \$25,000.

February 13—For the furnishing and completion of the gymnasium at Commonwealth Park, South Boston, \$10,000.

February 13—For the establishment of an open-air gymnasium in the Ward 6 playground, \$50,000.

February 13—For the improvement of the North End bathing beach, \$10,000.

February 13—For completing and furnishing the gymnasium and bath-house now being erected in Ward 15, \$30,000.

February 13—For an in-door gymnasium and bath-house in Ward 7, \$35,000.

February 13—For the purchase of land for a playground and for the establishment of an open-air gymnasium in Ward 5.

February 13—For an all-the-year-around gymnasium in Ward 5.

February 20—For a public convenience station at Roxbury crossing.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Orders requesting appropriations, as follows:

January 9—For the erection of an engine-house on Norfolk street, near Dorchester station.

January 16—For the purchase of land and the construction of a fire engine-house at Forest Hills, Ward 23, \$30,000.

January 16—For the establishment of an engine-house and suitable apparatus on Heath street, Ward 19, \$36,000.

January 23—For an engine-house and site, to be located at Forest Hills, Ward 23, \$30,000.

January 30—For the erection of an engine-house at the corner of Calumet and St. Alphonsus streets, Ward 19, \$36,000.

January 30—For an engine-house and chemical apparatus, to be located at the corner of Hillside and Calumet streets, Ward 19, \$20,000.

February 13—Petition of Daniel H. Sullivan et al., for the location of a fire engine in the vicinity of Parker Hill, Ward 19.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Orders requesting appropriations, as follows:

January 23—For an emergency hospital in South Boston.

January 30—For the establishment and maintenance of an emergency hospital at South Boston, and an ambulance station in connection therewith.

February 13—For the establishment and maintenance of an emergency hospital in Charlestown, and an ambulance in connection therewith.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

Orders requesting appropriations, as follows:

January 9—For a new public library building for the Charlestown District, including land.

January 23—For the establishment of a branch of the Public Library at the North End.

January 23—For a branch of the Public Library in East Boston, \$100,000.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

Orders requesting appropriations, as follows:

January 9—For providing a small park in a central location in South Boston, Ward 13.

January 16—For a playground for Wards 18 and 19, \$100,000.

January 26—For the construction and improvement of the Christopher Gibson playground, Dorchester, \$26,000.

January 30—For establishing a marine park and playground at Jeffries Point, Ward 2.

January 30—For a suitable site and the establishment of a playground in Roslindale, Ward 23, \$31,000.

February 13—For the improvement and construction of the Neponset playstead, Ward 24, \$25,000.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Orders requesting appropriations, as follows:

January 23—For a police station at or near Grove Hall, Ward 20, \$30,000.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Orders requesting appropriations, as follows:

January 3—For a new ward-room in Ward 6, \$50,000.

January 9—For a new ward-room, Ward 18, \$40,000.

January 16—For grading grounds around ward-room, Ward 17, \$3,000.

February 20—For a new ward-room in Ward 1, \$20,000

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

Orders requesting appropriations, as follows:
February 13—For an iron fence around the square bounded by New Heath, Old Heath and Parker streets.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Orders requesting appropriations, as follows:
February 20—Requesting that the \$500,000 requested by the School Committee for additional primary and grammar school-houses be included in the next loan bill.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Orders requesting appropriations, as follows:
January 3—For completing the construction of Talbot avenue, Dorchester.

January 16—For the completion of the paving of Norfolk avenue, Ward 17, \$15,000.

January 16—For the paving of Massachusetts avenue, from Albany street to the Five Corners, Ward 20.

January 16—For repaving with granite blocks on a concrete base the following streets: Hanover street, from Washington street to Commercial street; Blackstone street, from Clinton street to Haymarket square; Atlantic avenue, from Broad street to Commercial street; Commercial street, from Faneuil Hall Market to Hanover street; Devonshire street, from Milk street to State street.

January 16—For constructing a foot-bridge across the tracks of the Shawmut branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, on the line of the Rowena and Fuller-street extensions.

January 16—For the construction of a new bridge across the Shawmut branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, on Medway street, Ward 24.

January 16—Petition of Henry Crine et al., for laying out and improving Carleton street.

January 23—For paving and asphaltizing Seneca, Oneida, Oswego, Genesee, Rochester and Troy streets.

January 23—For resurfacing and putting in complete order Grove, Phillips, Garden and Irving streets, Ward 11, \$20,000.

January 23—For paving Blue Hill avenue, from Dalmatia street to Grove Hall, \$50,000.

January 23—For providing proper sewerage for the Phineas Bates School, on Beech street, Ward 23.

January 23—For grading and macadamizing East Second street, from K to Q streets, South Boston, Ward 14.

January 23—For establishing street-cleaning service in all parts of the Dorchester district not now covered by said service.

January 23—For asphaltizing Harrison avenue, between Kneeland and Bennet streets.

January 23—For asphaltizing Milton street, Ward 6.

January 23—For constructing a bicycle path of asphalt on Tremont, Boylston and Charles streets, adjoining Boston Common, for the use of the bicycle riding public. (Hearing requested.)

January 23—For widening Chelsea bridge draw-opening, at the north draw, from forty-five to seventy-five feet, \$70,000.

January 30—For the asphaltizing of Harrison avenue, from Northampton street to East Lenox street.

January 30—For the asphaltizing of Smith street, from Parker street to Huntington avenue.

January 30—For the paving of Shawmut avenue, from Camden street to Guild row, \$8,000.

January 30—For resurfacing Putnam square; Trenton street, from Brooks street to Prescott street; Prescott street, from Trenton street to Saratoga street, and Putnam street, from Trenton street to Saratoga street, Ward 1.

January 30—For macadamizing Ruggles street, between Shawmut avenue and Cabot street, Ward 18.

January 30—For putting Hillside street in thorough repair, from Parker street to Parker Hill avenue, Ward 19.

January 30—For putting Princeton street in proper condition for safe travel, Ward 1.

January 30—For establishing a street-cleaning service in all parts of Ward 23, not now covered by such service.

January 30—For asphaltting Smith street, from Phillips street to St. Alphonsus street, Ward 19.

January 30—For putting in complete order La Grange street, from Washington street to the Newton line, Ward 23.

January 30—For the erection of a foot-bridge over the Boston Elevated Railway tracks at Traverse street, between Haverhill and Canal streets.

February 1—Petition of Lucius Beebe & Sons, and many others, that High street, between Summer street and Pearl street, be repaved with granite blocks with concrete base.

February 1—Petition of Brown, Durrell & Co., for repaving Kingston street.

February 6—For asphaltting Beacon street, from Massachusetts avenue to the Boston and Albany Railroad bridge.

February 6—For erection of a retaining wall on the easterly side of Centre street, opposite New Heath street, \$2,500.

February 6—For constructing a bicycle path of asphalt, in place of the present unsatisfactory one on Massachusetts avenue, between Albany street and Edward Everett square.

February 6—For general repairs on Winthrop square, Charlestown, \$2,500.

February 6—For paving Lenox street, from Shawmut avenue to Washington street, \$5,000.

February 13—For the completion of the retaining wall, Freeport street, Ward 24, \$5,000.

February 13—For repaving West Cedar street.

February 13—For asphalt gutters on each side of Dorchester street to the width of four feet, between Dorchester avenue and Eighth street.

February 13—For furnishing and maintaining a waiting room at the Boston side of the North Ferry, for persons waiting for cars, \$10,000.

February 13—For asphaltting Berkeley street, between Tremont street and the railroad bridge, \$22,800.

February 13—For paving Utica place, Ward 7.

February 13—For asphaltting easterly side of Dudley street, from Dunmore street to Woodward avenue, Ward 17.

February 20—For macadamizing Princeton street, Ward 1, \$10,000.

February 20—For paving Condor street, Ward 1, from Meridian street to Brooks street, \$10,000.

February 20—For a hearing relative to repaving streets in business section of the city.

STREET LAYING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

Orders requesting appropriations, as follows:

January 9—For completing the extension of Brooks street, Ward 25.

January 9—For the widening of Dudley street, at Upham's Corner and Columbia road.

January 9—For widening of Hancock street, Dorchester, from Columbia road to Freeport street, to a width of eighty feet.

January 17—Protest of estate of Samuel B. Pierce against the said widening of Dudley street.

January 23—For widening of Chelsea street, Charlestown, from Prospect street, north.

January 23—For laying out and constructing Temple street, from its present termination to Centre street, Ward 23.

January 30—For extending Alexander street, from its present terminus to Columbia road, Ward 16.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Orders requesting appropriations, as follows:

January 9—For a municipal building, Ward 15, \$15,000.

January 16—For steps on Mead street, Ward 4, \$15,000.

January 30—For a new building, to be used as a ward-room, gymnasium and bathing-house, Ward 18, \$30,000.

February 6—For the establishment and maintenance of a public landing at Apple Island, \$1,000.

The following was referred to the Board of Street Commissioners:

Order received February 13, 1899, requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to order the laying out and construction of Kilton street, from Harvard street to Talbot avenue, Ward 20, under Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and amendments thereto.

All matters received from the files of the Committee on Finance of 1896, referred to the Board in accordance with order passed by the Board of Aldermen on January 1, 1899, and the Common Council on January 12, 1899, were also placed on file.

The following were also placed on file:

January 11—Statement of Superintendent of Streets as to cost of reconstructing, resurfacing and repairing streets, from 1885 to 1898, inclusive.

January 11—Communication from the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-Funds estimating the borrowing capacity for the municipal year 1899.

January 20—Statement by City Clerk as to number of papers recorded, etc.

February 24—Statement from representatives of Dorchester in City Council requesting certain loan appropriations for improvements located in that district.

February 14—Communication from Park Commissioners stating smallest amount that should be spent for construction of playgrounds.

February 17—Request for loan appropriation for paving Gerard street.

March 15—Statement of Superintendent of Streets showing decrease in appropriation for maintenance appropriation of Paving Division, and for new work.

March 15—Order requesting an appropriation for building a foot-bridge across the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad tracks, on Wordsworth street, East Boston.

March 15—Order requesting an appropriation of \$3,000 for asphaltting Endicott street, from Cooper street to Thacher street.

March 15—Order requesting an appropriation for paving B street, from Summer-street extension to First street, South Boston.

March 15—Letter from Mr. Minot to Dr. Henry C. Baldwin, Chairman Insane Hospital Trustees, in regard to advisability of enlarging the hospitals at Pierce and Austin Farms.

A communication was received from the Boston Associated Board of Trade requesting an annual appropriation for paving business thoroughfares, and also that Superintendent of Streets require all parties, to whom permits to remove paving of any street are given, to keep said streets in repair for one year thereafter.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Minot.

On motion of Mr. Minot, the order requesting the Board to give a hearing to persons interested, relative to repaving the streets in the business section of the city, was taken from the files, and was also assigned to the next meeting.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a letter from the

Fire Commissioner requesting that provision be speedily made for providing new quarters for Engine 22, now located on Dartmouth street, "inasmuch as at any time the present quarters may be torn down."

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, a hearing was given to Fire Commissioner Russell on the subject.

The Board then went into executive session.

On motion of Mr. Barry, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

A communication was received from the Mayor transmitting a communication from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the Approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$2,900, from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor, the intention being to use the said sum for meeting the expenses of the following committees:

Committee to examine the accounts and operations of the Printing Plant	\$300 00
Committee to examine the accounts and operations of the Repair Division of the Public Buildings Department	300 00
Advisory committee on penal aspects of drunkenness	300 00
Commission to examine the Building Department	2,000 00
Amount required	\$2,900 00

The communication was placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Barry, it was voted to approve the transfer by the City Auditor of two thousand nine hundred (2,900) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor.

The vote was signed by Mayor Quincy, and Messrs. Barry, Sullivan and Minot.

A communication (on file) was received from the Board of Street Commissioners requesting an appropriation of \$42,000 for meeting the expenses of the Sewer Assessment Division of the Street Laying-out Department.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, it was voted that Mayor Quincy be requested to arrange for the provision of the amount needed for meeting the expenses of the Sewer Assessment Division out of the appropriation of \$353,000 already made for the maintenance and operation of the sewerage works, under the Street Department, Sewer Division.

Mr. Minot called attention to the provisions of House Bill 936, entitled "An Act relative to Malden Bridge, so-called, in the City of Boston," providing for an expenditure of \$200,000 by the city during the current year, inside of the debt limit, for the rebuilding of Malden Bridge; and, on motion of Mr. Minot, it was voted that, in the opinion of this Board, it would interfere very seriously with the proper performance of its duty if appropriations inside the debt limit are made by the Legislature, and that the following memorial, to be signed by all the members of the Board present at this meeting, be presented to the Legislature:

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, IN GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED:

Respectfully represents the undersigned, members of the Board of Estimate and

Apportionment of the City of Boston, that in the performance of the duty and authority vested in them by the Legislature, they have authorized loans within the borrowing capacity of the city for the current year amounting to the sum of \$854,000, and have further voted to set aside the sum of \$500,000 to be appropriated for providing additional school accommodations, leaving an available borrowing capacity, for meeting all the needs of the city for the balance of the current year, of \$441,000; that they believe that the full amount of said sum will be urgently required to meet the wants of the city within the current year, and they therefore respectfully, but earnestly, protest against the passage of House Bill 936, appropriating the sum of \$200,000 within the debt limit, upon the ground that said bill, if passed, will entirely upset the financial calculations of the Board and deprive it of an available resource which it has counted upon having. We therefore respectfully ask that, inasmuch as the last Legislature saw fit to intrust the members of this Board with the duty of making appropriations within the debt limit, the present Legislature will not hamper us in the execution of the plans which we have made in the performance of that duty.

The memorial was signed by Mayor Quincy, and Messrs. Barry, Sullivan and Minot, being all the members of the Board present.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was voted that the Chairman be authorized to approve any bills that become due from time to time for stenographic services, or for attendance of elective members at meetings of the Board.

Adjourned at 6.35 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.

JOHN H. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

March 17, 1899.

General Order No. 581.

I. The Board appointed to examine candidates for promotion to the rank of sergeant, having submitted its report, a copy of which is hereto annexed, it is hereby

Ordered, That until an order for another examination is issued, any promotions from the rank of patrolman to the rank of sergeant will be made from the list of patrolmen named in the said report; those selected for promotion by the Board of Police will be certified to the Board of Civil Service Examiners for non-competitive examinations.

II. A copy of this order will be placed in the several police station-houses, and each of the candidates named herein will be notified by mail of his individual rating. Each of the other candidates, who took part in the examination, may obtain his rating on inquiring in person at headquarters.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

March 17, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF POLICE:

Acting under General Order No. 571, dated February 2, 1899, we have examined

151 patrolmen for promotion to the rank of sergeant, and respectfully submit the following-named, arranged in alphabetical order, as having passed the highest examination:

Name.	Division.
Busby, Thomas F.	4
Canney, James P.	14
Cassidy, Joseph A.	10
Guard, George H.	16
Hazlett, Henry	Street Squad
Hennessy, William J.	3
Hickey, James F.	3
Hyland, William J.	7
Lovell, Albert F.	9
O'Brien, James E.	6

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN P. ELDRIDGE,

JOSEPH R. BURRILL,

JAMES M. COULTER,

Board of Examiners.

March 18, 1899.

General Order No. 582.

I. The following promotions, assignments and transfers are hereby ordered:

PROMOTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS.

Lieutenant John J. Hanley, of Division 2, is hereby promoted to the rank of Captain in the police force, and assigned to duty in Division 12.

Sergeant Frederick J. Smith, of Division 5, is hereby promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the police force, and assigned to duty in Division 6.

Sergeant Herman B. Bodenschatz, of Division 4, is hereby promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the police force, and assigned to duty in Division 2.

Patrolman Albert F. Lovell, of Division 9, is hereby promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the police force, and assigned to duty in Division 5.

Patrolman Joseph A. Cassidy, of Division 10, is hereby promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the police force, and assigned to duty in Division 4.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

TRANSFERS.

Captain Edward F. Gaskin, from Division 2 to Division 3.

Captain George W. Wescott, from Division 3 to Division 5.

Captain Ira C. Foster, from Division 5 to Division 2.

Patrolman Gustaf Gustafson, from Division 3 to Division 5.

Patrolman William S. McKinley, from Division 5 to Division 14.

Patrolman Richard H. Leary, from Division 5 to Division 6.

Patrolman James P. Canney, from Division 14 to Special Street Squad.

Patrolman Robert W. Woods, from Division 4 to Division 9.

Patrolman Jonathan J. Murphy, from Division 6 to Division 3.

II. This order will take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock P.M., Monday, twentieth instant.

According to Government figures there was harvested in the United States 675,000,000 bushels of wheat. It is stated that the world's production in 1898 was 2,728,000,000 bushels.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, March 20, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Alderman Codman.

The following messages were received from His Honor the Mayor:

Appointment by the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 20, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint George M. Hosmer a Constable of the City of Boston, in connection with his duties as an employee of the Children's Institutions Department.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

Modification of Restrictions.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 20, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, recommending the passage of an order authorizing the said Board to so modify the restrictions contained in the deed of a certain lot of land bordering upon the Back Bay Fens, as to make them conform to the restrictions placed upon similar parcels of land at the present time, and I concur in their recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Jamaica Plain, March 18, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have received a petition from Henry M. White and A. P. Loring for a modification of the restriction as to the height of buildings which may be erected upon land bordering upon the Fens, to make it conform to that more recently adopted and to statute law.

In order to do this it is requisite that the City Council pass an order giving us authority to change the restrictions in such cases, and we enclose for your consideration a copy of an order approved by the Law Department, together with a copy of said petition.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

TO THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, March 13, 1899.

GENTLEMEN: In deed of Henry M. White to the City of Boston, dated Decem-

ber 29, 1891, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2061, Page 569, conveying land for the widening of the Tremont entrance to the Back Bay Park, said White covenanted with the City of Boston that he would hold his remaining land abutting upon said Park and said entrance to a distance of one hundred feet therefrom, subject to the following restrictions, to wit:

1. No building erected or placed upon said premises shall be used as a livery or public stable, or for any mechanical or manufacturing purposes, nor exceed five stories in height above the basement or cellar, nor exceed sixty feet in height from the mean grade of the edgestone of sidewalk in front to the ceiling of the extreme upper story (excepting churches or chapels), and no roof shall be used for laundry or clothes-drying purposes.

On January 31, 1899, Mr. White conveyed to Mr. A. P. Loring a portion of his land on the corner of the Fenway and Worthington street, subject to the restrictions mentioned in said deed.

We now desire and ask that the restrictions placed on said land by said deed of White to the City of Boston be so far modified or amended as to conform to the restrictions at the present time placed upon Back Bay lands, and especially that they be so changed as to allow the erection on said land of buildings seventy feet in height.

This matter is very urgent, as Mr. Loring wishes to build on his land immediately.

Yours respectfully,

HENRY M. WHITE,

By JOHN H. COLBY, his Attorney,

A. P. LORING,

By A. F. CLARKE, Attorney.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, and by an instrument or instruments satisfactory to the Law Department, may, in the name and behalf of the city, alter and amend the restrictions contained in deeds heretofore given to the city by the owners of lands abutting upon the public parks, by substituting the word "seventy" for the word "sixty" in the clause relating to the maximum height of buildings allowed on the restricted premises, and may also insert after the word "chapels" in said clause the words, — or above the grade of the ground at the principal front of the building, in case the grade of said ground is above the grade of said park.

In Board of Aldermen, March 20, 1899.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Referred to Committee on Public Improvements.

The cost of sweeping the streets of St. Paul, Minn., is estimated at \$32.14 per mile per week. There are 11.9 miles of streets to be swept, all by hand.

A site for a public bath-house at Albany, N.Y., has been purchased by the municipal authorities, and plans for a house containing a swimming-pool, eighty by thirty feet in size, are being prepared.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved March 13, 1899:

Ordered, That the Board of Index Commissioners for the County of Suffolk be hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$8,000 in the preparation of new consolidated and classified descriptive indices to Suffolk Deeds; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.

Ordered, That the Board of Index Commissioners for the County of Suffolk be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$6,000 in the preparation of the annual indices in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds for the current year; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.

The following were approved March 15, 1899:

Permits to project illuminated signs, viz.:

To Dr. Charles E. Hale, at 174 Hanover street, Ward 6.

To Robert C. Erb, at 39-40 Court square, Ward 6.

The following were approved March 16, 1899:

Order to pay State aid to certain persons for the month of March.

Permit to Carpenter-Morton Company to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 77 Sudbury street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Elevated Railway Company to close the roadway on Zeigler street, between Washington street and Warren street, to public travel during the construction of a terminal station on said street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Halleck street, between Ruggles street and Ward street, Ward 19, to public travel during the time necessary for sewer construction on said street.

The following were approved March 17, 1899:

Permit to Mrs. William S. Butler for 163 children to take part in dances at a May festival at Music Hall on May 6.

Permit to O. F. Couture to project a sign at 18 Tremont row.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That the President and one member of the Common Council from each ward, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed a committee to prepare and report a plan for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

Ordered, That eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed a com-

mittee to prepare and report a programme for the celebration of Labor's holiday.

Ordered, That five members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be a committee to examine and report as to the condition of the city institutions on Rainsford Island.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make the necessary improvements in the sanitary arrangements of the Comins School, Ward 19.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to request the Corporation Counsel to appear before the Committee on Railroads of the Massachusetts Legislature, and favor such legislation as will provide for a commission to consider the abolition of grade crossings in East Boston. If such commission shall deem it for the public necessity and convenience to require that the railroad tracks shall go over the highways, or that the highways shall go over the railroad tracks, or that the location of the railroad tracks shall be changed, or that the location of the highways shall be changed, or that any other method shall be adopted, including the filling in or the building of structures over tidewater, they shall prescribe the manner in which same shall be done.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to place a plank-walk on the easterly side of Saratoga street, from Winthrop Junction station toward Winthrop bridge, a distance of one-eighth of a mile.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct two cross-walks on Blue Hill avenue, opposite Phipps avenue, Ward 20; also one cross-walk on Melville avenue, at junction of Wellesley Park, Ward 20.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a fire-alarm box at or near the Field's Corner station of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

Canvass of Bids.

DEPARTMENT OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE BRIDGES.

Proposals for sheathing roadway of Harvard bridge were opened at the office of the City Engineer on March 15, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
William J. Lawler, Boston	\$3,150
Ross & Fowler, Boston	3,150
William L. Miller and William H. Ellis, Boston	3,370
C. C. Alden & Co., Boston	3,375
Benjamin Young, Chelsea	3,900
D. F. O'Connell, Boston	4,600

The bids were rejected and work re-advertised (see page 224).

BENJ. W. WELLS,

WILLIAM J. MARVIN.

Commissioners for Boston and Cambridge Bridges.

Awards of Contracts.

Public Buildings Department.

Bids for supplying coal required for the public buildings, and for such departments as are not otherwise provided for, for the three months ending July 1, 1899, were opened, as follows, at the office of the Public Buildings Department, at 12 M., Saturday, March 18, 1899:

BIDDERS.	PRICE PER TON OF 2,000 LBS.			
	Furnace.	Egg.	Stove.	Cumberland.
Metropolitan Coal Co. .	\$4 47	\$4 72	\$5 00	\$3 30
Thomas & Pike . .	4 72	4 72	4 72	3 32
Marston Coal Co. . . .	4 72	4 90	5 15	3 71

The contract was awarded to the Metropolitan Coal Company.

JOHN DROHAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Street Department.

Proposals for furnishing iron castings between March 15, 1899, and February 1, 1900, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on March 14, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids. Per cwt.
Sessions Foundry Company	\$1 10
Mechanics' Iron Foundry Company . .	1 40
Osgood & Hart	1 45

The contract was awarded to the Sessions Foundry Company.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Water Department.

Proposals for small iron castings to the amount of 1,125,000 pounds (No. 1) and 225,000 pounds (No. 2) were opened at the office of the Water Commissioner, March 14, 1899, as follows:

BIDDERS.	No. 1. Per lb. Cents.	No. 2. Per lb. Cents.	Total.
Osgood & Hart,	2 25-100	1 55-100	\$28,800 00
Mechanics Iron Foundry Company	2 23-100	1 74-100	29,002 50
Sessions Foundry Company .	1 95-100	1 20-100	24,637 50
Davis & Farnum Manufacturing Company . .	2 15-100	1 70-100	28,012 50

The contract was awarded to the Sessions Foundry Company, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Proposals for teaming were opened at the office of the Water Commissioner on March 14, 1899, as follows:

BIDDERS.	Short haul, 2½ miles or less. Per ton of 2,240 lbs. Cents.	Long haul, over 2½ miles. Per ton of 2,240 lbs. Cents.
Owen Nawn & Co.	38	85
Jackson & Co.	44	79
M. E. Nawn .	43	84
Charles Duncan	56	97

The contract was awarded to Owen Nawn & Co.

W. E. SWAN,
Chief Clerk and Secretary.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an examination on April 11 and 12 for the position of public document cataloguer, Office Superintendent of Public Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

The examination will consist of the subjects mentioned below:

Publishing processes — Preparation of manuscript, writing from incorrect copies, proof-reading, or correcting proof.

Bibliography — Cataloguing, indexing, books of reference.

History, geography, government of the United States, and typewriting.

Two days will be allowed for the examination. From the register established as the result of this examination certifications will be made to fill two positions as mentioned above, at a salary of \$4 per diem each.

Applicants will be required to furnish their own typewriting machines and stands for use during the examination. Any make of machine may be used in the examination.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., or to Mr. E. E. Stebbins, Secretary Board of Examiners, Room 141, Post Office building, Boston, for application blanks (Form 304), which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Date of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Sent to Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
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49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30.	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (L. W.)							
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.								
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 6. H. (L. W.)							
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (N. P.)							

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	*								
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.	March 21. Closed.								
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31. Feb. 2, 13, 24. Closed.								
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	March 16. Closed.	March 10. S. (B.)							
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.	March 14. H. (H. R. 162)		March 15. Ad.	March 17. S.		March 20. Ad.		
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N. P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H. B. 176)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S. Feb. 21.	Feb. 23. App.
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.								
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 1. Closed.								
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.								
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H. B. 811)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.				
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (H. B. 214)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16. App.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 1. Closed.								
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.	March 20. H. (N. P.)							
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.	March 21. Closed.								
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.	March 2. Closed.	March 7. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.	March 23.								
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N. G. C.)							
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (H. B. 833)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.	March 15.	H. Mch. 20. S.	
75. H. B. 321, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.	March 14. Closed.								
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs.									
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Mch. 21, 22. Closed.								

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78. H. B. 332, an Act relative to the leasing of buildings and the granting of concessions by the Park Commissioners of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N.P.)							
79. H. B. 333, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 10. H. (N.P.)							
80. H. B. 350, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
81. H. B. 353, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.									
82. H. B. 377, an Act relative to certain departments of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (N.G.C.)							
83. H. B. 383, an Act relative to the election of the Mayor of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 1. S. (N.G.C.)							
84. H. B. 386, an Act to further regulate the inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13, 24. Closed.	March 13. H. (N.P.)							
85. H. B. 387, an Act to change the method of electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	March 21. Closed.								
86. H. B. 396, an Act relative to playgrounds in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 30.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
87. H. B. 407, an Act to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston to purchase certain lands on Chestnut Hill avenue, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 10. Closed.								
88. H. B. 463, an Act to authorize the proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate, p. 82.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 6. H. (H.B.894)	March 7.	March 8.	March 10. S.	March 13.	March 14.	H.Mch.16. S. Mch.20.	March 21. App.
89. H. B. 464, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to abate a portion of certain assessments for the construction of highways, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 20.									
90. H. B. 471, an Act relative to the construction of a tunnel from a point on or near Hanover street to a point at or near Maverick square in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
91. H. B. 476, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles Bulle, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.476)	March 17.	March 20.					
92. H. B. 494, an Act relative to the laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.									
93. H. B. 517, an Act relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.									
94. H. B. 528, an Act relative to the tabulation of statistics of parent nativity in Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3.	March 3. H. (H.B.923)	March 10.	March 13.	March 15. S.	March 20.			
95. H. B. 529, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 relative to the municipal debt of and rate of taxation in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
96. H. B. 531, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Mary A. Davis, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.531)	March 17.	March 20.					
97. H. B. 532, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward Mella, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.532)	March 17.	March 20.					
98. H. B. 533, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 14. Closed.								
99. H. B. 551, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
100. H. B. 553, an Act to provide for the widening of Pine street in Boston, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (L.W.)							
101. H. B. 555, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John McGrath certain money, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 2.	March 2. H. (H.B.561)	March 17.	March 20. Am.					
102. H. B. 562, an Act to require poles for wires in the City of Boston to be made of iron, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (N.P.)							
103. H. B. 570, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of James F. Ryan, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.570)	March 17.	March 20.					

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104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. March 8. Closed.								
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.583)	March 17.	March 20.					
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1. 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 9, 10. Closed.	March 21. H. (B.)							
109. H. B. 607, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.										
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H.(H.B.957)	March 16.	March 21.					
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	(See No.110)							
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N. P.)							
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2. (See No. 105.)									
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 9. H. (L. W.)							
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.								
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	*								
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 21. Closed.								
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.665)	March 17.	March 20.					
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16. 24.								
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.673)	March 17.	March 20.					
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.674)	March 17.	March 20.					
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.								
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 14. 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.679)	March 17.	March 20.					
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	March 15. H. (L.W.)							

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128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 17, 23.								
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S.(N.G.C.)							
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2, 15. Closed.								
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. H.(N.G.C.)							
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6.								
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6.								
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church, of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Societies. Feb. 2.	March 2. H.(L.W.)								
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	*								
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17. March 7. Closed.								
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17.								
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.783)	March 17.	March 20.					
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17. March 7. Closed.								
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H.(L.W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. March 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H.(L.W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 6. Closed.	March 9. S.(N.G.C.)							
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education. Feb. 20.	March 15. Closed.								
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Counties. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	March 20. S.(H.B.858.)							

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H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.) Ought not to Pass; (L. W.) Leave to Withdraw; Am., Amended; (N. G. C.) Next General Court; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted.

Department Communications.

Baths Department.

Following is a summary showing the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of February, 1899, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

February.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount received.
1 . . .	142	43	72	35	292	\$2 26
2 . . .	205	70	79	43	397	4 02
3 . . .	241	87	92	63	483	4 39
4 . . .	501	143	535	325	1,504	10 63
5 . . .	402	89	98	55	644	8 66
6 . . .	221	78	90	47	436	4 90
7 . . .	152	63	44	30	289	2 87
8 . . .	75	23	17	10	125	1 17
9 . . .	100	31	26	14	171	1 15
10 . . .	125	43	32	21	221	1 70
11 . . .	223	55	248	161	687	4 87
12 . . .	255	37	38	21	351	4 21
13 . . .	—	13	—	—	13	29
14 . . .	150	41	23	10	224	2 65
15 . . .	201	56	40	23	320	3 99
16 . . .	224	97	62	43	426	5 73
17 . . .	353	89	81	49	572	7 19
18 . . .	535	205	665	390	1,795	11 00
19 . . .	659	235	98	102	1,094	12 70
20 . . .	325	109	72	63	569	7 50
21 . . .	291	126	70	52	539	6 29
22 . . .	301	85	87	78	551	6 75
23 . . .	224	123	85	61	493	5 48
24 . . .	259	103	65	41	468	5 94
25 . . .	502	193	705	403	1,803	9 91
26 . . .	565	201	91	105	962	11 15
27 . . .	253	94	74	47	468	6 17
28 . . .	249	109	75	62	495	5 43
Totals .	7,733	2,641	3,664	2,354	16,392	\$159 00

NOTE.—Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

The following table shows the number of baths taken at the East Boston Gymnasium during January by weeks:

Week ending	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
January 7..	787	45	350	191	1,373
January 14..	735	49	403	301	1,488
January 21..	867	90	510	320	1,787
January 28..	992	70	461	330	1,853
Total	3,381	254	1,724	1,142	6,501

NOTE.—At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The following table shows the number of baths taken at the East Boston Gymnasium during February by weeks:

Week ending	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
February 4.	840	70	701	361	1,972
February 11.	890	60	520	210	1,680
February 18.	720	70	480	280	1,550
February 25.	1,203	50	611	160	2,024
Total	3,653	250	2,312	1,011	7,226

NOTE.—At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, February 27, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending February 25, 1899.

Cases pending	1	
Number of applications	75	76
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	30	
Long Island Almshouse	19	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	6	
Boston Insane Hospital	5	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1	
Worcester Insane Hospital	6	
Foxboro' Asylum	3	70
Number of applications refused, Number of applications withdrawn	5	76
Number of settlements investigated for Children's Trustees, Number of settlements investigated	11	86

28 Court Square, March 6, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending March 4, 1899:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications	77	77
Number of Admissions:		
To State Almshouse	40	
Long Island Almshouse, Charlestown Almshouse, Observation Hospital, Deer Island	15	
Boston Insane Hospital, Westboro' Insane Hospital	3	
Worcester Insane Hospital	3	
Foxboro' Asylum	1	
Number of applications refused, Number of applications withdrawn, Cases pending	1	71
Settlements investigated, Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	4	91
	1	10

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, March 6, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending March 4, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	113	11
Females	18	4
Totals	131	15
Offences:		
Against the person	7	5
Against property	10	4
Against public order and decency	117	4
Totals	* 134	13
Discharges:		
Males	156	17
Females	26	3
Totals	182	20
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	122	20
Permit of Commissioner, Payment of fine	36	—
	24	—
Totals	182	20
Population:		
February 27, 1899	1,193	485
Committed since February 27	131	15
Totals	1,324	500
Discharged since February 27	182	20
March 4, 1899	1,142	480

* One man was committed on two counts. One man was committed on three counts.

32 Tremont Street, March 13, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending March 11, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	119	8
Females	20	1
Totals	139	9
Offences:		
Against the person	5	1
Against property	12	7
Against public order and decency	124	1
Violating conditions of release	1	—
Totals	* 142	9
Discharges:		
Males	121	13
Females	27	4
Totals	148	17
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence, Permit of Commissioner	101	16
Payment of fine	27	—
Transferred to South Boston	18	—
Transferred to Deer Island	1	—
Transferred to Reformatory for Women	—	1
Totals	148	17

Population:		
March 6, 1889	1,142	480
Committed since March		
6, 1899	139	9
Totals	1,281	489
Discharged since March		
6, 1899	148	17
March 11, 1899	1,138	472

* Three committed, charged with two offences each.

The following appointments have been made:

Frank L. Rosefield, to position of instructor in knitting industry at House of Correction, South Boston.

Katherine L. Roche, to position of organist at House of Correction, Deer Island, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Mary A. Barr.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, February 27, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending February 25:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	578
Defects reported	144
Defects corrected	86
Dead wire removed (feet)	15,300
Dead wire retained (feet)	500
Notices of new work received	98
Fixtures removed	11
Poles set and inspected	40

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	360
Notices of new work received	187

Temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected, and investigations of various fires have been made.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections	7
Pole construction	1
Conduit construction	1
Repairs	8

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	7
Building connections	9
Repairs	14
Cable drawings	50
Installation of underground transformers,	1

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit laid	175
Feet of duct laid	2,495
Manholes built	1
Service connections made	9
Feet of cable drawn in	51,040

Old Court House, March 6, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending March 4:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	292
Defects reported	74
Defects corrected	29

Notices of new work received	19
Dead wire removed (feet)	3,500
Dead wire retained (feet)	100
Fixtures removed	6
Poles inspected	5

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	263
Notices of new work received	123

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections	7
Pole connections	11
Repairs	2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	4
Building connections	6
Pole connections	1
Repairs	6
Cable drawing	18
Installation of underground transformers,	2

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, March 21, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing five hundred thousand (500,000) large paving blocks, equal in quality to the best Cape Ann or State of Maine granite, according to the office copy of the contract which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent in the sum of \$10,000 for faithfully doing the work and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Friday, March 31, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, March 16, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use additional curves at the junctions of Northampton street with Harrison avenue, Washington street, and Shawmut avenue, with all necessary cross-overs, switches and connections; also for leave to construct, maintain and use additional curves on Dover street at the junctions of Harrison avenue, Washington street and Shawmut avenue, with all necessary cross-overs, switches and connections; substantially as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated February 20, 1899, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WM. A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 20, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday the tenth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Boston Post, Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, March 21, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing five hundred thousand (500,000) Philadelphia size paving blocks, equal in quality to the best Cape Ann or State of Maine granite, according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent in the sum of \$10,000 for faithfully doing the work and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Friday, March 31, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000 which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

RE-ADVERTISEMENT.

Boston, March 22, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing bank gravel and sand from April 1, 1899, to February 1, 1900, according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent in the sum of \$2,000 for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Wednesday, March 29, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE.

Boston, March 21, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners, in accordance with Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and amendments thereto, having passed orders for the laying out and construction of the following highways:

BRIGHTON.

Chester street.
Chiswick road.
Orkney road.

WEST ROXBURY.

Newburg street.

DORCHESTER.

Edwin street.
Homes avenue.
Idaho street.
Leeds street.
Millet street.
Spencer street.
Thane street.
West Selden street.

ROXBURY.

Amory street.
Bragdon street.
Devon street.
Jersey street.
Peterborough street.
Shirley street.

CITY PROPER.

Belvidere street.
Ipswich street.
St. Stephen street.
Trinity place.

Notice is hereby given that the Street Department is about to do the work contemplated in said order, and that all work to be done in said highways by all persons or corporations having rights in the same to lay or repair either sewer, gas, water or other pipes must be done before Thursday the 27th day of April, 1899, as after that time no permits for openings will be granted—until two years after said highways are completed.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

STEEL BRIDGE WORK.

Boston, March 16, 1899.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Monday, March 27, 1899, for building a retractile draw for Malden bridge over the Mystic river, in accordance with plans, specifications and form of contract to be seen at said office. Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston March 21, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing Granite Flagging from April 1, 1899, to February 1, 1900, according to the office copy of the contract which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent in the sum of \$2,000 for faithfully doing the work and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Friday March 31, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, March 21, 1899.

The street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing eight hundred thousand (800,000) gutter blocks, equal in quality to the best Cape Ann, State of Maine or New Hampshire granite, according to the office copy of the contract which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent in the sum of \$10,000 for faithfully doing the work and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Friday, March 31, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the Contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, March 17, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by its attorney, the Boston Elevated Railway Company, respectfully petitions your Board for leave to construct, maintain and use a single track in City square, Park street and Warren street, in the Charlestown District, so called, substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated March 15, 1899, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By its Attorney, Boston Elevated Railway Company,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 20, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the tenth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Boston, March 22, 1899.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Monday, April 3, 1899, for paving the roadway of the bridge on Summer-street extension across Fort Point channel, in accordance with plans, specifications and form of contract to be seen at said office. Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

NOTICE.

Boston, March 11, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations is filed, dated March 9, 1899.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Oak street, between Main and Russell streets, Ward 4.
The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 20, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Traveler, Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, March 20, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use additional tracks, curves, switches, cross-overs and connections, connecting the Grove Hall car-house, so-called, of said company, with the existing tracks of said company on Blue Hill avenue, substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated March 15, 1899, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 20, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the tenth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD.

EXCAVATING AT WACHUSETT RESERVOIR.

Boston, March 17, 1899.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, 3 Mt. Vernon street, until 2.30 o'clock P.M. of Tuesday, April 4, 1899, for excavating soil from Section 4 of the Wachusett Reservoir, and excavating and refilling at the Easterly Portion of the North Dike at Clinton. The work to be done includes the clearing and grubbing of 245 acres, and the excavation of 315,000 cubic yards of material. Pamphlets containing further information for bidders, forms of proposal, contract and specifications will be mailed to contractors who apply to the Chief Engineer, or may be obtained at his office, 3 Mt. Vernon street, and at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board at Clinton. Plans may be seen at both these offices. The printed forms must be used in making proposals. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the proposal deemed best for the Commonwealth.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE, Chairman.

WILMOT R. EVANS,

HENRY P. WILCOTT,

Metropolitan Water Board.

FREDERIC P. STEARNS, Chief Engineer.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

DEPARTMENT OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE BRIDGES.

RE-ADVERTISEMENT.

50 City Hall, Boston, March 17, 1899.

Sealed proposals, indorsed "Proposals for Sheathing Roadway of Harvard Bridge," will be received at the office of the City Engineer, 50 City Hall, Boston, until 12 M. of Friday, March 24, 1899, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read.

Each bid is to be accompanied by a certified check for \$300, payable to the Commissioners on Boston and Cambridge Bridges, said check to be returned to the bidder unless he fails to execute the contract should it be awarded to him.

Specifications may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, 50 City Hall, Boston.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids, should they deem it to be for the interest of the cities of Boston and Cambridge so to do.

BENJ. W. WELLS,

WILLIAM J. MARVIN,

Commissioners for Boston and Cambridge Bridges.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 14, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 375 and 381 Hanover street, Ward 6, two bay-windows of the following description:

To project from second, third, fourth and fifth stories over Hanover street.

Dimensions: Forty-one feet high, eleven feet wide, and one and a half feet over line of street.

JAMES FITZGERALD.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 20, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the third day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume II.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1899.

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
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Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting held on Monday, March 27, 1899, voted to confirm the following appointment of His Honor the Mayor:

George M. Hosmer, to be a Constable, in connection with his duties as an employee of the Children's Institutions Department, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

DEATH OF A. N. VAN DAELE.

Professor A. N. Van Daell, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, died in Wiesbaden, Germany, whither he had gone very recently for the benefit of his health.

Dr. Van Daell was a native of Belgium and a graduate of the University of Liege. He began his career in the United States as a teacher of modern languages in 1873. From September, 1886, till September, 1889, Dr. Van Daell served as Director of Modern Languages in the High and Latin Schools of Boston. From 1889 till the time of his death he had charge of the department of modern languages in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

DEATH OF MR. EDWIN H. DARLING.

Mr. Edwin H. Darling, a member of the Boston bar for the past thirty years died at his home, 58 Temple street, on the twenty-fourth instant. He was born in Calais, Maine, in 1838, and graduated from Williams College in 1859.

Mr. Darling served as a member of the Boston School Committee in 1874 and 1875, also continuously from 1883 to 1888, inclusive. In 1892 Mr. Darling was again elected to the School Board, from which he resigned November 14, 1893. Mr. Darling was appointed Bail Commissioner in January, 1875, by the Judges of the Superior Court, and continued to serve in that capacity till the time of his last illness.

CHARLES RIVER EMBANKMENT.

Following is the correspondence between His Honor the Mayor and the Secretary of War with regard to the proposed Charles river Embankment:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 10, 1899.

HON. RUSSELL A. ALGER, Secretary of War, Washington, D.C.

SIR: The undersigned, Mayor of the City of Boston, most respectfully petitions that authority may be granted to said city to construct a sea-wall and embankment, extending from the West Boston bridge, connecting the cities of Boston and Cambridge, substantially parallel with Charles street in said City of Boston, and thence substantially parallel with Beacon street in said city, to a point near the Back Bay Fens, so-called, in said city; certain authority for such purpose having been already granted by the Massachusetts Legislature by Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1891, as amended by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1893, and it being the intention of said city to secure at the present session of the Legislature additional legislative authority for such purpose.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Washington, March 21, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor, Boston, Mass.

MY DEAR SIR: Referring to your letter of January 10 last, requesting permission to construct a sea-wall and embankment in Charles river beyond the established harbor lines, as shown on maps which accompany your letter, I beg to invite attention to the accompanying copies of reports on the subject from Colonel Suter, the local Engineer Officer and the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army, from which it will be observed that the conditions render it impracticable to comply with your request.

Very respectfully,

R. A. ALGER, Secretary of War.

OFFICE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY.

March 15, 1899.

Respectfully returned to the Secretary of War.

Application is made by the City of Boston for permission to construct a sea-wall and embankment in Charles river, beyond the established harbor lines, as shown on the accompanying maps.

Attention is invited to the report of Colonel Suter, in third endorsement hereon, in which he expresses the opinion that the encroachment desired by the city would be injurious to the harbor, and recommends that the permission be not granted.

I concur in this recommendation.

JOHN M. WILSON,

Brigadier-General, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.

UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE.

Boston, Mass., March 11, 1899.

Respectfully returned to the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.

This is a request to construct a sea-wall and embankment in the Charles river beyond the present bulkhead line, with the object of gaining ground for streets or park purposes outside of the present water front of the City of Boston. The accompanying maps show the proposed location and its relation to the present approved bulkhead lines. As will be seen, a very material encroachment on the Charles river tidal basin is contemplated, and no compensation therefor is suggested, or, indeed, seems to be possible. In view of the great importance which has always been attached to this basin as a factor in the preservation of the harbor of Boston, and the uniform recommendations of all reports which have been made on the subject, it does not seem

proper that any further encroachment on its area should be allowed, and I would therefore respectfully recommend that the permission herein requested be not granted.

CHARLES R. SUTER,
Colonel, Corps of Engineers.

This would seem to put an end to any prospect of being able to carry out any projected improvement of the banks of the Charles river, in the rear of Beacon street, unless kept inside of the line of the present sea-wall. His Honor the Mayor and the City Engineer will now confer with representatives of the property owners on Beacon street, and others interested, as to the desirability of undertaking some improvement of the embankment inside of the present sea-wall.

ELECTION DEPARTMENT.

The Annual Report of the Election Department, for the year 1898, constitutes Document 11, 1899.

The work of the Department has been carried on during the past year, not only within the appropriation, but with a substantial balance to its credit, due principally to the fact that there was less than the usual activity prior to both State and city elections, and to the act of the Legislature of 1898, which provided that there should be no supplementary assessment after October 1. The laws governing the conduct of caucuses and elections are now in a very satisfactory condition, since the passage of the so-called "Election Act of 1898."

During the year, in addition to the seven caucuses and two regular elections, there have been two special caucuses and elections. Both caucuses and elections have been conducted in an orderly manner, there being but one instance during the year where the election returns proved to be so inaccurate as to require an investigation.

The report states that the appointment of deputy election officers, as now required by law, is unnecessary. It is believed that the polling-places could be properly managed by a warden, clerk and two inspectors in each precinct, instead of four inspectors as at present. A reduction in the force of election officers would save a large sum of money, which could be applied to increasing the number of polling-places in the city.

Much improvement has been noticed the past year in the preparation of nomination papers.

Attention is again directed to the great abuse of the right to petition for recounts. This abuse exists specially with regard to caucuses; election recounts are, as a rule, justifiable. The recount after the city election of 1898 was conducted in a large hall, hired for the purpose, which enabled the Department to finish the work of recounting in four days instead of six as heretofore.

During the past two years there has been a growing tendency in some localities, to make use of pasters or ballots at caucuses, and when this was done within the statute, and in the absence of objections, the names so pasted were counted at all recounts. This evil assumed greater proportions during the past year in these localities, and at the recounts following the fall caucuses objections were raised to counting blanket pasters which contained the names of all persons on the official ballot, and only those names, and which were so prepared that they could be marked by interested parties outside the polling-place, taken into the voting compartment by the voter, and pasted on or over the official ballot, given to him by the caucus officer. These blanket pasters in size of type and other respects were very similar to the official ballots. After a careful consideration of the objections it was decided to refuse to count such blanket pasters.

A loan of \$30,000 was authorized by the City Council for the purchase of one hundred voting-booths, to take the place of rooms in school-houses which had been previously used as polling-places. The booths are made of thin corrugated steel, and proved unsuitable for the severe weather of the December city election. It has been demonstrated, however, that with a lining of wood they can be made serviceable. The old wooden booths were turned over to various regiments for use as barracks for the troops, and later were loaned to the City Hospital for the care of sick soldiers returning from duty. Thirteen booths were also loaned to the Baths Department.

It became necessary, therefore, to have twenty new wooden booths constructed, at considerable expense, and unless funds are provided for sheathing the iron booths, still more wooden booths will need to be built. The Board is of the opinion that the School Committee should now allow the use on election days of some of their buildings for polling-places.

The present system of preparing the jury-list by this Board seems, on the whole, to meet with the approval of the public.

As a rule, the supplementary registration is not consulted in selecting names for jurors, as it is so largely made up from the floating population of the city, which class is not desirable to draw upon for jurors. There has been some surprise manifested that names drawn by the Board of Aldermen from the jury-list prepared by the Election Board prove in some cases to be those of non-residents. When these persons appear in Court in response to the summons this fact is disclosed, and they are for this reason excused, as they are exempt from such service in this city. These persons were residents of the city on May 1, according to

the returns of the assessors, and, having been on the voting-list the previous year, their names were continued on the list. They acquired a residence elsewhere by moving out of the city between May 1 and the time when they were drawn as jurors, which may have been more than a year later, as the jury-list, prepared in January and February, is the list for the twelve months following. The only remedy for this is to amend the law so that the Board of Election Commissioners shall be required to select the names at an earlier date, say in July or August. In this event six months would be gained in the preparation of the list.

The exemptions from jury service allowed by law include so large a body of citizens that such exemptions should be reduced. No good and sufficient reason is seen why members of the volunteer militia and of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company should be relieved from serving as jurors, and it is believed that an advantage would be gained if the limit of age were increased from sixty-five to seventy years. As the term of service of jurors is now so short, the Board believes it would be wise and expedient to further change the law, so that a person shall be liable to be drawn and serve as a juror once in two years, instead of three years as at present.

As the Ballot Law Commission of the City of Boston, the Board was called upon during the past year to hear and determine but a single case.

During the past year two complaints only for illegal registration were filed in the Department.

There has actually been expended by the Department during the year 1898, chargeable to the regular appropriation, the sum of \$130,190.67; and on account of the special loan for new voting-booths the sum of \$29,595.73. There remained to the credit of the Department on the first account the sum of \$6,809.33, and on the second account the sum of \$404.27.

Following the report are tabular statements of assessed polls, registered voters and votes cast at State and municipal elections for 1898.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber on Monday, April 3, at 3 o'clock.

The cost of lighting the streets of Baltimore, Md., in 1898, was \$339,550.19. There are now in service 1,369 electric arc lamps, 6,235 gas lamps, and 1,072 gasoline lamps.

CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Clerk of Committees Department for the year ending January 31, 1899, has been submitted to His Honor the Mayor.

The whole number of committees appointed for the period was eighty-one, classified as follows:

	Standing.	Special.
Aldermanic.	16	5
Common Council.	2	8
Joint	40	10
Total	58	23

These committees have had referred to them nearly three thousand petitions, orders, remonstrances and communications of various kinds, and a very large percentage have been acted upon and reported to the City Council.

The Aldermanic Committee on Public Improvements and the Joint Committee on Claims have transacted the largest amount of business. The number of claims considered and acted upon by the latter committee was 256, requiring for settlement the sum of \$44,678.63.

Among the more important matters acted upon by committees were the revision of the ordinances, which was conducted by the Committee on Ordinances, being the twelfth revision since 1827; the assessment plan for street watering reported by the Committee on Street Department, and the extension of the building limits, which was given careful and extended consideration by the Committee on Building Department.

The subject of licensing minors to sell newspapers and black boots has also received considerable attention. A new system is about to be put in operation, which will place boys engaged in this business under effective control.

The total expenditures of the department for the year were \$13,211.18, leaving a balance of \$150.55.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the City Treasurer, which constitutes Document 37, 1899, has recently been presented to His Honor the Mayor.

The leading features of the report are statements of the receipts and payments of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk for the financial year terminating January 31, 1899; a statement of the debt of the city and the sinking-funds for the redemption of the same; an exhibit of the yearly receipts and payments of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk; the aggregate of the receipts and payments of the sinking-funds, for the period of seventeen years six and a half months, the length of time of the occupation of the office of City Treasurer of Boston by Mr. Turner; and an appendix showing the Trust Funds in the custody of the City Treasurer.

The following is a recapitulation by the City Treasurer of the operations of his Department for the fiscal year 1898-99:

Cash balance, February 1, 1898			\$4,094,352 66
Receipts from February 1, 1898, to January 31, 1899, both inclusive:			
Account of the City of Boston:			
City Collector	\$26,606,035 93		
Temporary loans	3,500,000 00		
City loans	6,477,630 00		
Other sources	3,675,097 47		
		\$40,258,763 40	
Account of County of Suffolk:			
City Collector	\$263,642 12		
Other sources	64,679 72		
		328,321 84	
			40,587,085 24
			\$44,681,437 90
Payments from February 1, 1898, to January 31, 1899, both inclusive:			
Account of the City of Boston:			
General drafts	\$12,606,384 70		
Pay-roll drafts	10,822,922 89		
Special drafts	8,760,862 95		
Amounts not drawn for by Mayor through Auditor's office	6,764,466 96		
		\$38,954,637 50	
Account of County of Suffolk:			
General payments	\$1,092,675 73		
Special drafts	152,573 38		
Other amounts	3,791 73		
		1,249,040 84	
			40,203,678 34
Cash balance, January 31, 1899, carried forward to financial year 1899-1900			\$4,477,759 56

The total amount of debt paid during the year was \$3,131,720, at a cost for redemption of \$1,040.71. The total debt issued during the year amounted to \$6,477,630.

The total amount of the funded debt of the city, the County of Suffolk and of water debt, on January 31, 1899, was \$82,938,820, made up as follows: City debt, \$62,226,546; county debt, \$3,591,000; water debt, \$17,121,273. If \$27,511,798, the amount of the sinking-funds, and \$342,850 the amount in the hands of the City Treasurer to redeem matured debt, be deducted from the total funded debt, the amount of net debt on January 31, 1899, is \$55,084,172.

REPORT OF ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

The following statements and tabular presentations are taken from the annual report for 1898-99 of the Assessing Department, which constitutes Document 2, 1899:

The aggregate of warrants committed to the Board of Assessors for the year beginning February 1, 1898, amounted to \$13,956,958. The rate of taxation for the year was based upon 157,590 polls recorded for assessment prior to August 17, 1898. Through the supplementary assessment of 3,339 polls, the total number for the year was increased to 160,929.

The total valuation of the city when the rate of taxation was fixed, i. e., August 17, as of the first of May, amounted to \$1,036,099,418, including real estate valued at \$830,233,900, and personal property valued at \$205,865,518. Through supplementary assessments (including \$562,200 in personal property), the total valuation when all assessments by the city were made, was in-

creased to \$1,036,690,518. The value of shipping engaged in foreign trade and owned by citizens of Boston amounted to only \$17,785; but the valuation of Massachusetts corporation stock assessed by the State was \$51,670,500, and the valuation of Massachusetts national bank shares, similarly assessed, was \$1,351,100. If the three sums just named be added to the total valuation made by the Board of Assessors, the total taxable valuation of the city may be set at \$1,089,729,903, which being increased by \$172,926,678, the total exempt valuation, gives \$1,262,656,581 as the total valuation of all sorts as of May 1, 1898.

The total amount of taxes and assessments for the year amounted to \$15,126,932, of which \$14,420,849 were taxes, and the residue special assessments. The two largest items included under special assessments were \$510,951 for sewer charges and \$139,232 levied for street-watering.

Of the tax assessments for the financial year, 30.25 per cent. were on property and 69.75 per cent. were for poll-taxes. The total number of persons assessed on property amounted to 58,004, of which 41,321 were resident individuals, 4,421 non-resident individuals and 12,262 firms, corporations, trustees, etc.

The valuation of 1898, as compared with that of the preceding year, shows a gain on real estate of \$26,373,350, equal to an advance of 3.28 per cent., and a loss of \$2,856,141 on personal property, equal to 1.36 per cent. The total valuation of 1898 is more than that of 1888 by \$271,646,870, showing a gain in ten years of 35.53 per cent.

The following table, shows the total valuation of the City of Boston, the amount of taxes as shown in the warrant to the Collector, the rate of taxation of each \$1,000, and the number of polls as determined by the Board of Assessors, when the rate of taxation was fixed for 1891 to 1898 (both years inclusive):

YEAR.	Polls.	Valuation.	Rate.	Tax, including overlay.
1891 . .	* 411 † 132,809	\$855,069,415	\$12 60	\$11,039,689 12
1892 . .	* 735 † 136,375	893,975,704	12 90	11,805,404 08
1893 . .	139,703	924,093,751	12 80	12,107,806 00
1894 . .	139,789	928,109,042	12 80	12,159,373 00
1895 . .	142,460	951,367,928	12 80	12,462,429 48
1896 . .	148,477	981,269,914	12 90	12,955,335 88
1897 . .	154,654	1,012,582,209	13 00	13,472,876 72
1898 . .	157,590	1,036,099,418	13 60	14,406,132 08

* Female. † Male.

The Assessors' valuation of the real and personal estates and number of polls in each ward of the city, and the taxes assessed thereon, May, 1898, are shown in the following table:

ORIGINAL ASSESSMENTS.

WARDS.	Polls.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Total Valuation.	Tax on Polls.	Tax on Real Estate.	Tax on Personal Estate.	Total Tax.
1 . . .	6,277	\$11,023,100	\$1,019,500	\$12,042,600	\$12,554	\$149,914 16	\$13,865 20	\$176,333 36
2 . . .	6,414	11,440,900	703,700	12,144,600	12,828	155,596 24	9,570 32	177,994 56
3 . . .	4,222	8,824,400	824,900	9,649,300	8,444	120,011 84	11,218 64	139,674 48
4 . . .	3,983	10,853,600	743,000	11,596,600	7,966	147,608 96	10,104 80	165,679 76
5 . . .	4,324	12,177,000	2,027,700	14,204,700	8,648	165,607 20	27,576 72	201,831 92
6 . . .	8,504	110,083,600	29,979,000	140,062,600	17,008	1,497,136 96	407,714 40	1,921,859 36
7 . . .	4,963	195,550,400	46,374,100	241,924,500	9,926	2,659,485 44	630,687 76	3,300,099 20
8 . . .	7,585	25,892,300	3,362,400	29,254,700	15,170	352,135 28	45,728 64	413,033 92
9 . . .	8,081	25,213,600	1,376,900	26,590,500	16,162	342,904 96	18,725 84	377,792 80
10 . . .	7,067	49,822,100	3,436,700	53,258,800	14,134	677,580 56	46,739 12	738,453 68
11 . . .	6,073	97,477,900	66,839,300	164,317,200	12,146	1,325,699 44	909,014 48	2,246,859 92
12 . . .	6,134	24,129,000	3,558,800	27,687,800	12,268	328,154 40	48,399 68	388,822 08
13 . . .	7,456	19,586,200	1,053,400	20,639,600	14,912	266,372 32	14,326 24	295,610 56
14 . . .	5,959	10,445,500	818,000	11,263,500	11,918	142,058 80	11,124 80	165,101 60
15 . . .	5,332	8,915,600	656,800	9,572,400	10,664	121,252 16	8,932 48	140,848 64
16 . . .	5,434	13,483,500	937,700	14,421,200	10,868	183,375 60	12,752 72	206,996 32
17 . . .	6,863	16,767,300	1,368,700	18,136,000	13,726	228,035 28	18,614 32	260,375 60
18 . . .	7,059	16,282,300	1,254,400	17,536,700	14,118	221,439 28	17,059 84	252,617 12
19 . . .	6,950	20,253,400	2,481,000	22,734,400	13,900	275,446 24	33,741 60	323,087 84
20 . . .	7,535	28,286,000	3,145,400	31,431,400	15,070	384,689 60	42,777 44	442,537 04
21 . . .	6,302	25,210,500	5,524,400	30,734,900	12,604	342,862 80	75,131 84	430,598 64
22 . . .	6,845	20,929,500	3,355,900	24,285,400	13,690	284,641 20	45,640 24	343,971 44
23 . . .	5,828	20,349,900	6,808,400	27,158,300	11,656	276,758 64	92,594 24	381,008 88
24 . . .	6,954	24,636,300	2,693,900	27,330,200	13,908	335,053 68	36,637 04	385,598 72
25 . . .	5,446	22,600,000	3,896,000	26,496,000	10,892	307,360 00	52,985 60	371,237 60
Bank stock	157,590	\$830,233,900	\$194,240,000	\$1,024,473,900	\$315,180	\$11,291,181 04	\$2,641,664 00	\$14,248,025 04
Totals	157,590	\$830,233,900	\$205,865,518	\$1,036,099,418	\$315,180	\$11,291,181 04	\$2,799,771 04	\$14,406,132 08

SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENTS.

Totals	3,339	\$15,100	\$576,000	\$591,100	\$6,678	\$205 36	\$7,833 60	\$14,716 96
Grand Totals	160,929	\$830,249,000	\$206,441,518	\$1,036,690,518	\$321,858	\$11,291,386 40	\$2,807,604 64	\$14,420,849 04

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Monday, March 27, 1899, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Alderman Codman.

Appointments by the Mayor.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board of Alderman, viz:

(1.) Phineas C. Kinney, to be a Weigher of Coal and Measurer of Wood and Bark, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

(2.) John H. Donovan, John J. Murphy and George A. Comins to be members of

the Board of Assessors for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(3.) Charles A. Belford, to be a Constable of the City of Boston, to serve as such in connection with his official duties, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

(4.) William Park, to be an Inspector of Petroleum and its products, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, March 23, 1899, at 7.45 o'clock.

In the absence of President Kiley, the Council was called to order by Mr. Nangle, of Ward 19, senior member. Councilman Michael J. Lydon, of Ward 13, was elected President pro tempore.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Improvement of L-street Bath-house.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 16, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Bath Commissioners in reference to your order requesting the placing of the children's room at the L-street Bath-house "in a more suitable condition."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF BATHS.

Boston, March 11, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: Replying to the order of Councilman Logan of Ward 14, dated March 2, 1899, I beg leave to say that I am requested by the Trustees of the Baths Department to state that before opening the L-street Bath-house for the summer bathing, the different rooms for children, men and women will have been placed in as good condition as possible consistent with the character of the accommodations offered to the public at that place.

The Committee of the Bath Trustees on the South Boston district are giving considerable attention to the L-street Bath-house, and before the opening of the season, will have placed the accommodations on the beach in a good sanitary condition.

Respectfully yours,

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Condition of Ticknor School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 16, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee, in reply to your order

asking that an investigation be made of the sanitary condition of the Ticknor School-house, South Boston.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

March 14, 1899.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, February 14, a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the Common Council, asking that the sanitary condition of the Ticknor School, South Boston, be investigated, and that such changes and repairs as are necessary be made, so as to put the same in proper condition, report that they have again investigated the condition of this building, and are fully acquainted with its necessities with regard to alterations and repairs. These are so extensive, however, as to involve the closing of the school, should the work be undertaken at the present time. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through his Honor the Mayor, that it is the intention of this committee to furnish new sanitary accommodations for this school, and to make other alterations and repairs, during the coming summer vacation.

For the committee,

THOMAS F. STRANGE, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

Placed on file.

List of Employment Agencies.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 23, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Pauper Institutions Trustees, in reply to your order requesting a report giving "the names of employment agencies with which they deal in securing help for their departments."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS TRUSTEES.

28 Court Square, March 22, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reference to the order of the Common Council, dated March 9, 1899, "that the Board of Trustees of Pauper Institutions be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council the names of employment agencies with which they deal in securing help for their departments," I would respectfully report as follows:

It is the custom of the Pauper Institutions Trustees to leave largely in the hands of the Superintendents of the Boston Almshouse and Hospital on Long Island and the Charlestown Almshouse, respectively, the privilege of securing such help as does not fall within the classified lists of the Civil Service. We find on inquiry that such help has been secured during the year February 1, 1898, to

January 31, 1899, from several employment agencies, to some of which fees have, while to others fees have not, been paid, as follows:

Name of Agency.	Fees paid.
Ray's Employment Bureau	\$11 50
Sisters of Charity	4 50
Gray Nuns	3 00
Women's Education and Industrial Union	1 50
Boston Young Men's Christian Association	1 00
Joseph Breck & Sons	—
Mercantile Reference and Bond Association	—
Miss Dunning's Agency	—

As no formal records have been kept, directly bearing upon the question raised, it is possible that this list may not be complete, but it is believed to be correct, so far, at least, as payments are concerned.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK, Chairman.

The communication was placed on file.

Veto — Building Permit.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 21, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my signature an order authorizing the Building Commissioner to issue a permit to William H. J. Stone for a wooden addition to a building on Poplar street, Ward 23, for the reason that the owner of the building now desires to build the addition of brick, and has withdrawn his application for a permit to build a wooden addition.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Further consideration of the matter was indefinitely postponed.

Veto — Non-Resident Employees.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, March 17, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my approval an ordinance amending the language of Section 12 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances, so as to provide that none but legal voters of Boston shall be employed in any capacity as male subordinates in any department.

Section 12 of Chapter 266 of the Acts of 1885 expressly provides that the City Council shall not "directly or indirectly take part in the employment of labor . . . or in the conduct of any of the executive or administrative business of the city," nor in the appointment of officers or subordinates, except the officers elected by the City Council or subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen. The Corporation Counsel has repeatedly given his opinion that, under this provision of law, it is entirely outside of the powers of the City Council to undertake to define by ordinance the qualifications of

officials or employees, or to impose limitations upon their selection by the executive departments. It is true that the section of the ordinances which is amended by the ordinance before me provides that heads of departments shall employ "none but citizens of the United States in any capacity, and shall give preference in all cases to citizens of Boston"; this provision, however, for the reason above stated, has no legal effect, and I did not make objection to its insertion in the last revision of the ordinances partly because of this fact, and partly because there seemed to be no objection to the observance of such a provision.

In respect to the merits of the amendment now proposed, while I have considerable sympathy with the purpose in view, it seems to me it would be going altogether too far to lay down an absolute rule that in no case should any person not a legal voter of the city be employed as a male subordinate in any department. In the first place, this would absolutely prevent the employment of minors under twenty-one years of age, a considerable number of whom are almost necessarily employed by certain departments; in the second place, if such a provision were enforced, it would compel the summary dismissal of quite a number of officials and employees who have been for many years in the employ of the city and are rendering useful service, as it might be impossible for them, in many instances, to qualify at once as legal voters of the city; and, in the third place, while I believe in giving preference in all cases to citizens of Boston, as provided by the present ordinance, I am not prepared to accept the position that, whatever the technical requirements of any office may be, or however important it may be to secure the best expert service attainable or the benefit of special experience, the departments shall be in all cases confined to persons whose names can be found on the voting lists of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The ordinance was assigned to the next meeting.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on April 11, 12, 1889, an examination may be taken at any city in the United States where the Commission has a board of examiners, for the position of special crop culturist (Department of Agriculture).

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certifications will be made to the position of special crop culturist, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum.

The Commission also announces that on April 11, 12, 1899, an examination may be taken at any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, for the position of soil chemist, division of soils, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,400 per annum.

The Commission announces that it is desired to establish an eligible register for the position of sub-inspector of ordnance, in the service of the Navy Department.

No educational test will be given, but applicants will be graded upon their age, experience and intelligence, physical ability, and character as workmen. It will not be necessary for applicants to appear at any place for examination.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certifications will be made to fill the position of sub-inspector of ordnance at the following-named places:

Falls River & Machinery Company, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, \$3.50 per diem; West Point Foundry, Cold Spring, New York, \$3 per diem; Bridgeport, Conn., —; American Ordnance Company, Lynn, Mass., \$3 per diem; Bethlehem Iron Company, South Bethlehem, Pa., \$3.50 per diem.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. All such citizens are invited to apply. They will be examined, graded, and certified, with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save the ability as shown by the grade which they attain in the examination.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to E. E. Stebbins, Secretary Board of Examiners, Room 141, Post Office Building, Boston, or to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for application blanks (Form 304), which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission, at Washington, D.C.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

March 22, 1899.

General Order No. 583.

I. Vacations for members of the force for the present year to commence May 2 and end October 31, 1899, and not more than one-twelfth of the total force attached to any Division to be allowed on vacation at the same time.

Vacations to commence and end as follows:

No.	Commence, 7:45 A.M.	End, 7:45 A.M.
1	May 2	May 16
2	May 16	May 30
3	May 31	June 14
4	June 19	July 3
5	July 5	July 19
6	July 19	Aug. 2
7	Aug. 2	Aug. 16
8	Aug. 16	Aug. 30
9	Sept. 5	Sept. 19
10	Sept. 19	Oct. 3
11	Oct. 3	Oct. 17
12	Oct. 17	Oct. 31

II. Reserve officers who have been on the force one year previous to the first of May next to be allowed vacations the same as other officers.

III. Captains of the divisions named will reserve the number of vacations given below in drawing for Squad No. 9, whose term commences September 5 for the veterans who desire to attend the Grand Army Convention at Philadelphia, Pa., Monday, September 4, 1899:

Division 2, 1; Division 4, 1; Division 5, 1; Division 7, 2; Division 9, 3; Division 10, 3; Division 11, 2; Division 12, 3; Division 14, 1; Division 16, 2; Street Squad, 2.

IV. Captains can allow the men attending the G.A.R. Convention to commence their vacation on Sunday morning, September 3, if they so desire, that they may reach Philadelphia on Monday, September 4, 1899.

March 22, 1899.

General Order No. 584.

In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Bernard J. McNally, of Division 16, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board finds the said Patrolman McNally guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of thirty days' pay.

March 23, 1899.

General Order No. 585.

I. Reserve Officer Harrison H. Cummings, of Division 6, having been commended for meritorious service in saving an injured man from bleeding to death on the fifteenth of March, current, he is hereby made a patrolman in the police force, and assigned to duty in the same division.

II. Reserve Officer John E. Nowland, of Division 9, having been commended for prompt action and meritorious service in rendering assistance in the case of a runaway horse on the first of January, current, and also on the tenth of February, current, he is made a patrolman in the police force, and assigned to duty in the same division.

III. The above-named officers will report at the clerk's office on Friday, March 24, instant, at 9.30 o'clock A.M., to be sworn.

March 25, 1899.

General Order No. 586.

In the matter of the complaints made by Samuel Frieman and John W. Schenck against Patrolman George A. Jordan, of Division 4, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board finds the said Patrolman Jordan not guilty and orders the complaints to be dismissed.

During 1898 there have been added to the mileage of the Massachusetts railroad companies 128 miles of track. The total number of passengers carried was 330,889,629, an increase of 22,205,405. There were 2,213 persons injured in accidents, of which thirty-eight were fatal.

The number of hogs packed in Boston in 1898 was 1,725,919 against 1,648,717 in 1897.

IMMIGRATION DURING FEBRUARY.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the month ending February 28, 1899:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Dutch and Flemish	2	2	—
English	132	93	39
Finnish	74	58	16
French	1	—	1
German	8	8	—
Hebrew	36	25	11
Irish	79	53	26
Italian (Northern)	1	1	—
Lithuanian	2	2	—
Polish	17	13	4
Russian	1	1	—
Scandinavian	84	48	36
Scotch	16	7	9
Total	453	311	142
Tourists or passengers en route	57	—	—
Total immigration for February	510	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS. — STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division —	
Maine	4
New Hampshire	16
Vermont	1
Massachusetts	271
Rhode Island	7
Connecticut	4
New York	46
New Jersey	2
Pennsylvania	13
Total	364

South Atlantic Division —	
Maryland	1
Total	1

North Central Division —	
Ohio	9
Indiana	1
Illinois	26
Michigan	27
Wisconsin	4
Minnesota	8
Iowa	2
Missouri	1
Kansas	1
Total	79

Western Division —	
Montana	3
Colorado	1
Washington	4
California	1
Total	9

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division	364
South Atlantic Division	1
North Central Division	79
Western Division	9
Total	453

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved March 22, 1899:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

To H. F. Parkhurst, electric sign, at 7 Pitts street, Ward 8.

To William H. Crone, illuminated sign, at 18 Hanover street, Ward 6.

To Sing Lee, sign, at 53 Harvard street, Ward 7.

Permit to Giuseppe Troccoli to keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 21 Albany street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Louis Segel to stretch, maintain and use guy-ropes over and across public streets, as follows:

Three over and across Leverett street, between Causeway and Cotting streets, and three over and across Chambers street, between Ashland and Poplar streets, Ward 8; same to be removed on or before September 20, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen, approved December 29, 1898, as levied an edgestone assessment of \$50.19 against the estate of Jane C. Lannon on Centre street next to the bridge, Ward 23, be and the same is hereby rescinded on account of a previous edgestone and assessment therefor against said estate.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Canterbury street, near Calder street, Ward 23, to public travel during sewer construction.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That the rules and orders of the City Council be hereby amended in Rule 1, by inserting after the clause relative to a Committee on Contingent Expenses of the City Council, the following new clause, viz.:

"A Committee on Finance, to consist of five members of the Board of Aldermen and eight members of the Common Council, who shall have the powers devolving upon such committee under the statutes, and shall examine into and report on all matters referred to them by the City Council."

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the heads of the several departments to allow a half-holiday without loss of pay on Saturdays between the first day of May and the first day of November, to all city employees whose services can be dispensed with, in part compensation for their services.

ORDERS PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT AND PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

The following orders making appropriations for the financial year 1899-1900, and five loan orders accompanying same, having been passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, were submitted by the Mayor to the City Council, January 30, 1899, and were not altered by it within the period of thirty days prescribed by law:

An order authorizing a loan of \$15,000, to be appropriated to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, for additional working capital, having been passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, was submitted by the Mayor to the City Council, February 6, 1899, and was not altered by it within the period of thirty days prescribed by law.

An order authorizing a loan of \$709,000 for various municipal purposes, having been passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, was submitted by the Mayor to the City Council, February 27, 1899, and was not altered by it within the period of thirty days prescribed by law.

An order authorizing a loan of \$23,000, to be expended by the Engineering Department to meet the expense of certain work on Faneuil Hall, having been passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, was submitted by the Mayor to the City Council, January 26, 1899, and was altered by it to make the amount of the loan \$15,000 instead of \$23,000. Said order was presented to the Mayor February 21, 1899, and was not returned by him within the period of thirty days after its submission to the City Council, which period expired February 25, 1899.

The commerce of the United States with Europe amounted to \$652,232,289 in 1866, in 1886 to \$896,911,504, in 1898 to \$1,279,739,936. Our commerce with the whole world in 1898 amounted to \$1,847,531,984.

According to a report recently issued by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics, the submarine telegraphs of the world number 1,500. Their aggregate length is 170,000 miles; their total cost is estimated at \$250,000,000, and the number of messages annually transmitted over them 6,000,000.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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39. S. B. 159, an Act relative to the Boston Transit Commission, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.								
40. S. B. 175, an Act relative to the new Cambridge Bridge, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
41. S. B. 190, an Act to provide for a State Highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, p. 126.	Roads and Bridges. March 6.	March 20. Closed.	March 27. S. (L.W.)							
42. S. B. 193, an Act relative to the Erection and Alteration of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Cities. Feb. 27.	March 6. Closed.	March 6. S. (S.B. 193)	March 7.	March 8.	March 9. H.	March 13.	March 13.	H. Mch. 15. S. Mch. 16.	March 17. App.
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43. H. B. 20, an Act relative to Malden Bridge, so called, in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 936)	March 22.						
44. H. B. 21, an Act to authorize the West End Street Railway Company to replace its tracks on Tremont and Boylston streets in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Street Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 9, 13, 15, 24. Closed.	March 23. H. (H. B. 1,002.)							
45. H. B. 23, an Act to authorize the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of merchandise, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	March 22. H. (L.W.)							
46. H. B. 25, an Act to authorize the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	Jan. 24. S. (H. B. 25)	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 30. H.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
47. H. B. 31, an Act to repeal Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	*								
48. H. B. 38, an Act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Public Service. Jan. 11.	Jan. 27. Closed.	Jan. 27. H. (L.W.)							
49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30.	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (L.W.)							
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.								
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 6. H. (L. W.)							
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (N. P.)							

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	*								
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.	March 21. Closed.								
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 13, 24. Closed.	(See No. 44.)							
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Mch. 16, 23. Closed.	March 24. H. (L.W.)							
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.	March 14. H. (H.R. 162)		March 15. Ad.	March 17. S.		March 20. Ad.		
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N.P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H.B. 176)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S. Feb. 21.	Feb. 23. App.
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (L.W.)							
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.								
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 1. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,013.)							
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.								
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H.B. 811)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.	March 24. Rej.			
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (H.B. 214)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16. App.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 1. Closed.								
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.	March 20. H. (N. P.)							
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.	March 21. Closed.								
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.	March 2. Closed.	March 7. H. (L.W.)							
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.	March 23.								
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N.G.C.)							
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (H.B. 833)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.	March 15.	H. Mch. 20. S. Mch. 22.	March 24. App.
75. H. B. 321, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (L.W.)							
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs.									
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Mch. 21, 22. Closed.	March 24. H. (N. P.)							

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78. H. B. 332, an Act relative to the leasing of buildings and the granting of concessions by the Park Commissioners of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N.P.)							
79. H. B. 333, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 10. H. (N.P.)							
80. H. B. 350, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13.								
81. H. B. 353, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.									
82. H. B. 377, an Act relative to certain departments of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (N.G.C.)							
83. H. B. 383, an Act relative to the election of the Mayor of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 1. S. (N.G.C.)							
84. H. B. 386, an Act to further regulate the inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13, 24. Closed.	March 13. H. (N.P.)							
85. H. B. 387, an Act to change the method of electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	March 21. Closed.								
86. H. B. 396, an Act relative to playgrounds in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 30.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 22. H. (H.B. 396)	March 28.						
87. H. B. 407, an Act to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston to purchase certain lands on Chestnut Hill avenue, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 10. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,015.)							
88. H. B. 463, an Act to authorize the proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate, p. 82.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 6. H. (H.B. 894)	March 7.	March 8.	March 10. S.	March 13.	March 14.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 20.	March 21. App.
89. H. B. 464, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to abate a portion of certain assessments for the construction of highways, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 20.									
90. H. B. 471, an Act relative to the construction of a tunnel from a point on or near Hanover street to a point at or near Maverick square in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
91. H. B. 476, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles Bulle, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 476)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
92. H. B. 494, an Act relative to the laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.									
93. H. B. 517, an Act relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.									
94. H. B. 528, an Act relative to the tabulation of statistics of parent nativity in Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3.	March 3. H. (H.B. 523)	March 10.	March 13.	March 15. S.	March 20.	March 24.		
95. H. B. 529, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 relative to the municipal debt of and rate of taxation in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. April 3.								
96. H. B. 531, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Mary A. Davis, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 531)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
97. H. B. 532, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward Melia, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 532)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
98. H. B. 533, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (N. P.)							
99. H. B. 551, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
100. H. B. 553, an Act to provide for the widening of Pine street in Boston, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (L.W.)							
101. H. B. 555, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John McGrath certain money, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 2.	March 2. H. (H.B. 561)	March 17.	March 20. Am.	March 22. S.				
102. H. B. 562, an Act to require poles for wires in the City of Boston to be made of iron, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (N.P.)							
103. H. B. 570, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of James F. Ryan, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 570)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				

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104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. March 8. Closed.								
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.583)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 8 Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 9, 10. Closed.	March 21. H.(H.B.890)	March 22.	March 28.					
109. H. B. 607, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. H.(N.G.C.)							
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H.(H.B.957)	March 16.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 24.	March 27.		
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	(See No.110)							
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N. P.)							
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2. (See No. 105.)									
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 9. H. (L. W.)							
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.								
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	*								
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 21, Closed.								
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.665)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16, 24. Closed.								
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.673)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.674)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.								
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 14. 15. Closed	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.679)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	March 15, 28.							

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128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 17, 23, 30.								
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.	March 7. S.(N.G.C.)							
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 27. H. (H. B. 1,009.)							
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Af- fairs. Feb. 2.	March 2, 15. Closed.								
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Af- fairs. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. H.(N.G.C.)							
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Af- fairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21 Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Af- fairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Af- fairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb.2.	March 6. Closed.								
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb.2.	March 6. Closed.								
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church, of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Soci- eties. Feb. 2.	March 2. H.(L.W.)								
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Af- fairs. Feb. 3.	*								
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Af- fairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17. March 7. Closed.	March 28. H. (N.P.)							
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Af- fairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17.								
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.783)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Af- fairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17. March 7. Closed.	March 27. H.(N.G.C.)							
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charita- ble Institu- tions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H.(L.W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb.3.	Feb. 15. March 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Af- fairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H.(L.W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Mercantile Af- fairs. Feb. 20.	March 6. Closed.	March 9. S.(N.G.C.)							
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education. Feb. 20.	March 15. Closed.								
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Counties. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	March 20. S.(H.B.858.)							

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Awards of Contracts.

Department of Boston and Cambridge Bridges.

Proposals (re-advertisement) for sheathing roadway of Harvard Bridge were opened at the office of the City Engineer on March 24, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Ross & Fowler, Boston	\$2,994 00
J. W. Hensby, Melrose	3,095 00
William J. Lawler, Boston	3,149 00
William L. Miller and W. H. Ellis, Boston	3,340 00
C. C. Alden & Co., Boston	3,350 00
R. Livingston, Boston	3,975 45

The contract was awarded to Ross & Fowler.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
WILLIAM J. MARVIN,
Commissioners.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building a steel draw for Malden Bridge were opened at the office of the City Engineer on March 27, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Pittsburg Bridge Company, Springfield, Mass.	\$10,949
Youngstown Bridge Company, New York, N.Y.	11,050
Wrought Iron Bridge Company, Boston, Mass.	11,100
Penn Bridge Company, Beaver Falls, Penn.	11,189
Massillon Bridge Company, Boston, Mass.	11,210
King Bridge Company, Boston, Mass., Toledo Bridge Company, Toledo, Ohio, Boston Bridge Works, Boston, Mass., New England Structural Company, Boston, Mass.	11,265 11,312 11,400 11,432
Groton Bridge & Manufacturing Company, Groton, N.Y.	11,500
New Jersey Steel & Iron Company, Boston, Mass.	11,680
Canton Bridge Company, Boston, Mass.	11,800
New Columbus Bridge Company, New York, N.Y.	12,120

The bids were taken under advisement.

JOHN E. CHENEY,
Acting-City Engineer.

Street Department.

Proposals for furnishing North River flagging from March 27, 1899, to February 1, 1900, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, March 21, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids per sq. ft. delivered on wharves.	Bids per sq. ft. delivered on streets or in yards.
A. Ford & Son	\$0 29½	\$0 33
J. J. Cuddihy	31	33½
Maher Bros.	30½	33½
Baldwin & Emerson	32½	37½

The contract was awarded to A. Ford & Son.

Proposals for furnishing beach gravel from March 27, 1899, to February 1, 1900, were

opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on March 21, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Per ton.
William F. Cargill	\$0 73
B. Farrell	75½
John W. Hensby	76½
M. J. Mahoney	78

The contract was awarded to William F. Cargill.

Proposals for furnishing and placing the steel superstructure of Charlesgate West Bridge, over Ipswich street, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on March 24, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bid.
King Bridge Company, Cleveland, O., Pittsburg Bridge Company, Springfield, Mass.	\$13,850 13,900
Mace Moulton, Springfield, Mass.	13,945
Massillon Bridge Company, Massillon, O.	13,999
Youngstown Bridge Company, New York, N.Y.	14,030
New Columbus Bridge Company, New York, N.Y.	14,140
Boston Bridge Works, Boston, Mass., Edge Moor Bridge Works, Wilmington, Del.	14,141 14,200
Groton Bridge & Manufacturing Company, Groton, N.Y.	14,400
Wrought Iron Bridge Company, Canton, O.	14,710
New England Structural Company, Boston, Mass.	15,471
Canton Bridge Company, Albany, N.Y.,	15,700

The contract was awarded to the King Bridge Company.

Proposals for furnishing 7,000 tons of coal, to be delivered at the ferry wharves were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on March 22, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Per ton.
Loyal Hanna Coal and Coke Company	\$2 69
E. B. Townsend	2 76
John Morrison, (1,500 tons)	3 10
John Morrison, (balance)	2 80
Garfield & Proctor Coal Company	2 80
Metropolitan Coal Company, (George's Creek)	2 86
Metropolitan Coal Company, (Bituminous)	2 65
W. T. Rainey & Co.	2 91
E. Russell Norton	3 04
Mitchell Coal and Coke Company	3 25

The contract was awarded to Loyal Hanna Coal and Coke Company.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Director Merriam of the census has appointed William C. Hunt of Massachusetts Chief Statistician in charge of population statistics. From 1884 to 1889, when he was appointed to take charge of the population statistics in the census of 1890, he was employed as second clerk in the office of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor. On the completion of his work in the census, he took a position in the office of the Commissioner of Labor for the United States at Washington.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

Boston, March 15, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Trustees, in City Hall, on Monday, March 13, 1899, at 3 o'clock.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Fallon and Hersey.

Voted, That John J. Burnes have the charge and care of the Dorchester, North and South; Eustis Street, Roxbury; South End, South, and Hawes, South Boston, burial grounds — said Burnes to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, tools, etc., required in said care, at the rate of \$250 per month.

A communication was received from Gen. Francis H. Appleton, President of the Massachusetts Society of Sons of the American Revolution, in regard to enclosing the Copp's Hill Burial Ground by a high fence. The communication was placed on file.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street on March 9, 1899.

Present: Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Connelly, Goddard and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$5,545.92, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$3,757.34, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

Mr. E. B. Callender was admitted to the meeting and made a plea in behalf of Royal E. Blake. It was voted that Mr. Blake's offer, to pay bills from March 1, 1899, be considered at the next meeting.

The Superintendent presented his report, which was accepted and placed on file.

The question of more double windows, steam coils in the day rooms at Pierce Farm and the enlargement of the coal-bin, was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

The question of the purchase of a new steam-gauge and a truck was referred to the Committee on Supplies with full powers.

The report on the organization of the training school was referred to the Committee on Service with instructions to report at next meeting.

A letter was read from Mr. Peterson, Commissioner of Soldiers' Relief, asking that the board of Peter O'Brien be reduced to \$10 per month from the first of July, 1898, instead of January, 1899. It was voted that the reduction be made.

It was voted that bills be sent to the State for board of certain patients found not to have a Boston settlement since July 1, 1898.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Curtis, with reference to the planting of trees and shrubs on the grounds at Pierce Farm, and it was voted that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to spend \$150 in the purchase of trees and shrubs.

The Mayor's circular No. 58 was presented and placed on file.

A letter from the Mayor was read in reference to the reduction of salaries. A letter from Dr. Lane was presented, giving the salaries now paid in excess of \$800, in comparison with salaries paid in similar positions in State institutions. The chairman and secretary were appointed a special committee to confer with the Mayor in regard to the reduction of salaries, with full powers to make the reduction if necessary.

A letter was read asking for the transfer of George Haley back to the Boston Insane Hospital, and was referred to the Committee on Insane in other hospitals with full powers.

On recommendation of the Committee on Finance, it was voted to pay the bill from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of \$5,858.66 and from the Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates of \$1,720.68 from this year's appropriation for insane in other hospitals.

The Visiting Committee and the Committee on Service presented their reports, which were accepted and placed on file.

It was voted that the Secretary be authorized to write to the Civil Service Commission, presenting the case of Mr. Harris, and ask permission to employ him as a clerk.

It was voted that a committee be appointed to confer with the Mayor in regard to the propriety of petitioning the Legislature for a loan outside the debt limit for the extension of the hospital, in case the appropriation could not be made by the Board of Apportionment. The Chairman, Secretary, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion and Mr. Sanderson were appointed upon the committee.

The Chairman presented the annual report of the Trustees, with the annual report of the Superintendent. The latter was referred to the Committee on Medical Service with full powers.

It was voted to ask for the transfer of sixteen women from the Boston Insane Hospital to State Institutions.

It was voted that the Superintendent be asked to give an estimate of the cost per room for fitting up the new rooms at Pierce Farm.

Mrs. Howard, Mr. Sanderson and Dr. Knapp were appointed a special committee to report in regard to using the "B" building entirely as a dormitory, and in regard to all the patients going to the general dining-room at Austin Farm.

The question of the Matron's supervision and the employment of workwomen at Pierce Farm was referred to the Committee on Service.

The population on March 8, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	269	249	518
On visit	6	8	14
Totals	275	257	532

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, March 10, 1899.

A special meeting of the corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, Lincoln, DeNormandie and the Librarian.

Received: The Librarian's weekly report; the Librarian's annual report.

Appointments on probation: Mary Seemüller, grade B special, ordering department, \$14 per week, beginning March 20; Margaret Healy, bindery, \$8 per week, beginning March 6; Annie L. Gorman, grade E, issue department, \$3.50 per week, beginning March 1.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to general appropriation, amounting to \$7,683.16; to trust funds, \$500.19; to "Broadway Extension, Improvements" appropriation, \$47.06; to Library Building furnishing appropriation, \$381.88; to Library Building appropriation, \$2,881.89; and the President was authorized to sign special drafts in favor of Messrs. Connery and Wentworth for \$1,295.95, Public Buildings Department for \$865.72, F. L. Whitcomb for \$426 and Elmer E. Garnsey for \$133.67, included in the above.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$330.48; trust funds, \$378.85; Fellowes Athenæum, \$52.56; Station "P," \$2.12; miscellaneous articles, \$1,021.70.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Friday, March 17, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, DeNormandie, Lincoln, and the Librarian.

Received: The Librarian's report.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$285.64; to trust funds, \$215.76; to Station "P," \$6.77; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$8.77; miscellaneous articles, \$308.73.

The Vice-President reported that in accordance with the authority granted by the Corporation, he had signed a deed prepared by the Law Department conveying the title of the Old Library estate to the trustees of the Ames estate and that he had received in payment two checks, one for \$8,500 and one for \$841,500.

Upon motion, it was

Voted, That the Vice-President be authorized in behalf of the Board to endorse the check for \$8,500 and deliver the same to Alexander S. Porter as payment of his commission on the sale; and to endorse the check for \$841,500, representing the net proceeds of such sale, to the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking-Funds of the City of Boston, and to deliver the same in accordance with the statute.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Tuesday, March 21, 1899.

A special meeting of the Corporation, called by order of the President, was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, DeNormandie, Lincoln, and Herbert Putnam, Librarian and Clerk of the Corporation.

The Vice-President read a communication addressed to the President by Mr. Putnam, under date of March 18, submitting his resignation as Librarian and Clerk of the Corporation.

Upon motion, it was

Voted, That the resignation of Herbert Putnam as Clerk of the Corporation be accepted, to take effect at once.

Voted, That the Rev. James DeNormandie be clerk pro tempore pending the election of a permanent clerk.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Clerk.

The meeting being continued with the same members present and Mr. DeNormandie acting as clerk, it was

Voted, That the resignation of Herbert Putnam as Librarian be accepted, to take effect at such date as may be designated by him hereafter to the President or Vice-President.

Upon motion of Mr. Benton, it was

Voted, That Mr. DeNormandie be requested to draft a vote upon the resignation of Mr. Putnam, to be submitted at the next meeting of the Trustees.

JAMES DENORMANDIE,

Clerk pro tempore.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held March 13, 1898:

Voted, That the site on the Strandway, shown on a plan dated January 4, 1899, and entitled Puritan Canoe Club Location, be leased to said club on the terms and conditions set forth in the indenture of lease approved this day, and that said lease be executed and submitted to the Mayor for approval.

Voted, That S. I. Hudgens be given permission to keep burros and ponies for hire on Franklin and Marine Parks on Sundays and legal holidays during the present season, under the supervision of the Superintendent.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

The forty-eighth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court Square on Monday, March 6, at 10 A.M. Present, Professor Sedgwick, Mr. Hunnewell, Dr. Grainger, Mr. Rutan, Mrs. Fallon, Miss Morse.

A letter from the Secretary of the Overseers of the Poor, dated February 14, relating to the Mason Fund, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A letter from the Secretary of the Trustees for Children, dated February 21, was read, asking that a Committee of one be appointed from this Board, to act in conjunction with similar committees of one from the Trustees for Children and the Overseers of the Poor in the matter of placing mothers with children.

Voted, That such a committee be appointed by the Chairman.

Dr. Grainger, Chairman of the Committee on Superintendent, laid before the Board a telegram received from Mr. Alvin T. Hert, of Jeffersonville, Ind., saying that it would

be impracticable for him to leave Jeffersonville.

A communication from the Clerk of the Common Council, under date of February 23, 1899, embodying resolutions of the Common Council, in regard to employment by preference of citizens of Boston, was read and placed on file.

Voted, That the Committee on Finance be empowered to renew the insurance on the steam boilers for three years, the insurance carrying with it the inspection of steam boilers.

The Committee on Finance reported to the Board proposals of firms for mending the causeway at Long Island, on basis of a plan prepared by the City Engineer.

Voted, That the contract be awarded to Mr. William L. Miller for \$1,100.

Voted, That the Chairman of the Board be empowered to secure the repair of the cable to Long Island, and, if possible, to obtain the co-operation of the co-ordinate and interested departments.

Voted, That the Acting Superintendent be instructed to secure the arrest of an inmate of Long Island Almshouse for destruction of city property.

The Superintendent of Charlestown Almshouse reported the serious illness of a matron.

The census of inmates for Long Island on March 4, 1899, is as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals
In Hospital:			
Adults	91	147	238
Children	9	10	19
Dormitory	—	220	220
Institution	396	—	396
Totals	496	377	873

FRANCES R. MORSE,

Secretary pro tempore.

Street Laying-out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, March 6.

Petitions were received for the widening of Washington street, at West Roxbury, between Morton and Tower streets, and for sewers in Fulton street and Chestnut street.

Orders were received from the Common Council requesting the Board to lay out as a public way Custer street, from South street to the Parkway; requesting the Commissioners to make an estimate of the cost of widening Hyde Park avenue, from Forest Hills square to the Hyde Park line, to eighty feet; requesting that a sewer be constructed in Dorchester avenue, and requesting the Board to make an estimate of the cost of extending Gerard street, from George street to the junction of Hampden and Dudley streets.

Wednesday, March 8.

A meeting of the Board of Railroad Commissioners and Street Commissioners, sitting jointly, was held at the office of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, at 10 A.M., on Wednesday, March 8, 1899, the full Boards of Railroad Commissioners and Street Commissioners being present.

This was a continued meeting from October 19, 1898, under authority of Chapter 388 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, to

determine the time for beginning the extension of Atlantic avenue (formerly Cove street) over Fort Point Channel to Dorchester avenue, at or near West First street in South Boston. And now after due public notice and hearing, the City of Boston being represented by its Corporation Counsel, the Boston Terminal Company by J. H. Benton, jr., Esq., and the South Boston Improvement Association by H. Eugene Bolles, Esq., and all other parties and persons having been heard who desired to be heard; the said Street Commissioners presenting a plan entitled "City of Boston, Cove-street Extension, City Proper, January 20, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," for the location and construction of an extension of Cove street under said Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897; it is determined by the said joint Board that the time when the extension of Cove street according to said plan shall be begun, shall be on the tenth day of March, 1899.

Friday, March 10.

It was voted that no further action be taken under the order of notice of this Board of October 19, 1898, concerning the extension of Atlantic avenue (formerly Cove street).

The Board issued an order of notice of its intention to extend Atlantic avenue (formerly Cove street) to South Boston over Fort Point Channel and the tracks of the Terminal Company,—returnable for a hearing at this office March 24, at 11 o'clock.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Harrison avenue and Topliff street; and that Torrey street and Fairweather street may be laid out.

Voted, That the old buildings and building material remaining Monday, March 20, 1899, within the lines of Charlestown street as widened and relocated by the order of this Board, dated October 12, 1898, be sold by public auction on that date at 12 o'clock, noon.

Monday, March 13.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out the public alley No. 901, in District No. 10, and constructing the same.

Wednesday, March 15.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Blackwell street; and also that changes may be made in the Board of Survey plans 22 and 25, Plat 2.

An order was received from the Board of Aldermen, requesting the Commissioners to lay out and construct Upham avenue.

Petitions were received for sewers in Canterbury street, Millet street, and in the West Roxbury Parkway.

It was voted to pay Herbert E. Wheat \$8,500 for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of Columbia road; and, upon advice of the Law Department, to pay Carrie D. Gerrish \$400 and taxable costs, without interest, for damages occasioned her estate by the widening of Centre street, at Dorchester, the Mayor having approved such settlements.

Friday, March 17.

It was voted to agree with Louis Berenson on the sum of \$5,500 for land taken for school purposes, between Kenilworth and Washington streets.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out an extension of Blanche street, at Dorchester, over the private way known

as Harrison street, and constructing the same.

An order was passed, widening Athelwold street at its junction with School street.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Chelsea street, East Boston.

An order was received from the Board of Aldermen, requesting the Commissioners to lay out and construct Kilton street.

It was voted to authorize the opening of Copenger street.

Monday, March 20.

It was voted to give a hearing in the matter of changes requested on Board of Survey plans 22 and 25, Plat 2, in room 25 of the Old Court House, Friday, March 31, 1899, at 11 o'clock.

A petition was received for the laying out of Wentworth street.

Thursday, March 23.

An order was passed laying out Public Alley No. 901.

On the advice of the Law Department it was voted to pay Guy A. Clifford \$1,500, with taxable costs and without interest for damages, occasioned his estate by the laying out of an extension of Folsom street.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Centre and May streets, West Roxbury; and for the laying out of Barry street, from Hamilton street to Quincy street.

Friday, March 24.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the extension of Atlantic avenue (formerly Cove street) by a bridge over the tracks of the Terminal Company and over Fort Point Channel to Dorchester avenue at West First street, South Boston.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Welles avenue; for a sewer in Hollander street, and a catch-basin in Washington street near Ashmont street.

An order was passed and approved by the Mayor for laying out Atlantic-avenue extension.

Saturday, March 25.

Voted, That all employees in the Sewer Assessment Division of the Street Laying-out Department, who were suspended upon January 27, 1899, by vote of the Board of January 26, 1899, be reinstated upon March 27, 1899.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending March 18, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	18.7
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	17.6
Number of deaths:	
Males	94
Females	101
Total	195
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	180
Increase	15

Of the 195 decedents, 189 were white and 6 colored; 131 were born in the United States, 61 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 47 were of

American parentage, 129 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 19 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	37	5
Scarlatina	38	1
Typhoid fever	2	1
Measles	220	1

Totals 297 8

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	29
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	14
Bronchitis	10
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	9

Total from principal causes 95

Total from infectious diseases 8

Total from other causes 92

Total from all causes 195

Deaths of children under 1 year	33
Deaths of children under 5 years	62
Deaths of persons over 60 years	40
Deaths in public institutions	54

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, March 6, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending March 4, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.		Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	2	-	-	-	4	1	-	3	2		
2...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
5...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
6...	2	28	-	-	-	4	-	6	37		
7...	-	1	-	1	-	27	-	5	46		
8...	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	14		
9...	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	7		
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	15		
11...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	16		
12...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	13		
13...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-		
14...	7	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	1		
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6		
16...	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	3	4	
17...	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	17		
18...	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	3	6		
19...	9	-	3	-	1	3	-	6	4		
20...	8	-	5	-	3	1	-	7	19		
21...	1	-	1	-	3	1	-	2	13		
22...	3	-	2	-	1	-	-	2	4		
23...	1	1	-	1	-	2	-	7	3		
24...	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	4	2		
25...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	7		
T'ls..	36	41	14	4	6	17	42	3	60	252	

Old Court House, March 13, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings, and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending March 11, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.		Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	3	3	1	-	2	2	-	4	-		
2...	1	2	-	-	1	2	-	2	3		
3...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		
4...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-		
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2		
6...	1	13	-	2	1	6	-	11	28		
7...	-	6	-	-	-	4	5	15	46		
8...	-	3	-	-	1	4	-	5	9		
9...	-	3	-	1	-	3	1	9	9		
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	5		
11...	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	12		
12...	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	4	19		
13...	-	3	3	-	-	3	1	3	1		
14...	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	5	5		
15...	6	3	6	-	-	2	1	-	5		
16...	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	5		
17...	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	5	13		
18...	-	3	-	1	-	3	1	2	3		
19...	3	-	3	-	-	2	-	7	5		
20...	10	-	3	-	-	7	-	18	32		
21...	2	4	1	-	-	-	2	3	8		
22...	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	2	5	
23...	-	1	-	1	-	4	1	1	6	13	
24...	2	2	2	-	-	1	1	-	9	6	
25...	10	3	-	-	7	2	2	-	4	4	
T'ls..	41	54	22	5	9	22	38	17	117	240	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, March 20, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending March 18, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	109
Number of discharges of mortgages	19
Number of assignments of mortgages	6
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of attachments	1
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of wages	44
Number of married women's certificates	8
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3

Accident notices have been filed as follows:

March 13—Francis E. Grinley, personal injuries, caused by breaking of bridge crank on bridge connecting Brighton and Watertown.

March 15—Joseph J. O'Brien, personal injuries, caused by alleged defective condition of sidewalk in Court square.

March 17—Georgie A. Wiswell, damage to estate, 186 Lonsdale street, caused by defective sewer, etc.

March 18—Ellen Neville, personal injuries, caused by alleged defective crossing on Dartmouth street.

William F. Schrafft & Sons have filed a petition for assessment of damages by jury for land taken by the Board of Street Commissioners on Charlestown street. Among those who have entered suits are John Boyle, Pietro Trotta and Francesco Iadorola, all being actions of contracts, the damages in each case being placed at \$110.

City Hall, March 27, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending March 25, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	104
Number of discharges of mortgages	18
Number of assignments of mortgages	4
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of wages	32
Number of married women's certificates	3

The following accident notices have been filed:

March 21, Bridget Fitzgerald, damage to property caused by bursting of hydrant in front of 216 Havre street, East Boston.

March 24, Charlotte E. Adams, personal injuries caused by defect at the intersection of Pleasant and Tremont streets; George Bretts, personal injuries caused by defect in sidewalk at 35 Schuyler street.

March 25, Harry Thake and William L. Charles, damage to horse and harness caused by caving in of roadway on Warren avenue.

The following named persons have entered suits against the city, all being actions of contract, with damages placed at \$150 in each case: Antonio Ciotta, Alexandrio Mostara, Domenico Carrabetta, Domenico Yantosca, Nicolo Vendiegio and Domenico Gannamora.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Official action was taken by the Fire Commissioner as follows during the week ending March 11:

Michael F. Minehan, John J. Kelley and Edward H. Murtagh have been appointed permanent substitutes, and Thomas C. Jennings to drive and assist the Chief of District No. 9.

An order has been drawn on T. Strangman & Sons for repairs of Ladder Truck 2, \$420.

The following transfers have been made: John M. Devine, Ladder Company 5 to Engine Company 1; William N. Boudreau, Engine Company 1 to Ladder Company 5; M. H. Ryan, Ladder Company 17 to Engine Company 4; William C. Swan, Engine Company 20 to Ladder Company 17 and F. E. Fitzgerald, Engine Company 4 to Engine Company 7.

Bristol Street, March 20, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending March 18, as follows:

Ordered of S. F. Hayward & Co., one combination ladder truck and chemical engine, \$1,450; of J. B. West, one hydraulic tire-

setter, \$1,800; twenty-five miles of galvanized iron wire for fire-alarm, and a new boiler for Engine 36.

The following transfers have been made:

Michael J. Leary, Ladder Company 15 to Engine Company 43; George W. Barnard, jr., Engine Company 17 to Engine Company 18; John J. Spillane, Engine Company 43 to Engine Company 17; Francis L. Dowd, Engine Company 42 to Engine Company 23; Daniel W. Mahoney, Engine Company 23 to Engine Company 42, and Edward H. Murtagh, Engine Company 18 to Ladder 15.

Special drafts have been drawn on J. M. Brooks for repairs on Engine 44, \$4,176.44, and for work on Engine 31, \$1,475.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, March 18, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Patrick F. Kelly, Kenwood road, Ward 19, two horses; hearing March 30, at 11 o'clock. Sophia Sprissler, Longwood avenue, Ward 19, two horses; hearing March 30, at 11 o'clock. Michael Meehan, East Ninth street, Ward 16, 100 horses; hearing March 23, at 11 o'clock. George E. Frost, rear 480 Neponset avenue, Ward 24, twelve horses; hearing March 30, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

A. Vollenweider, 338 Beech street, Ward 23, two horses; Patrick J. Brady, St. Mark street, Ward 23, twenty additional horses.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending March 17:

Steers	108
New England cows	20
New England bulls	9
Western cows	39
Western bulls	11
Sheep	108
Calves	371
Swine	6
Total	672

During the week 410 pounds of tuberculous beef were condemned.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following statement with regard to diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending March 18, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	11	19	30
Negative	91	30	121
No growth	3	2	5
Totals	105	51	156

Remarks: Retro-pharyngeal abscess, one case; second culture negative; first culture staphylococci.

Old Court House, March 25, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Edwin N. Capen, Percival street, opposite Fox avenue, Ward 20, for six horses, hearing March 30 at 11 o'clock; Daniel Whiting & Sons, 470 Rutherford avenue, Ward 4, 75 horses, hearing March 30 at 11 o'clock;

C. E. Dwyer, Oakland street, Ward 24, three horses, hearing April 6 at 11 o'clock.

At a meeting of the Board of Health, held on March 23, the regulation, dated October 13, 1896, respecting the deposit of sputum in street cars, was amended so as to read as follows:

"The Board of Health hereby adjudges that the deposit of sputum in public places is a nuisance, source of filth and cause of sickness, and hereby

"Orders, That spitting upon the floor, platform or steps of any railroad or railway station, car, public building, hall, church, theatre, market or any sidewalk immediately connected with said public places, be, and hereby is, prohibited."

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending March 24:

Steers	143
New England cows	52
New England bulls	2
Western cows	36
Western bulls	36
Sheep	36
Calves	297
Total	602

During the week 1,249 pounds of beef were condemned.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday, March 25:

One thousand four hundred and two pounds of immature veal, 550 pounds of beef, 162 pounds of poultry, 28 bushels of potatoes, 22 crates of tomatoes, 1 box of fish, 1 barrel of apples.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following statement regarding diphtheria diagnoses, made during the week ending March 25, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	10	6	16
Negative	48	64	112
No growth	1	2	3
Totals	59	72	131

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, March 13, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending March 11, 1899.

Cases pending	1
Number of applications	84
Number of admissions:	85
To State Almshouse	39
Long Island Almshouse	16
Charlestown Almshouse	2
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	4
Boston Insane Hospital	6
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1
Worcester Insane Hospital	7
Dipsomaniac Hospital	1
Number of applications refused, Number of applications withdrawn	6
Cases pending	2
Settlements investigated	86
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	8

28 Court Square, March 20, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending March 18, 1899:

Cases pending	2
Number of applications	76
Number of Admissions:	78
To State Almshouse	29
Long Island Almshouse, Observation Hospital, Deer Island	6
Boston Insane Hospital, Westboro' Insane Hospital	1
Worcester Insane Hospital	5
Foxboro' Asylum	2
Number of applications refused	3
Number of applications withdrawn	4
Cases pending	—
Settlements investigated	125
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	9

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, March 13, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending March 11, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	298
Defects reported	64
Defects corrected	29
Notices of new work received	54
Feet of dead wire removed	17,900
Feet of dead wire retained	5,800

The Department employees responded to a three-alarm fire at 55 to 63 Charlestown street, which occurred on March 8, at 7.52 A.M., from Box 12.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	243
Notices of new work received	74

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

Investigation has been made of electrical trouble at 47 Green street on the night of March 5, which was reported by the Fire Department as an electrical fire. The cause was found to be due to the grounding of current of a series arc-light circuit, the ground being made through chimney of lamp to hood of same. No damage was done except to lamp and hood.

On night of March 9 a hole was melted in a water-pipe in basement of 20 Dock square, which, on investigation, was found to be probably due to a current of electricity entering the building over the gas service-pipe, thence over water-pipe to the ground. The hole was melted in lead water-pipe at the point where same was in contact with the gas-pipe. There was a burn-out in the underground electric feeder in the adjacent street at the time.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	1
Repairs	2
Building connections	7

Inspections have been made as follows:

Building connections	10
Conduit construction	7
Pole connections	4
Repairs	11
Cable drawings	18
Installation of underground transformers, .	1

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit laid	840
Feet of duct laid	3,815
Manholes built	4
Service connections	21
Feet of cable drawn in	68,384

Old Court House, March 20, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending March 18:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	295
Defects reported	68
Defects corrected	32
Notices of new work received	11
Feet of dead wire removed	10,800
Dead wire retained (feet)	500
Fixtures removed	5

The Department employees responded to second alarm of fire from Box 254, March 18.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	183
Notices of new work received	95

An investigation has been made of slight fire which occurred at the Northern Union Station March 13, and for which an alarm from box 445 was given at 6.37 P.M. The probable cause was a cross between high and low potential wires.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections	6
Pole connections	2
Repairs	1
Conduit construction	2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	6
Building connections	8
Pole connections	4
Repairs	9
Cable drawings	19
Installation of underground transformers, .	1

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending March 25, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898, .	21.2
Number of deaths:	
Males	118
Females	94
Total	212
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	216
Decrease	4

Of the 212 decedents, 206 were white and 6 colored; 133 were born in the United States, 74 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 5 was unknown; 41 were of American parentage, 148 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 23 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	51	4
Scarlatina	22	2
Typhoid fever	8	1
Measles	184	2
Totals	265	9

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	28
Pneumonia	21
Whooping-cough	2
Heart disease	17
Bronchitis	11
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	10

Total from principal causes	95
Total from infectious diseases	9
Total from other causes	108
Total from all causes	212

Deaths of children under 1 year	43
Deaths of children under 5 years	63
Deaths of persons over 60 years	43
Deaths in public institutions	52

Out of a total of 18,463 bills and joint resolutions introduced in both houses of the last Congress, 1,457 became laws. Of the measures introduced 12,608 were introduced in the House and 5,855 in the Senate.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Boston, March 23, 1899.

At a meeting of the Board of Health, this day, the regulation dated October 13, 1896, respecting the deposit of sputum in street cars was amended so as to read as follows:

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"Orders, That spitting upon the floor, platform or steps of any railroad or railway station, car, public building, hall, church, theatre, market, or any sidewalk immediately connected with said public places, be, and hereby is, prohibited."

A true copy.

Attest: C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive proposals for the removing of the water-closet ranges and changing the closet system, including the ventilation; construction of ducts, carpenter work and painting; water supplies as therein described for the Brighton High School-house, specifications of which may be seen at the office of the Public Buildings Department, Room 30, Old Court House, Boston. A certified check for \$100, payable to the City of Boston, must be furnished with each proposal and will be held as security for the carrying out of the proposal. A satisfactory bond in the sum \$400 will also be required. Proposals will be received at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, Boston, Mass., until April 4, 1899, at 4.30 o'clock P.M., at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city. The proposal and check should be enclosed in an envelope endorsed "Proposal for changing Water-closet System, Brighton High School-house."

THOMAS F. STRANGE,

Chairman of Committee on School-houses of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, March 24, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25, in the Old Court House, at 11 o'clock A.M., on Friday, March 31, 1899, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered 22 and 25, made by the Board of Survey, and filed, respectively, January 4, 1894, and February 20, 1892, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is bounded, approximately, by Commonwealth avenue, Brookline avenue, the Riverway, and Audubon road.

JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
Street Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Water Commissioner of the City of Boston will receive proposals at his office, City Hall, Boston, Mass., for furnishing during the year about 12,000 pounds of No. 1, about 30,000 pounds of No. 2, and about 5,000 pounds of No. 3, composition castings, and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$5,000 for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at said office before 12 o'clock noon of Friday, March 31, 1899, with a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposals. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder, who will do the work required in the City of Boston may be accepted in preference to a lower bidder who will do said work elsewhere, and that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

JOHN R. MURPHY, Water Commissioner.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD.

Boston, March 21, 1899.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, 3 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass., until 2.30 o'clock P.M. of Tuesday, April 4, 1899, for five separate contracts for work, as follows:

Excavating soil—For excavating soil from Section 4 of the Wachusett Reservoir, and excavating and refilling at the easterly portion of the North Dike at Clinton, Mass. The work to be done includes the clearing and grubbing of 245 acres, and the excavation of 315,000 cubic yards of material.

Road building—For two contracts for surfacing Boylston street, in Clinton and Boylston, Mass., with broken stone; the work is now roughly graded and the work to be done consists in shaping the surface of the road-bed and applying broken stone. Section 1 is about 8,275 feet long and will require 5,800 tons of broken stone; Section 2 is 7,450 feet long and will require 5,600 tons of broken stone.

Laying water pipes—For laying 9,100 linear feet of twenty-inch and 3,200 linear feet of twenty-four-inch cast-iron water-pipes in the City of Medford and the Town of Arlington.

Grading railway—For grading a short section of railway in the Wachusett Reservoir near the South Clinton station on the Central Massachusetts Railroad, involving the removal of about 20,000 cubic yards of earth. Pamphlets containing further information for bidders, forms of proposal, contract and specifications will be mailed to contractors who apply to the Chief Engineer, or may be obtained at his office, 3 Mt. Vernon street; the specifications for the last two contracts will be ready on or before March 28; plans of all the work may be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer, and plans of the work at Clinton and Boylston may also be seen and pamphlets relating to the same may be obtained at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board at Clinton, Mass. The printed forms must be used in making proposals. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to accept the proposal deemed best for the Commonwealth.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE, Chairman.
WILMOT R. EVANS,
HENRY P. WALCOTT,
Metropolitan Water Board.
FREDERIC P. STEARNS, Chief Engineer.
WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.



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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

At its meeting, held on Monday, April 3, 1899, the Board of Aldermen, voted to confirm the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor:

- (1.) Charles A. Belford, to be a Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1899.
- (2.) Phineas C. Kinney, to be a Weigher of Coal and Measurer of Wood and Bark, for the term ending April 30, 1899.
- (3.) William Park, to be an Inspector of Petroleum and its products, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT AT LONG ISLAND.

The Pauper Institutions Trustees appointed, on April 1, 1899, Mr. Arthur T. Hopkins, temporarily, to the position of Acting Superintendent of the Long Island Almshouse and Hospital. Mr. Hopkins is one of the editors of the Technology Review, and previous to his appointment was employed in the office of the Secretary of the Institute. He was connected with the Long Island Institution for two or three months in the spring of 1898.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments has been issued by His Honor the Mayor:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Circular No. 60.

April 1, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: I desire to call the attention of all heads of departments who have not yet placed the copy of their annual reports for the last financial year in the hands of the Superintendent of Printing to the importance of doing so at the earliest possible date. Annual department reports lose a large part of their value by being too long delayed in their issue, and I desire to urge upon all departments the desirability of promptness in this matter.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS CONFERENCE.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Public Institutions Conference was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, March 29, at 3 P.M.

The following were present:

Mrs. Lincoln and Mr. Sedgwick, of the Pauper Institutions Trustees; Mrs. Thorndike and Mr. Fowler, of the Overseers of the Poor; Miss Cheever and Mr. Dasey, of the Trustees for Children, and Mr. Marshall, of the Penal Institutions Department and Institutions Registration Department.

The meeting was called to order at 3.30 P.M. and Mr. Fowler was made temporary Chairman in the absence of His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Sedgwick, for the Pauper Institutions, reported that during the last quarter, the population had risen to its maximum height, but had suddenly fallen on Monday last, when 170 people left Long Island. The same movement occurred last year and is characteristic of other years in connection with the government of that Institution. Since the last meeting, Dr. Wentworth had been relieved of the charge of the Institution. Mr. Condon, the Deputy Superintendent, is in

temporary charge. Mr. Sedgwick asked for information from Mr. Fowler and Mr. Marshall as to whether the people that left Long Island went to them, and if they had noticed any accession in numbers in their departments. Mr. Fowler reported that there had been an increase at the Wayfarers' Lodge. Mr. Marshall, in answer, replied that the numbers at Deer Island were less than before. Mr. Sedgwick reported that the population at Long Island was largely composed of people from thirty to fifty years of age, and the question was discussed as to what was the proper treatment for persons of those ages, who were able to work and applied for aid, the opinion being expressed by some of the members of the Conference that it would be a desirable thing if those people were denied admission to the almshouse. The particular case under discussion was that of a tin-worker, a very competent man, who, Mr. Sedgwick said, would be able to make perhaps \$3 or \$4 a day if outside of the Institution. It was the general opinion that such a man as that should be discouraged in his longer continuance as an inmate of an eleemosynary institution.

Mr. Fowler suggested that the names of those going out from Long Island be sent to the office of the Overseers of the Poor, and the suggestion was taken under advisement by Mr. Sedgwick.

Miss Cheever, for the Trustees for Children, reported a marked change at Rainsford Island, and said it was becoming more of a military school instead of a prison. This change has been very marked since her last visit there. The boys have a more soldierly bearing, the work is more established as a part of the discipline of the Institution, the boys are clean, take more care of themselves, and in every respect the discipline is much improved. On the last visit no boys were found complaining of the officers, but all seemed better satisfied. The feeling existing between the officers and the boys seems to be of a more helpful and cordial kind than previously. The officers have recently gotten up entertainments for the boys, which have been enjoyed very much by those belonging to the classes that were entitled to the privileges of the entertainment. She

reported, regarding the Parental School, that there were 180 boys now there, a number very greatly in excess of the number that should be there with the present arrangements. The hospital building is also thoroughly occupied. The Board is considering the question of notifying the School Board that they cannot accept responsibility for any more boys there. The Trustees have returns weekly from over 900 children boarded out in the Home for Feeble Minded and other charitable institutions. Miss Cheever also reported that the closing of the Marcella-street Home had not produced any inconvenience with regard to the disposition of the children; that when it was closed first they feared there might be some inconvenience regarding it, but none has appeared. They have been able to dispose of the children promptly on their coming into the Department.

Mr. Dasey reported in regard to the Summer Hospital, that the Board had decided to use the building, formerly occupied by the Summer Hospital, for the younger boys of the institution on Rainsford Island, that that institution was very much crowded and the taking of this institution brought about a better classification than could be had formerly. Some boys there that are quite young, between nine and twelve years old, would be separated from the boys of sixteen, seventeen, and eighteen, who more properly belonged in the Concord Reformatory. Regarding the Superintendent, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Dasey reported that he was decidedly satisfactory and cannot be too highly spoken of, and also expressed a very favorable opinion of the Superintendent's wife, who assists in the work.

A general and interesting discussion was had on the sentences of boys at the Parental School, and also on the troublesome question of girl truants was entered into quite fully, with explanations from Mr. Dasey and Miss Cheever.

Mr. Fowler reported that at the Wayfarers' Lodge, the Board of Overseers of the Poor were making many changes and improvements, and that a larger number had applied than formerly. He said that no reciprocity existed between the Overseers of the Poor and the Institutions Registration Department, regarding the payment of those housed temporarily and suggested that it was a proper charge against either the Pauper Institutions Trustees or the Institutions Registration Department. While they would be very glad to continue to do the work, yet they would be pleased to receive compensation for it.

Mrs. Lincoln said that a distinct improvement in the treatment of babies at Long Island had been made, at the suggestion of Miss Morris, Superintendent of Nurses; that

during the occupancy of the hospital by the soldiers returning from the war one ward had been given over to them, and that when the soldiers left the institution the ward that they had occupied was taken for babies alone; that the mothers are now separated from their babies and are only allowed to see them at certain times; and that this was resulting very well for both.

Mr. Marshall, for the Penal Institutions Department, said that there was nothing of general interest to report at this time; and for the Institutions Registration Department reported that things were moving smoothly, and called the attention of the members of the boards to the population and thermal charts which were placed on the walls of the Department, and regretted that the Overseers of the Poor had declined to put their work also upon the walls of that office. Mr. Fowler expressed the opinion of the Overseers of the Poor in regard to the matter, but, at Mr. Sedgwick's suggestion, he said that he would bring before his Board the consideration of the question as to furnishing the figures from the Temporary Home and the Wayfarers' Lodge.

The meeting adjourned at 4.25 P.M.

E. C. MARSHALL, Secretary.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the Mason-street Building at 7.30 P.M., Tuesday, March 28, 1899.

All the members were present except Messrs. Fleischer and Courtney. President Huggan occupied the chair.

The rules were suspended, and the recommendation of Superintendent Seaver, that an extra first assistant in the Hancock Primary School be allowed, was passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read and passed.

Ordered, That the salary of the additional assistant to the Director of Drawing, authorized by the Board, February 28, be established at the rate of \$1,500 per annum.

The Chair read the following:

(1.) IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 20, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to remodel the Chapman School building and to add a six-room wing to it, also to widen the corridors, rebuild the stairs, provide suitable sanitariums for the boys, and install a system of heating and ventilation, and report their opinion to this Board at their earliest convenience.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. February 23 came up concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

(2.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

March 2, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be hereby requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of selecting a site and erecting thereon a new primary school-house, in the vicinity of Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17.

In Common Council, March 2, 1899. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

March 3, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

(3.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

March 9, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make the necessary improvements in the sanitary arrangements of the Comins School, Ward 19.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, March 13.

Concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

March 15, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

(4.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

March 2, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take such steps as may be necessary for the erection of a building for kindergarten and primary school purposes on the site of the present school building on Leon street, Ward 19.

In Common Council, March 2, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

March 3, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

(5.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

March 2, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of purchasing land and erecting a school-house thereon, in the vicinity of Burton street, Ward 1, the expense of the same to be taken from the sum set aside by the Board of Estimate and

Apportionment for the purpose of building new schools.

In Common Council, March 2, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

March 3, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

(6.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

March 18, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Louis Berenson upon the sum of \$5,500 as payment for 1,604 square feet of land, between Washington street and Kenilworth street, at Roxbury, taken for school purposes (for an addition to the Dillaway School estate) by the City of Boston, January 9, 1897 (taking recorded January 11, 1897), upon the said Berenson giving to the city a deed for said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

(7.) HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, March 23, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

DEAR SIRS: The Board of Health would respectfully call your attention to the poor sanitary condition of the Dudley Street Grammar School-house, and say that repeated complaints, examinations and reports to the School Committee and the Superintendent of Public Buildings have been made without avail, and covering a period of several years. Another examination has been made within a few days which shows the continued bad condition of the ventilation, the plumbing and draining of the building.

There is a lack of traps, a defect in the drain, putty joints, insufficient flushing to water-closets, offensive odors from the basement and a want of repairs otherwise in the building and inefficient means of ventilation.

The Board of Health would respectfully, but earnestly recommend that the sanitary condition of this building be improved as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,

The Board of Health,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

(8.) HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, March 24, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, CITY OF BOSTON.

GENTLEMEN: On complaint the Board of Health has examined the sanitary condition of the following school buildings and report as follows:

Winship School-house, Brighton — This is an old wooden building in fair state of repair, but the rooms are very much over-

crowded. Ventilation is poor. The drainage is defective and the waste-pipes from the sinks appear to discharge into a cesspool in the yard. The drainage from the flush-vaults is connected with the sewer. The flush-vaults are too near the school-rooms, are offensive, and in cold weather are unfit for comfortable use by the children. Rain conductors, without traps, discharge into the flush-vaults and open at the roof in a direct line with the windows of the upper school-rooms.

Bennett School — The vault for this school is located in the yard, and the contents of the vault in the annex are discharged into it. This vault is constantly in a filthy and offensive condition, as the only means of flushing is by attaching a hose. The building is not heated and in cold weather is unfit for use by the children.

Annex to the Bennett School — Flush-vaults in basement defective and offensive. There are no means of ventilation from the basement where these vaults are located, and doors to basement are close to doors leading to the school-rooms from the lower floor, so that the odors from the basement permeate the school-rooms on this floor.

Very respectfully,

The Board of Health,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

(9.) HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, March 20, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN: We beg to enclose statement of the last examination of the Weston-street Primary School-house, and suggest that measures should be taken without further delay for the improvement of the sanitary condition of the building.

Yours very truly,

The Board of Health,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN, Chairman.

Boston, February 2, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH:

GENTLEMEN: I have this day inspected premises, Weston-street Primary School, owned by City of Boston, and make the following report thereof:

Drainage — Defective in the cellar, also open iron drain in the yard.

Traps — No tray to set bowl in toilet-room on first floor; all other fixtures supplied.

Air-box — Metallic; inlet from yard.

Cellar — Fair.

Yard — Fair.

Water-closet — Fair.

Vault — Flush-vaults, in cellar, defective and offensive.

Soil-pipes — Ventilated.

Odors — Bad odors from vaults in the class-rooms on first floor.

Rain conductors — Connected with vaults and drains.

Radiators for heating southerly side of building, are located over the vaults, the air boxes are not tight, and odors from vaults are perceptible in the rooms on the first floor.

THOMAS A. CRAWFORD, Inspector.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

March 9, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give a public hearing to the citizens of East Boston in regard to the necessity of repairs and alterations in the Chapman School-house.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen, March 13, concurred.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,

Assistant City Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

March 15, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

The resignation of one teacher, presented by the Superintendent of Schools, was accepted.

The Superintendent of Schools presented appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him to be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations as follows: The appointment of one special assistant, laid over under the rule; the appointment of one temporary teacher, placed on file; the appointment of one teacher on probation, laid over under the rule; and the confirmations of six teachers, laid over under the rule. Leave of absence was granted to thirteen teachers.

The Superintendent's appointment of Frederick A. Tupper, of Quincy, Mass., as Head Master of the Brighton High School, to date from April 10, 1899, was laid over under the rule. Under suspension of the rules Julia E. Dickson was appointed an assistant in the Dillaway School.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, January 24, an order requesting them to provide additional primary school accommodations in the Gaston District, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend that no further action be taken for the present.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred, February 28, a communication from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, notifying the School Committee that said Board is prepared to pass a loan appropriation order of approximately \$500,000 for additional primary and grammar school accommodations, as soon as it receives sufficient information to enable it to make the appropriation by districts, reported that after careful consideration of the matter, your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be informed that it is the intention of the School Committee, if the sum of \$500,000 shall be made available during the current year for additional primary and grammar school accommodations, to reserve the sum of \$55,000 for completing and furnishing those buildings which are now in course of construction, exclusive of high

schools, and to expend the remaining \$445,000 for the new school accommodations as follows:

EAST BOSTON (WARDS 1 AND 2).	
Fourteen-room grammar building	\$95,000
CHARLESTOWN (WARDS 3, 4 AND 5).	
Excess in cost of primary school site in Warren District over available appropriation. An appropriation of \$50,000 for the building has already been made	10,000
ROXBURY (WARDS 17, 18 AND 19).	
Six-room primary building	40,000
SOUTH BOSTON (WARDS 13, 14 AND 15).	
Fourteen-room grammar building	100,000
BRIGHTON (WARD 25).	
Twelve-room primary building	70,000
DORCHESTER (WARDS 16, 20 AND 24).	
Fourteen-room grammar building	100,000
Primary school site, Ward 20	5,000
SITES.	
New sites were required in addition to those named	25,000
	\$445,000

Accepted and the order passed.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 183. Insert after the word "Board" in the fifth line of the third paragraph, the words "the Director of Drawing," so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

"Diplomas of graduation from all the schools shall be signed by the President of the Board and the Principal of the school, except that diplomas awarded to pupils in the evening drawing schools shall be signed by the President of the Board, the Director of Drawing and the Master of evening drawing schools. The diplomas shall be presented at the graduation exercises, by any member of the committee in charge, and, in their absence, by any other member of the Board, the Superintendent, a Supervisor, or the Principal."

Section 332. Strike out the words "and diplomas awarded to those pupils who, in the judgment of the Master, have completed the course creditably," so that the section shall read as follows:

"Section 332. A general exhibition shall be held at the close of the term. The date of the exhibition shall be determined by the Master, and announced in the schools not later than ten days prior to the close of the term."

Add the following to the chapter :

"Section 332. The Master shall award certificates of proficiency to those pupils at the close of the term, who in his judgment have completed the course creditably. The certificates shall be signed by the Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools, and by the Master.

"A pupil satisfactorily completing the course of study shall be entitled to a diploma of graduation."

Passed to a second reading.

Mr. Anderson presented a report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, in which he said:

"There have been advertised on leaflets for 'Thursday, April 20, 1899 at 4.30 and 7.45 auspices of Lyman Grammar School, for

Lantern Slides, by permission of the Committee on School-houses, at the Lyman School Hall,' illustrated lectures by one C. H. French, on 'Cuba and the Maine,' and 'Klondike.' The facts relative to these proposed lectures are: Mr. French made an arrangement with the master of the Lyman School by which lectures were to be given in the school hall, advertised on leaflets as under the auspices of the Lyman School, tickets for admission to be put into the hands of the sub-master of the school, who should parcel them out to the pupils for sale among their parents and others, the pupils to receive, in free tickets 10 per cent. of the amount they sold, and the proceeds to be turned in by them to the sub-master. Of the proceeds, the lecturer was to have 40 per cent. and the master of the school 60 per cent. with which to purchase lantern slides for the use of the school. The master of the school advertised this lecture by publicly announcing it in the school hall when the whole school was assembled there, the pupils were told, in effect, that they were expected to do their best in disposing of the tickets, as a matter of patriotic service to the school, which was to share in the profits of the venture.

"Although this lecture is advertised to be 'By Permission of the Committee on School-houses,' the records of that committee do not disclose that the matter ever came before them.

"But, assuming that the lecture is a proper one to be given in the school hall, and that, if proper application had been made to the proper authority, permission would have been granted for such use, the most weighty objections to this scheme remain to be considered. Section 224 of the regulations provides: 'No contribution for any purpose shall be permitted in any public school.' Section 225 provides: 'No advertisement shall be read to the pupils of any school on the premises thereof, or be posted on the walls or fences of any school building; and no agent or other person shall be permitted to enter any school premises for the purpose of exhibiting, either to teachers or pupils, any book or article offered for sale. No lists of pupils shall be given by teachers to any person not an officer of the Board.'

"Seventy-five thousand children, gathered from many thousand homes, with names and addresses in the hands of teachers, offer an attractive field to the energetic and entertaining advertising agent. The number of school children is so large that small contributions from them, and from their parents, through them, aggregate a large sum. Consequently frequent attempts are made to exploit the public schools in behalf of various advertising schemes; and, under the guise of patriotism or charity, to levy what is practically taxation upon the children. So soon as any enterprise is advertised as being under the 'auspices of the school,' and the children are asked to contribute or to get contributions for that purpose, the school ceases to be a free school.

"Your committee have deemed it their duty to call this matter fully to the attention of the Board, not only because of the importance of the principles involved, but because masters of other schools, ambitious for further equipment, have desired to avail themselves of similar opportunities for money-raising; and, with justice, say that they see

no reason why there should be discrimination between the schools.

"Your committee are of opinion that no variation should be allowed from the provisions of Sections 224 and 225, prohibiting contributions and advertisements in our schools. They would call to the attention of the members of the Board and of the masters of the schools the fact that these provisions have been deemed so important that no sub-committee of the Board has any authority to permit any variation therefrom. If for any reason it is ever desirable that contributions for any purpose shall be received, or that any scheme shall be advertised in our public schools, it ought to be done only after the fullest and most public consideration by this Board.

"Your committee therefore recommend that this report be adopted, as embodying the sense of the full Board relative to the importance of full compliance with the provisions of our regulations."

The report was laid on the table until the next meeting.

Mr. Coolidge for the Committee on Accounts presented the following:

March 28, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred, March 14, 1899, a communication from His Honor the Mayor, wherein he states the reasons for withholding his approval from the items in the appropriation order under the head of "Salaries of Janitors," on the ground that they did not show the distribution of the aggregate amount of said items, beg leave to report that they have considered the matter and have endeavored to meet as far as possible the views of His Honor.

They therefore recommend that that part of the appropriation relating to janitors be reconsidered, and the following order substituted therefor.

For the Committee on Accounts,

FRANCIS L. COOLIDGE, Chairman.

By a yea and nay vote, none of the members voting yea, the veto of the Mayor concerning the appropriation for janitors was sustained, and an order passed, which meets the approval of His Honor, setting forth the salary paid the janitor of each school building.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the question of nomination to the position of Instructor in Military Drill was taken from the table. Mr. Strange submitted the following candidates and moved that the board proceed to ballot: Lieut. Frank S. Wilson, Brighton; Lieut. Charles H. Brigham, Ernest R. Springer, Lieut. Oliver D. Greene, P. Frank Packard, William L. Fox, Maj. G. H. Benyon, Capt. Richard Robins.

Mr. McDonald put in nomination the name of Col. William H. Oakes, of Charlestown.

Eleven ballots were held without a choice — and the matter was laid over till the next meeting by a vote of yeas, 11; nays, 10.

The Chair read the following:

Boston, March 28, 1898.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, President of the Boston School Committee.

DEAR SIR: I beg to hand you herewith my resignation as a member of the committee

on the First Division and of the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

Yours very truly,

FRANK E. BATEMAN.

Accepted.

Mr. Brett presented his resignation as a member of the Eighth Division.

Mr. Bennett presented his resignation as a member of the Fifth Division.

The Chair appointed Mr. Bennett a member of the Committee on the Eighth Division, and Mr. Brett on Fifth Division.

The Chair read the following:

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

March 28, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

At its meeting in February, 1899, the Boston Masters' Association considered the question: "Ought the annual school festival to continue?" and after an hour's discussion the following vote was passed:

Voted, To recommend that the school festival be omitted this year. In communicating this action to the School Committee, as I was requested to do by the Masters' Association, I would respectfully suggest that this matter be referred to the Committee on the Annual Festival when that committee is appointed.

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Annual Festival, when appointed.

The Chair read the following:

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

The Board of Supervisors respectfully submit their report on the following order, which was adopted by the School Committee on February 14, 1899:

"Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to report the number of male teachers in the day schools who are also employed in the evening schools, other than drawing schools, stating the length of time such instructors have severally served in the evening schools; and that they also consider and report upon the following propositions:

"(1.) To what, if any, extent it is advisable to employ male teachers in the day schools, as instructors in the evening schools?

"(2.) Whether or not it is advisable to limit the number of years during which a day school teacher may serve in the evening schools?

"(3.) Whether or not it is advisable in reducing the number of instructors in the evening schools as the attendance of pupils decreases during the term to give preference in continuance of employment to instructors not serving in the day schools."

They find that the number of teachers employed in the day schools of this city, who are also employed in the evening schools, other than drawing schools, of this city, is 21. They also find that such instructors have severally served in the evening schools as follows: One, one year; one, two years; three, three years; one, four years; three, five years; one, six years; two, seven years; two, eight years; one, nine years; two, ten years; one, eleven years; one, fourteen years; one, fifteen years; one nineteen years.

Having carefully considered the three propositions stated in the order, the Board of Supervisors have reached the following conclusions:

(1.) That it is advisable to employ sub-masters in the day schools as principals, and only as principals, of the evening elementary schools for a term not exceeding four years.

(2.) That it is advisable to employ, without restriction, in the evening schools male teachers in the day grammar schools who hold a rank below that of sub-master.

(3.) That it is advisable to employ day school male teachers of any rank except that of master in the evening high school to an extent not exceeding three evenings, a week, and without limit as to number of years.

(4.) That it is not advisable to give preference in continuance of employment to instructors not serving in day schools, but that this matter should be left to the discretion of the principal of the school, subject to the approval of the Committee on Evening Schools, to be determined as the best interests of the school require.

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Chairman Board of Supervisors.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be requested to investigate the sanitary condition of the Dudley Grammar School and make such repairs and alterations as may be necessary to improve the same.

The Board adjourned at 10.25 P.M. to April 11, at 7.30 P.M.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following are the records of a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on March 31, 1899, at 4 P.M., in the Mayor's Office, City Hall.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Kiley moved that it be placed upon the record that, if he had been present at the last meeting, he would have voted against the approval of the transfer of \$2,900, from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor; carried.

The five following papers were received:

A petition of Annie B. Crocker et al., and other petitions, in favor of an appropriation for asphaltting Carver street.

An order requesting an appropriation of \$10,000 for the construction of a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Travers street.

An order requesting an appropriation of \$100,000, for street improvements in Wards 16, 20 and 24.

An order requesting an appropriation of \$750, for clock in head-house of South Ferry, Boston side; \$750 for dredging a channel for small boats at Jeffries' Point, East Boston, and \$1,500, for the construction of a flight of steps from Leyden street to Gladstone street.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets endorsing the petition of the Boston Associated Board of Trade, that certain streets in the business section of Boston be paved, etc.

The above were severally placed on file.

A communication was received from the Mayor transmitting a letter from the Trustees for Children calling attention to an accident which had occurred at the House of Reformation through the falling of a large hanging lamp, and urging the necessity of an appropriation for an electric lighting plant, in order to eliminate the danger from oil lamps; also a communication from the Mayor requesting the passage of an order making an appropriation for said purpose.

The communications were placed on file, and Mr. Kiley moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of four thousand (4,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children in establishing an electric lighting plant at Rainsford Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed; yeas, 5:

Yeas—Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy—5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

A communication was received from Mr. Henry M. Whitney, inviting the members of the Board to visit the works of the New England Gas & Coke Company at Everett, in connection with the question of an appropriation for widening the draw of Chelsea bridge.

A communication was also received from Mayor Quincy requesting the passage of an order making an appropriation for widening the said bridge.

The communications were placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan, the Board voted that a hearing be given in regard on the matter, and that City Engineer William Jackson be requested to appear before the Board, to give information on the subject.

After the said hearing, the Board went into executive session, and Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of thirty thousand (30,000) dollars be appropriated to be expended by the Engineering Department in widening Chelsea bridge draw opening, at the north draw, from its present width of 45 feet to 60 feet, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed—Yeas, 4; nay, 1.

Yeas—Messrs. Sullivan, Barry, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy—4.

Nay—Mr. Minot 1.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

(The total cost of widening the Chelsea Bridge draw to 60 feet will be \$45,000. Mr. Henry M. Whitney, President of the New England Gas and Coke Company has already offered to contribute \$10,000 towards

this expense if the city would appropriate the balance needed, and the appropriation was passed at this figure in the hope that his contribution might be increased to meet the whole expenditure above \$30,000.)

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a communication from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, he had transferred the sum of \$14,000 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Printing Department.

On motion of Mr. Minot, the Board voted to give a hearing in regard to the matter, and Mr. Thomas A. Whalen, Superintendent of Printing, and Mr. James H. Dodge, City Auditor, were heard.

The Board then went into executive session, and, on motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted to approve the transfer by the City Auditor of fourteen thousand (14,000) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Printing Department.

The vote was signed by Mayor Quincy, and Messrs. Barry, Sullivan and Minot.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That unless the Board finish its business sooner, it adjourn at 5.30 P.M.

The following was received:

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

March 28, 1899.

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be informed that it is the intention of the School Committee, if the sum of \$500,000 shall be made available during the current year for additional primary and grammar school accommodations, to reserve the sum of \$55,000 for completing and furnishing those buildings which are now in course of construction, exclusive of high schools, and to expend the remaining \$445,000 for new school accommodations, as follows:

EAST BOSTON (WARDS 1 AND 2).	
Fourteen-room grammar building . .	\$95,000
CHARLESTOWN (WARDS 3, 4 AND 5).	
Excess in cost of primary school site in Warren District over available appropriation (an appropriation of \$50,000 for the building has already been made)	10,000
ROXBURY (WARDS 17, 18 AND 19).	
Six-room primary building	40,000
SOUTH BOSTON (WARDS 13, 14 AND 15).	
Fourteen-room grammar building . .	100,000
BRIGHTON (WARD 25).	
Twelve-room primary building	70,000
DORCHESTER (WARDS 16, 20 AND 24).	
Fourteen-room grammar building . .	100,000
Primary-school site, Ward 20	5,000
SITES.	
New sites where required, in addition to those named	25,000
Total	\$445,000

Passed. A true copy.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the passage by the Board of an order making an appropriation for additional primary and grammar school accommodations.

The order and communication were placed on file, and Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the School Committee be authorized to expend, in providing additional primary and grammar school accommodations, the following amounts, and the said amounts are hereby appropriated for the purposes specified; and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the amount of four hundred and seventy-five thousand (475,000) dollars, viz.:

Grammar school-house, East Boston, (fourteen-room building)	\$95,000
Primary school-house site, Warren District, Charlestown, additional .	10,000
Primary school-house, Roxbury (six-room building)	40,000
Grammar school-house, South Boston (fourteen-room building)	100,000
Primary school-house, Brighton (twelve-room building)	70,000
Grammar school-house, Dorchester (fourteen-room building)	100,000
Primary school-house, Ward 20, site, .	5,000
Completing and furnishing school buildings now in course of construction, exclusive of high schools, .	55,000
Total	\$475,000

The order was passed, yeas, 5.

Yeas — Messrs. Sullivan, Minot, Barry, Kiley and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that none of the said appropriations are to meet a current expense.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 5.26 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.

JOHN H. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

THE JOINT STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF CITY COUNCIL.

At the regular meeting of the Common Council, held on Thursday evening, March 30, President Kiley announced the appointment of the members on the part of the Common Council of the Joint Standing and Special Committees, which appointments make the committees stand as follows:

Joint Standing Committees.

ART DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.	Councilmen.
James H. Doyle,	Lawrence M. Stockton,
Wilbur F. Adams,	Michael Leonard,
Patrick F. McDonald,	A. Dudley Bagley,
William Berwin,	Edward L. Logan,
Michael W. Brick.	George O. Wood,
	John D. Fenton,
	Abram Jordan,
	James A. Sweeney.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.	Councilmen.
Edward W. Dixon,	Arthur K. Peck,
John H. Colby,	Henry B. Carroll,
Frank J. O'Toole,	William E. Harvey,
Edward W. Prescho,	James A. Watson,
Frederick W. Day.	John H. Broderick,
	Frank S. Atwood,
	William H. Doyle,
	John J. Tobin.

AUDITING DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.	Councilmen.
Edward W. Dixon,	William S. B. Stevens,
Franklin L. Codman,	James J. Casey,
Frank J. O'Toole,	Samuel H. Mildram,
Frederick W. Day,	Frank J. Johnson,
Edward W. Prescho.	Andrew A. Badaracco,
	Thomas A. Kelley,
	George H. Battis,
	John Bordman, jr.

BATHS DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.	Councilmen.
William Berwin,	William J. O'Brien,
Frank J. O'Toole,	Andrew Brauer,
Edward W. Prescho,	Samuel Kasanof,
Michael W. Brick,	David W. Simpson,
James H. Doyle.	John H. Giblin,
	William G. Roemer,
	Thomas F. Rice,
	Charles E. Eddy.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.	Councilmen.
Frederick W. Day,	William E. Bennett,
Franklin L. Codman,	Willard W. Hibbard,
David F. Barry,	James H. Stone,
Edward W. Prescho,	Charles E. Eddy,
Michael W. Brick.	Frank J. Linehan,
	George H. Battis,
	James A. Watson,
	Andrew Brauer.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.	Councilmen.
Patrick F. McDonald,	Andrew Brauer,
John H. Colby,	Fred A. Emery,
James H. Doyle,	Joseph F. Hickey,
Franklin L. Codman,	Abram Jordan,
Frederick W. Day.	Patrick H. Bradley,
	John H. Broderick,
	Samuel Kasanof,
	James F. Mulcahy.

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.	Councilmen.
Franklin L. Codman,	Fred A. Emery,
Edward W. Dixon,	Patrick H. Brennan,
Wilbur F. Adams,	William E. Harvey,
Frank J. O'Toole,	James J. Casey,
Frederick W. Day.	Edward H. Madden,
	Arthur K. Peck,
	Frank J. Johnson,
	John H. Broderick.

CITY MESSENGER DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.	Councilmen.
Edward W. Dixon,	Walter R. Mansfield,
John H. Colby,	John F. Gibbons,
Michael W. Brick,	Samuel H. Mildram,
William Berwin,	Andrew A. Badaracco,
Patrick F. McDonald.	David W. Simpson,
	Patrick H. Brennan,
	William H. Doyle,
	Michael Leonard.

CLAIMS.

Aldermen.	Councilmen.
John H. Colby,	Edward L. Logan,
Frederick W. Day,	A. Dudley Bagley,
Wilbur F. Adams,	James A. Watson,
Frank J. O'Toole,	John Bordman, jr.,
Patrick F. McDonald.	James McInerney,
	Harvey W. Walker,
	Frank J. Linehan,
	Thomas F. Rice.

CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.	Councilmen.
Frank J. O'Toole,	George H. Flynn,
Edward W. Prescho,	George H. Moore,
James H. Doyle,	William J. O'Brien,
Franklin L. Codman,	Frank E. Wells,
Edward W. Dixon.	William H. Doyle,
	Henry B. Carroll,
	Donald N. MacDonald,
	John J. Curley.

COLLECTING DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.	Councilmen.
Edward W. Prescho,	Lawrence M. Stockton,
Michael W. Brick,	Frank J. Johnson,

Wilbur F. Adams,
Frederick W. Day,
James H. Doyle.

George O. Wood,
John J. Tobin,
Frederick W. Klemm,
Charles P. Nangle,
William G. Roemer,
James F. Mulcahy.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Aldermen.
Edward W. Prescho,
Frank J. O'Toole,
Franklin L. Codman,
Edward W. Dixon,
Patrick F. McDonald.

Councilmen.
George O. Wood,
Thomas A. Kelley,
Samuel H. Mildram,
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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

April, 1, 1899.

General Order No. 587.

I. Whereas, It appears that Patrolman George H. Hobson, of Headquarters, has performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty-four years; that he is an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion; and that he has requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898, it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Hobson be retired from active service in the Police Department, and placed upon the pension roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement.

II. This order will take effect at 7.45 A.M., Monday, third instant.

EXPENDITURES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The thirty-first Annual Report of the Committee on Accounts constitutes School Document No. 2, 1899, from which the following statements are taken:

The sum estimated by the committee as requisite for carrying on the schools during the year ending January 31, 1899, was \$2,690,000, including \$250,000 for repairs and alterations; but the sum granted by the City Council was \$2,470,000.

Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898, which took effect May 7, 1898, provides that appropriations for the support of public schools of Boston, including repairs and alterations on school buildings, shall be included within the tax limit, and "shall not exceed in the aggregate upon each \$1,000 of the average valuation of the taxable property in said city, as ascertained under the provisions of law limiting the rate of taxation in said city, the following sums for the periods specified, to wit: For the financial year ending on January 31, in the year 1899, \$2.80; for the financial year ending on January 31, in the year 1900, \$2.85, and for the financial year ending on January 31, in the year 1901, and for each financial year thereafter, \$2.90."

Under the act cited the amount allowed the School Committee for the year 1898-99, including an estimated income of \$36,000, was \$2,700,589. This amount was larger by \$230,589 than that granted by the City Council, and \$10,589 in excess of the amount requested in the estimates for the year.

The ordinary expenses for the past year were as follows:

Salaries of instructors	\$1,963,255 18
Salaries of officers	70,645 28
Salaries of janitors	147,777 48
Fuel, gas and water	102,935 86

Supplies and incidentals:

Books	\$54,325 53
Printing	9,110 79
Stationery and drawing materials	23,410 70
Miscellaneous items	51,485 91

School-house repairs, etc.	138,332 93
	249,973 69

Expended from the appropriation	\$2,672,920 42
From income of Gibson and other funds	3,050 69

Total expenditure	\$2,675,971 11
Total income	42,210 35

Net expenditure, School Committee	\$2,633,760 76
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The net expenses of the School Committee, compared with those for 1897-98, show an increase of \$191,601.15.

The average number of pupils belonging to the different grades the past year was 83,008. The average cost per pupil amounted to \$31.73; an increase, as compared with that of the previous year, of \$1.82 per pupil.

The net amount expended for high schools, including a pro rata share of the general expenses and of the income, was \$478,988.93;

average number of pupils belonging, 5,609 (exclusive of 105 non-resident pupils); average cost per pupil, \$85.40. The net amount expended for grammar schools was \$1,250,093.72; number of pupils, 38,059; cost per pupil, \$32.85. The net amount expended for primary schools was \$691,451.38; number of pupils, 29,666; cost per pupil, \$23.31. The net amount expended for evening schools was \$68,436.96; number of pupils, 5,064; cost per pupil, \$13.51. The net amount expended for evening drawing schools was \$19,397.45; number of pupils, 566; cost per pupil, \$34.27. The net amount expended for the Horace Mann School was \$9,940.15; number of pupils, 116; cost per pupil, \$85.69. The net amount expended for kindergartens was \$110,119.23; number of pupils, 3,807; cost per pupil, \$28.93.

The gross expenses for the past year, compared with those for 1897-98, show a variation in the different items of the appropriation as follows:

Salaries of instructors, increased,	\$146,037 18
Salaries of officers, increased . .	1,260 28
Salaries of janitors, increased . .	8,557 19
Fuel, gas and water, increased . .	6,919 57
Supplies and incidentals, increased . .	7,571 31
School-house repairs, etc., increased . .	20,032 42
Gibson and other funds, increased,	1,146 39

Total increase, gross . . . \$191,524 34

The total expenditure for the public schools, including new school-houses, for the past year was as follows:

School Committee, salaries and incidentals	\$2,422,946 73
School Committee, Gibson and other funds	3,050 69
School Committee, repairs, etc.	249,973 69
School Committee, permanent improvements in school-houses (special)	42,063 80
School Committee, new school-houses (special)	584,452 13

Total gross expenditure . . .	\$3,302,487 04
Less income for the year . . .	42,210 35

Total net expenditure . . . \$3,260,276 69

The city has expended during the past thirty years the sum of \$9,711,382 for new school-houses, a yearly average of \$323,712.

During the past five years the average cost has been \$545,975.74. Notwithstanding this large increase in the expenditure for new buildings, it has hardly kept pace with the demand, as shown by the fact that a greater sum, viz., \$33,736, has been spent the past year for rent and taxes of hired accommodations than in any preceding year.

Another fact bearing upon this subject should not be overlooked, namely, that it requires nearly double the amount of money to house a given number of pupils than was needed thirty years ago. This is due to a variety of causes, principally stricter building laws and the demand for modern conveniences which did not then exist.

The following shows the variation in the number of pupils and in salaries in the different grades for the past year, compared with those for 1897-98:

High schools, pupils increased 397; salaries increased	\$28,410 43
Grammar schools, pupils increased 830; salaries increased	64,445 57

Primary schools, pupils increased 981; salaries increased	\$37,149 32
Horace Mann School, pupils increased 7; salaries increased	1,238 72
Kindergartens, pupils decreased 57; salaries increased	8,440 59
Evening schools, pupils decreased 831; salaries decreased	461 50
Evening drawing schools, pupils increased 50; salaries increased	1,265 00
Manual training schools, salaries increased	5,903 16
Special teachers, salaries decreased,	354 11
Spectacle Island, pupils decreased 7.	
Total increase in pupils, 1,370; in salaries, \$146,037.18.	

The number of regular instructors on the pay-rolls January 1, 1899, was 1,760, divided among the several grades of schools as follows: High schools, 185; grammar schools, 816; primary schools, 565; Horace Mann School, 13; kindergartens, 135; manual training, including cookery, 46, an increase of 76 regular instructors since January 1, 1898.

In addition there have been 108 temporary teachers and 75 special assistants employed in the day schools, an average of 211 instructors in the evening and evening drawing schools, and 73 special instructors, including 39 teachers of sewing, making a total of 2,227 instructors on the pay-rolls during the year.

The amount paid for salaries of instructors the past year was \$1,963,255.18, which shows an increase over that of the previous year of \$146,037.18, about one-third of which is due to the natural growth of the schools, and the balance to the additional compensation paid teachers under the revised salary schedule in operation since September 1, 1896.

Ten years ago the cost for this item was \$1,274,349.17, showing that an increase of about 54 per cent. has taken place during the time, although the number of pupils has increased only about 29 per cent.

The male instructors in the high schools, including the principals, receive an average salary just about double that paid to the female instructors; and in the grammar schools the average salary of a male instructor is three times that of a female instructor.

During the year \$73,236.97 were paid for instruction by special teachers.

The cost for the salaries of 175 janitors the past year, including that paid for washing school-house floors during the summer vacation, was \$147,777.48, an increase, as compared with the previous year, of \$8,557.19. The average salary paid to janitors was \$844.44, which, in the opinion of the committee, is only a fair sum for the amount and quality of the work required.

The following table shows the expenditures made for carrying on the schools, exclusive of furniture, repairs and new school-houses, during the past five years:

YEAR.	Expenditures. (Dollars.)	Income. (Dollars.)	Net Expenditures. (Dollars.)	No. of Pupils.	Rate per Pupil. (Dollars.)
1894-95	1,885,537 38	38,604 35	1,846,933 03	73,603	25 09
1895-96	1,964,760 76	39,181 66	1,925,579 10	74,666	25 79
1896-97	2,077,377 56	39,500 83	2,037,876 73	78,167	26 07
1897-98	2,254,505 50	42,287 16	2,212,218 34	81,638	27 10
1898-99	2,425,907 42	42,210 35	2,383,787 07	83,008	28 72

From the foregoing table it will be seen that the running expenses, exclusive of repairs, were \$1.62 more per pupil than for the previous year.

In the following table the total expenditure incurred by the School Committee, exclusive of repairs, in the past five years is divided into the five items which go to make up the appropriation:

YEAR.	Salaries Instructors. (Dollars.)	Salaries Officers. (Dollars.)	Salaries Janitors. (Dollars.)	Fuel, Gas and Water. (Dollars.)	Supplies and Incidentals. (Dollars.)
1894-95	1,495,799 61	58,970 00	118,336 49	77,291 91	96,535 02
1895-96	1,548,910 75	62,454 50	123,871 31	75,900 29	114,442 25
1896-97	1,628,510 68	66,290 84	131,560 50	82,804 09	128,710 62
1897-98	1,779,039 35	69,385 00	139,220 29	96,016 29	128,557 41
1898-99	1,926,974 94	70,645 28	147,777 48	102,935 86	135,453 51

The following table shows the cost of repairs made and furniture provided during the five years ending 1898-99. It also includes payment for hired accommodations:

YEAR.	Expenditures. (Dollars.)	Income. (Dollars.)	Net Expenditures. (Dollars.)	No. of Pupils.	Rate per Pupil. (Dollars.)
1894-95	214,252 47	25 00	214,227 47	73,603	2 91
1895-96	250,107 13	—	250,107 13	74,666	3 35
1896-97	225,973 76	937 68	225,036 08	78,167	2 88
1897-98	229,941 27	—	229,941 27	81,638	2 81
1898-99	249,973 69	—	249,973 69	83,008	3 01

The foregoing tables include all the running expenses of the schools, and form the basis for computing the rate per pupil. The total running expenses, compared with those for 1898-99, show an increase in the rate of \$1.82 per pupil.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an examination will be held on April 11, 12, 1899, commencing at 9 A.M., at any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, for the position of examiner of surveys, General Land Office, Department of the Interior, at a salary of \$5 per diem.

Two days will be allowed for this examination.

Applicants must be between twenty-one and fifty-five years of age, and physically sound. The medical certificate on application blank (Form 304) must be executed.

The Commission announces that on April 11, 12, 13, 1899, an examination may be taken at any place marked "D" in the Manual of Examinations revised to January 1, 1899, for the position of architectural and structural steel draftsman, Navy Department.

All instruments used in this examination must be furnished by the applicants. From the eligibles resulting from this examination certifications will be made to the position of architectural draftsman, proficient in structural steel work as applied to architectural construction in the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Department, at a salary of \$4 per diem.

The Department has stated that it desires for this position men who are proficient in structural steel work as applied to architectural construction.

The Commission also announces that on April 11, 12, 13, 1899, an examination may be taken at any place marked "D" in Section 9 of the Manual of Examinations revised to January 1, 1899, for the positions of draftsman and assistant draftsman, marine engines, and boilers, Navy Department.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certifications will be made to the position of draftsmen, department of steam engineering, Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., Navy Department, at a salary of \$5 per diem; to the position of assistant draftsman, Union Iron Works, San Francisco, Cal., Navy Department, at a salary of \$4 per diem; to the position of draftsman, marine engines and machinery, office United States Inspector of Machinery, Maryland Steel Company, Sparrows Point, Md., at a salary of \$5 per diem; to the position of assistant draftsman, marine engines and machinery, department of steam engineering, Boston Navy Yard, at a salary of \$4 per diem.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with requirements. All such citizens are invited to apply. Applicants will be examined, graded, and certified, with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown by the grade attained by them in the examination.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., or to Mr. Edward E. Stebbins, Secretary Board of Examiners, Room 141, Post Office Building, Boston, for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission, at Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

At its meeting on Monday, April 3, the Board of Aldermen voted that confirmation of the appointments by His Honor the Mayor of John H. Donovan, John J. Murphy and George A. Comins, to be members of the Board of Assessors for the term of three years, beginning May 1, 1899, be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Monday, April 3, 1899, at 3 P.M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent — Aldermen Codman and Doyle.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Appointment of Constables.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

CITY HALL, April 3, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint the following-named persons constables of the City of Boston, for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

CONNECTED WITH OFFICIAL POSITIONS.

Richard F. Andrews, Thomas A. Ball, John H. Banks, Charles A. Belford, Daniel F. Breen, Carlan A. Brown, John B. Cadigan, William W. Campbell, William A. Coburn, William P. Cook, Frank B. Cotton, Thomas A. Crawford, Thomas J. Donnellon, Aaron A. Downs, William L. Drohan, John A. Duddy, Cornelius A. Dugan, Charles H. Filesetti, Thomas Folger, Elijah D. Foss, Henry Fox, John J. Franey, William W. Griffin, John F. Harrigan, Charles Harrington, Charles P. Harrington, George E. Harrington, John J. Henry, George M. Hosmer, Gustavus B. Hutchinson, James O. Jordan, Thomas Jordan, James P. Keliher, Samuel Kelley, Edward Kelly, Edward A. Kennedy, James M. Kilroy, Edward J. Leary, James F. McCarthy, William H. Murphy, James E. Norton, James J. O'Brien, James O'Donnell, Thomas J. O'Neil, Alvah H. Peters, Alvin I. Phillips, Patrick F. Reddy, John H. Riley, John Robie, Nathaniel G. Robinson, B. Franklin Sanborn, Henry J. Schenck, Charles J. Smith.

TO SERVE WITHOUT BONDS.

Truant Officers — George W. Bean, Henry M. Blackwell, James Bragdon, Frank Hasey, John T. Hathaway, James P. Leeds, David F. Long, John McCrillis, George Murphy, Amos Schaffer, William B. Shea, Warren J. Stokes, Daniel J. Sweeney, Charles E. Turner, Richard W. Walsh, John H. Westfall, Charles B. Wood, Charles S. Wooffindale.

Probation Officers — Nathaniel Leonard at Charlestown, Calvin A. Littlefield at East Boston, George N. Parker at South Boston, William A. Blossom at Roxbury.

With Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children — Edwin R. Smyth, Monsier D. Mann, William R. Critcherson.

With Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals — Lemuel B. Burrill, Charles F. Clark, James Duckering, James R. Hathaway, Thomas Langlan.

With St. Vincent De Paul Society — John B. F. Emery.

NOT CONNECTED WITH OFFICIAL POSITIONS.

Charles A. Bancroft, Clarence B. Benedict, Joseph H. Blatt, John F. Bowen, Solomon Brids, Paul C. Brooks, Joshua Brothers, jr., Benjamin F. S. Bullard, James M. Carter, William H. Chick, James J. Clark, John F. Clark, Michael Cangiano, John J. Conroy, George W. Crawford, James H. Cruft, James W. Currier, George C. Davis, Horace Dennie, Henry H. Dewey, Robert J. Dooley, George G. Drew, Thomas J. Drury, John A. Duggan, Peter P. Fee, Thomas Fee, William E. Fitzgerald, Walter A. Goddard, George W. Goode, Charles G. Goussebaire, Sears H. Grant, Abner C. Gray, George W. Green, Charles A. Grover, Joseph Guttentag, Edward J. Holland, John W. Holmes, Edward L. Hopkins, Charles A. Horrigan, Lewis J. N. Hurie, Edwin Jaquith, Parker N. Jenkins, Horace A. Jordan, Clarence G. Kellogg, Edward W. Kelly, Gusteen I. Kenerson, William H. Kenney, Russell R. Knapp, Clarence H. Knowlton, Joseph A. Langone, James F. Larkin, Morris F. Lewenberg, George M. Locke, George W. Lowther, William H. Lyon, Henry Martyn, William A. Mason, George R. Mathews, James McDonough, Michael McEleney, Joseph I. McLaughlin, Robert M. McLeish, James J. Morgan, John Mundy, George H. Nason, James Needham, Philip O'Brien, Isaiah Paine, jr., George F. Pierce, Benjamin F. Powell, John G. Ray, Peter H. Reinstein, Robert Reid, Thomas D. Roberts, John J. Rogers, George Henry Royce, John L. Russell, George J. Ryan, Charles A. Savery, David Schapero, William A. Sheehan, Henry W. Shepard, Abraham T. Silberstein, Morris Silverstein, Frederick L. Smith, Forrest E. Starr, Herbert W. Stebbins, Anson Stern, Calvin Stowe, John J. Sullivan, William H. Swift, Frederic S. Walker, John J. Walsh, James H. Waugh, Barnett White, William L. White, Henry S. Worrall, George L. Wrighton, Frank Yennaco.

Laid over until next meeting, under the law, and ordered printed.

Appointment of Officials Paid by Fees.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 3, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: I hereby, subject to your approval, make the following appointments:

(1.) John J. Caddigan to be Chief Weigher and Inspector of Vessels and Ballast for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(2.) James Collins and Edward Hughes to be Assistant Weighers and Inspectors of Vessels and Ballast for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(3.) The following-named persons to be Weighers of Coal for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899:

Morton Alden, Revere E. Atwood, William G. Bail, James E. Barnett, George L. Batchelder, John L. Batchelder, jr., Frederick J. Bradford, Barney M. Brennan, Thomas F. Brennan, Michael J. Brennan, John H. Brine, Walter Bryant, Franklin J. Burnham, John L. Caldwell, P. J. Caldwell, Donald S. Campbell, William A. Campbell, John H. Card, Edward N. Clancy, A. D. Clark, Frederick E. Cleaves, Thomas Colbert, Nelson B. Coll,

Charles J. Collins, Edward E. Coye, Hugh F. Crane, Arthur R. Crooks, Fred Cutter, James B. Dana, Asa W. Davidson, Harold L. Day, A. E. Dennis, F. W. Dickinson, Charles E. Dodge, John F. Donovan, John W. Edson, Richard W. Edds, William H. Eltz, John C. Felker, jr., Arthur L. Fish, Daniel F. Flynn, Henry A. Frost, Nellie M. Frost, Thomas F. Gallagher, Benjamin A. Gardner, Martin Gilbert, J. M. Gilman, Thomas F. Golding, Henry F. Gould, Robert J. Gove, Wesley A. Gove, William A. Gove, Charles T. Grant, William C. Ham, Charles A. Hamann, Joseph L. Harding, J. Arthur Heaton, Stephen Henton, Sidney C. Higgins, Samuel Hosea, jr., John W. Hunter, Frank B. Ingalls, Elisha F. James, E. W. Johnson, Henry R. Jordan, John Kelly, John Kelly, jr., Maurice Kingsbury, Phineas C. Kinney, Edward A. Lathrop, William D. Leeds, Clarence J. Libbey, Marcellus H. McElroy, George W. Merrill, Joseph F. Mills, Armine W. Montgomery, Richard J. Moore, Fred C. Morgan, Fred L. Moses, Russell Musculus, John F. Nelson, John B. Nickels, William H. Pierce, Edward E. Piper, James T. Pond, Horace L. Porter, P. J. Powers, Hugh H. Ralph, Horace G. Robbins, Dennis D. Ruddy, James Russell, Lucius W. Smith, George C. Squier, James P. Stewart, Norman Q. Stewart, William F. Stewart, Clinton G. Stickney, Charles E. Stone, G. Louis Stowers, Frank E. Sullivan, Henry F. Thomas, Hollis O. Thomas, Frank O. Thompson, Charles F. Tirrell, John P. Toomey, Joel F. Vinal, Howard Wade, Charles S. Wellington, Charles R. Williams, James Wilson, Henry G. Wilson, Edward J. Whitmarsh, J. Clarence Whitney, James F. Wilson, Benjamin D. Wood, Harry M. Wood, Frederick A. Worden, Frederick T. Wort, Ernest A. Worth, Moses E. Young.

(4.) The following-named persons to be Measurers of Wood and Bark for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899:

Morton Alden, Revere E. Atwood, George L. Batchelder, James B. Dana, John M. Davis, Harold L. Day, A. E. Dennis, William H. Eltz, Joseph Flores, J. Arthur Heaton, Sidney C. Higgins, Samuel Hosea, jr., John W. Hunter, Frank B. Ingalls, Phineas C. Kinney, Albert T. Orrall, Dennis D. Ruddy, Frank O. Thompson, Howard Wade, J. Clarence Whitney.

(5.) The following named persons to be Measurers of Grain for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899:

Ebenezer Barrett, William Bentley, Lawrence A. Bragan, Elmer E. Chain, Michael Collins, Charles R. Clifford, Michael F. Codire, Patrick T. Corcoran, Robert J. Desmond, John Deveraux, F. W. Dickenson, Alton F. Dow, Daniel F. Enos, L. T. Farnum, Michael Finn, Carroll Gates, John H. Gillogly, William Gleason, Henry F. Gould, George Gourley, Alden H. Harding, Benjamin Hay, Joseph G. Herrick, Joseph A. Hill, George W. Keith, William T. McLaughlin, Cornelius Murphy, R. E. Newman, Alfred J. Sidwell, Henry Soutter, John Steele, Charles E. Stone, Fred J. Sullivan, Loring H. Tucker.

(6.) The following named persons to be Inspectors of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Morton Alden, Charles E. Avery, Joseph P. Carmody, Elmer E. Chain, Charles R.

Davis, John M. Davis Robert J. Desmond, F. W. Dickenson, John H. Dunn, William M. Dunn, Ervin F. Eaton, Thomas B. Gammon, John H. Gillogly, Henry F. Gould, William Lincoln, Jarius L. Litchfield, S. B. Keene, William T. McLaughlin, Richard J. Moore, Leslie A. Pike, Edward G. Stanley, Charles E. Stone, Charles F. Thompson, Andrew N. Wyeth.

(7.) The following-named persons to be Field Drivers and Pound Keepers for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899:

Joseph H. Murphy in Brighton, Henry Griffith in Dorchester, John Rooney, in East Boston, William T. McChesney in South Boston, William Cotter in the Back Bay district.

(8.) The following-named persons to be Superintendents of Hay Scales for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899:

Herbert C. Davis, North scales; Edwin T. Frost, South Boston; Charles W. Richardson, Roxbury; Benjamin F. Paine Brighton; Thomas R. Frost and Lewis L. P. Atwood, West Roxbury; Timothy Dunn, South scales; William J. Mathers, East Boston.

(9.) The following-named persons to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Gustave Amsler, Charles E. Byrnes, John L. Caldwell, Thomas W. Carey, Edward N. Clancy, Nelson C. Clement, Fred. Cutter, Patrick D. Curry, Charles A. David, Alfred Doane, Charles F. Doherty, John F. Donovan, L. T. Farnum, George Gourley, John Hurley, John W. Kelley, Maurice D. Kingsbury, Henry D. Lynch, Robert P. McCann, Eugene McCarthy, George W. Merrill, Armine W. Montgomery, Robert A. Murray, Thomas H. O'Brien, Dennis O'Neil, Dennis O'Sullivan, James Slessor, William F. Stinson, Edwin F. Tarbox, F. S. Thompson, Bert Walbridge.

(10.) The following-named persons to be Weighers of Beef for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899:

Joel W. Bent, Frederick L. Dodge, Jacob N. Gray, and Charles Warren Hapgood.

(11.) William B. Bayley and Frank L. Bowker, to be Surveyors of Marble, Freestone and Soapstone for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(12.) Joseph B. Sias and Edward R. McLarin, to be Fence Viewers for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(13.) James H. Cleaves, Robert F. Means and William Park to be Inspectors of Petroleum and its products for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(14.) John J. Powers, Sewall B. Farnsworth and Edward R. Maxwell, to be Measurers of Upper Leather for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(15.) Patrick J. McCarthy, to be Inspector of Lime for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law, and ordered printed.

Overcrowding of Theatres.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 3, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith for your information a communication from the Board of Police, with enclosure, on the subject of overcrowding theatres.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

March 28, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I send you herewith copy of correspondence between J. C. S. Taber and the counsel for the Board of Police, on the subject of overcrowding theatres, and especially with reference to crowding passageways leading to exits.

As the Board of Aldermen have the licensing power and the theatres are under their charge, we thought it proper that you should be informed on this subject so that the Board of Aldermen could make such rules and regulations as they deem necessary.

Yours very truly,

A. P. MARTIN, Chairman.

Allston, March 26, 1899.

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS:

GENTLEMEN: I wish to call your attention to the dangerous crowding of the upper gallery of the Boston Theatre, not only allowed, but encouraged by the management of that house, on the night of February 9, 1899, during the performance of "Carmen" by the Ellis Opera Company. The seating capacity of this portion of the house was oversold by 200 at least, and these people and others who took unsatisfactory seats near the stage, stood in the passageways, as shown in the accompanying rough plan. The writer occupied a seat near "X," and was in a position to see all the facts he states. A friend of undoubted integrity was unable to get inside the auditorium at all, and made the statement given hereafter in regard to the police officer.

There is but one entrance to the upper gallery of the Boston Theatre. It is wide enough in itself and gives reasonable means of exit to the occupants of about one-third of the seats, those on the left. Four rows back of the gallery railing there is a passageway leading across the whole width of the house and wide enough most of the way for two people to walk abreast. On one side of this passage are the backs of the seats and on the other side a raised platform for other seats. The feet of those occupying these seats come to the front edge of this platform in front of which there is no railing. There is a large post at the entrance to this passageway, leading to the right so that the exit to about two-thirds of the seats is reduced to room for only one person, at a point about fifteen feet from the gallery door. The other gallery floors of this house have passageways back of the seats of such width and position that they are not liable to be used as standing room to a dangerous degree. In the upper gallery all the passageways are within the auditorium. What happened on the evening of February 9, 1899, is as follows: Tickets far in excess of

the seating capacity of this part of the house were sold. In fact the crowd was so large in the ticket lobby that the doors were opened fifteen minutes or more before the usual time to allow would-be purchasers to get to the box-office windows. Women were not only jammed on the stairs, as is unavoidable in such a mass of crowding people, but were subjected to the "battering-ram tactics" of the football flying wedge indulged in by a party of twenty-year-old hoodlums in respectable apparel. There was no one at hand to stop this outrageous action, and it was continued to the top of the stairs. Once in, the crowd took possession of the good seats and the aisles down to the railing.

They did not sit down. They stood in the cross passage and jammed the entrance until an usher came in and filled up the seats in the "chute" at the extreme rear. He made no attempt to clear the passageways, and at the time he left the gallery the condition was about as shown. When the performance began, those occupying seats at the right of the entrance stood up, and the crowd in the entrance-way crowded in with them, so that there was a solid jam of people from the wall to the post "A," which completely cut off all means of exit in this direction. No attempt was made by the officer to clear this away, nor was he inside the auditorium.

During the performance a woman standing in the northerly part of the gallery, near "B," became faint, and an attempt was made to get her out. As the aisle was blocked, some men who were with her pounded on the exit door on that side of the house, but to no purpose, and, finally, attempted to cross to the other side of the house. By walking on the platform over the feet of those sitting they reached the crowd of people at the post, where it was necessary to use argument before those standing there would make the slightest effort to allow them to pass. I would like to know what the additional exits are for, and where the keys are kept. Why those farthest from the street are subjected to a threefold risk in case of a stampede, and why the management are allowed to sell tickets to people who not only fill all the seats, but overflow out on to the stairs where they can neither see nor hear. To-morrow night another opera season opens by the company who last year filled the Mechanics' Building. That building will accommodate from 30 to 50 per cent. more people than the Boston Theatre. It is safe to say that the crowds attending this week and next will be greater than those to witness the performance by the Ellis Company.

That means that the condition I have described will be repeated several times unless prevented by law. I would like to attend these performances, but I consider the risk in doing so greater than I ought to undergo. Should any alarm be aroused with the crowd, as I saw it, there would have been a terrible stampede, in which broken limbs and bruised bodies, or worse, would reach an appalling figure. I have attended the opera for several years and sit very near the entrance where I can see every movement of the officer. His duties are performed in a very perfunctory manner, and the crowd is seldom made to clear the passageways. They are sometimes made to

make an opening, but if it is closed up again the officer seems to feel that he has performed his duty and does nothing about it.

Respectfully,

J. C. S. TABER.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Electric Plant. — Rainsford Island.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 3, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith copy of a communication received by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment from the Trustees for Children, urging the necessity of making provision for electric lighting in the House of Reformation on Rainsford Island, together with an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, appropriating four thousand (4,000) dollars for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Trustees for Children, urging the necessity of an appropriation for an electric light plant for the House of Reformation on Rainsford Island.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

32 Tremont Street, March 24, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I enclose herewith a letter received by the Board of Trustees in relation to a matter which might have resulted very seriously.

The Board feel that they cannot assume the responsibility for the recurrence of such an accident, and therefore would respectfully ask that the present lamps be replaced by electric lights.

The Board has voted that iron fire-escapes be placed upon the building, and that the needed apparatus for forcing water be established; and also that the small boys should be removed into the building formerly occupied by the summer hospital.

In this connection, I would say in reply to your favor of the twentieth instant, that the majority of the Board is unwilling to grant the use of the buildings formerly occupied by the summer hospital to that Institution, feeling that the buildings are needed for the younger boys of the House of Reformation.

Believe me,

Very respectfully yours,

H. A. LAMB, Chairman.

HOUSE OF REFORMATION.

March 21, 1899.

TO THE TRUSTEES FOR CHILDREN:

In connection with my report to you regarding the accident of March 1, 1899, I

wish to make the following recommendations:

(1.) A safe system of electric lighting should be put in for the whole island, thus eliminating the danger from oil lamps.

(2.) A pump should be placed in the boiler-room, of sufficient power to force a good stream of water to the upper floors.

(3.) The small boys, now in the attic, should be removed to the building at the other end of the island, formerly used for a summer hospital, thus placing them out of danger, relieving the overcrowding, and at the same time separating them from the older boys, which latter is much to be desired.

Under these conditions no boys would be more than two flights (22 feet) from the ground, with ample means of exit at each end of the building, one of them a wide iron stairway, with broad landings, built in a brick well. There would be modern and available means of extinguishing a fire, with but little possibility of any occurring.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. ANTHONY,

Superintendent.

HOUSE OF REFORMATION.

TO THE TRUSTEES FOR CHILDREN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

It is my duty to report to you an event which in its outcome was unimportant, but the possibilities of which were appalling.

On the evening of March 1, 1899, just after the boys had retired, one of the lady teachers started to put out the light of the large hanging lamp in her school-room. This lamp had been in position all day, and had been lighted all the evening, and was apparently perfectly secure, but the usual means of extinguishing the light brought the large fountain to the floor, barely missing the teacher and one of the matrons who was present. The oil spread rapidly and at once ignited. No outcry was made, but the officers were quietly summoned and two streams of water from the hose, and three fire extinguishers were playing on the flames within three minutes, with hardly a word being spoken. The fire was subdued after scorching the floor and two desks, and burning the books in these desks. The flames and smoke at once attracted the attention of the boys in the dormitories, and but for the energetic work of the watchmen and instructor of athletics, aided by some of the larger boys who kept their heads, a panic certainly would have taken place.

I cannot speak too highly of the prompt and efficient manner in which the whole affair was handled by my officers, or of the quiet bravery shown by the two ladies present, but I feel that after such a warning the conditions here should be fully known and realized by all in any way responsible for this Institution.

This accident occurred by the hand of a careful officer, and was, I believe, practically unavoidable. It happened under most favorable conditions, when the officers were at hand, when the boys were not present, on the second floor where the water pressure is fairly good, and where the hose could be brought close to the flames. However, under a hundred other probable conditions, the results would be most disastrous.

I need not here set forth the dangers attendant upon the use of kerosene oil for

lighting purposes, as they are acknowledged. The water pressure on all the floors is practically useless, as no stream could be thrown to any distance. On the upper floors it is especially low. Precautions such as water buckets, which are always full, and hand grenades and extinguishers, which are always at hand, would be useless in any extended conflagration. The position of the younger boys, who are obliged, by our crowded condition, to sleep in the attic on the fourth floor, is especially dangerous.

For these reasons I deem it imperative upon the honor and consciences of those who have it in their power to eliminate, as far as possible, the imminent dangers from fire which threaten the inmates of this Institution, and with this report I feel justified in saying that, while I shall do all in my power to guard against them, I can no longer, under present conditions, take the responsibility for any future accidents of this nature.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. ANTHONY, Superintendent.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

March 31, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of \$4,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children in establishing an electric lighting plant at Rainsford Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The order was sent down to the Common Council without alteration.

Chelsea Bridge,—Widening of Draw.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 3, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting on March 31, appropriating thirty thousand (30,000) dollars, for widening the north draw of the Chelsea bridge.

The estimated cost of widening this draw to 60 feet amounts to \$45,000. Mr. Henry M. Whitney, on behalf of the New England Gas and Coke Company, has already offered to contribute the sum of \$10,000 towards this widening, and the appropriation was passed at the figure above named in the hope that this contribution might be increased to cover the whole difference of \$15,000.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

March 31, 1899.

Ordered, that the sum of \$30,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department in widening Chelsea Bridge draw opening, at the north draw, from its present width of forty-five feet to sixty feet; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
LAURENCE MINOT,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The order was approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Sent down.

Watering of Streets.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 3, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, which explains itself. I desire to emphasize the urgency of this matter, and to express the hope that immediate action will be taken on it. Until the necessary action is taken by the City Council, the responsibility for neglect to water the streets will rest with the City Council, and not with the Street Department, as that Department cannot proceed without authority.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, April 3, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I beg to call your attention to the fact that no authority has been granted to this Department by the City Council to water the streets during the current year, as required by Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1897. Until such authority is granted, it is not possible for this Department to make the proper arrangements, and I would say that we are now greatly handicapped by the delay. The street-watering season has already begun, and unless immediate action is taken by the City Council there will be very general and proper complaint from the citizens, who must suffer from the dust nuisance until this Department is authorized to furnish relief.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Sent down.

Primary and Grammar Schools.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 3, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its

meeting on March 31, appropriating four hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$475,000) for providing additional primary and grammar school accommodations.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

March 31, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be authorized to expend, in providing additional primary and grammar school accommodations, the following amounts, and said amounts are hereby appropriated for the purpose specified; and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the amount of four hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$475,000), viz.:

Grammar school-house, East Boston (fourteen-room building)	\$95,000
Primary school-house site, Warren District, Charlestown, additional	10,000
Primary school-house, Roxbury (six-room building)	40,000
Grammar school-house, South Boston (fourteen-room building)	100,000
Primary school-house, Brighton (twelve-room building)	70,000
Grammar school-house, Dorchester (fourteen-room building)	100,000
Primary school-house, Ward 20, site	5,000
Completing and furnishing school buildings now in course of construction, exclusive of high schools	55,000
Total	\$475,000

Passed, and we certify that none of the appropriations above made are to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
JOHN H. SULLIVAN,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Veto—Projection of Sign.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 3, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed at your last meeting granting permission to Grove & Flynn to project a sign at 43 Bristol street, Ward 9, for the reason that the said vote permits the sign to project into the street five times as far as is allowed by law.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the said permission was granted was reconsidered, and the question came on again granting permission, the objections of his Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to grant the permission, in opposition to the Mayor's objections, the vote on doing so being, yeas, 0; nays, 10.

Veto — Projection of Sign.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 3, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board at its last meeting, granting permission to W. Creden & Co. to project a sign at 94 Essex street, Ward 7, for the reason that the vote grants permission to project the sign farther into the street than is allowed by law.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the said permission was granted was reconsidered, and the question came on again granting permission, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to grant the permission, in opposition to the Mayor's objections, the vote on doing so being, yeas, 0; nays, 10.

City Government Orders.**ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.****By the City Council.**

The following was approved March 27:

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to allow for payment, and the City Treasurer to pay, the Advertiser Newspaper Company the sum of \$8,500 in full for publishing the proceedings of the City Council from February 1, 1898, to February 1, 1899, the said amount to be charged to the appropriation for City Council proceedings.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved March 29:

Permits to project bay-windows, etc. viz.: James J. Murphy, one over Camden street, from building on south-east corner of Columbus avenue and Camden street, Ward 12; C. A. Russell, one over E street and two over West Ninth street, from building 177 E street, corner of West Ninth street, Ward 15.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

To Frank G. Coburn & Co., to stretch, maintain and use guy-posts over and across Centre street and Talbot avenue, for use in constructing the Dorchester High School, Ward 24.

To Whidden & Co., to erect, maintain and use two guy-posts in the roadway on Bennett street, and one in Ash street, at or near the corner of said streets, Ward 7, for use in building construction.

To Connery & Wentworth, to erect, maintain and use one guy-post in State street, at or near the Worthington Building, and one in Devonshire street, opposite No. 43, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, and to

stretch guy-ropes over and across Congress street at Congress square, for use in constructing building at 15 and 17 Congress street, Ward 6.

To John K. Ryan to erect, maintain and use one guy-post on the corner of Indiana place and Harrison avenue, Ward 7, for use in track construction; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

To Louis Segel, to erect, maintain, and use four guy-posts with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Leverett and Poplar streets, for use in constructing new building at 50 to 64 Leverett street, Ward 8; the location of said posts to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Call street, between Keyes and Boynton streets, and Keyes street, between Call and South streets, during necessary sewer construction on said streets.

Ordered, That the expenses incurred by the Board of Aldermen for carriage-hire on the occasion of the visit of the President of the United States to this city on February 16, 1899, amounting to \$24, be charged to the appropriation for Contingent Fund of the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use a turnout on North Beacon street, Brighton, near the bridge over the Charles river, said turnout being shown by red lines on a plan made by Hodges and Harrington, dated February 7, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the track located by this order is upon the condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the consent of the Board of Aldermen be hereby granted to the Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company, to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system, so called, on a turnout on North Beacon street, Brighton, near the bridge over the Charles River.

And permission is hereby granted to the said Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company, to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets,

dated February 7, 1899, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof, otherwise it shall be null and void.

The following were approved March 30:

Orders authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue permits, as follows:

To Atherton T. Brown, to construct, maintain and use an area, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 185 Summer street, Ward 7, as shown on a plan on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department.

To John McGaw, to construct, maintain and use areas, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 128-132 Charlestown street, Ward 8, as shown on plan on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department.

To Reuben Sherburne, to construct, maintain and use areas, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 17 and 19 Bennett street, Ward 7, dimensions as shown on a plan on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department.

To the Schofield heirs, to enlarge the present bulkhead opening, with wooden cover in sidewalk in front of estate 20 Thacher street, Ward 6, to be of the following dimensions: Two feet by two feet.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

To Tony Chincariello, sign, 297 Cambridge street, Ward 8.

To Frank F. Boodro, two pole signs, 221 West Eighth street, Ward 15.

To W. Creden & Co., sign, 94 Essex street, Ward 7.

To Michael Basile, four barber poles, 118 Chelsea street, Ward 2.

To James Bonanzinga, three barber poles, 236 Commercial street, Ward 6.

To Samuel Barnett, two barber signs, 1270 Washington street, Ward 9.

To Andrew A. Badaracco, illuminated sign, 121 North street, Ward 6.

To F. D. Bacon, sign, 71 Cornhill, Ward 6.

To Christian Altman, sign, 8 Staniford street, Ward 8.

To Wing Kee, sign, 1726 Washington street, Ward 12.

To George W. Ray, sign, 1006 Bennington street, Ward 1.

To William Edwards, sign, 2132 Washington street, Ward 18.

To Garlock Packing Company, sign, 12 Pearl street, Ward 7.

To James A. Gay, two signs, 1068 Washington street, Ward 9.

To G. O. Goldsmith, sign, 37 Haverhill street, Ward 6.

To Samuel H. Goldstein, two pawnbroker's signs, 2020 Washington street, Ward 17.

To Grove & Flynn, sign, 43 Bristol street, Ward 9.

To Alfred E. Haines, sign, 14 Bedford street, Ward 7.

To Hanover Drug Company, illuminated mortar, 257 Hanover street, Ward 6.

To Hewes-Mayo Company, sign, 150 Lenox street, Ward 18.

To Robert Leavitt, sign, 1222 Washington street, Ward 9.

To D. Lipsky, sign, 1 Perry street, Ward 9.

To Adolph H. Lock, sign, 1424 Dorchester avenue, Ward 24.

To Charles S. Miller & Co., sign, 109 Brooks street, Ward 1.

To Mills & Meyers, sign, 87 Albion street, Ward 9.

To Jacob Moshkowitch, sign, 34½ Atlantic avenue, Ward 6.

To George Meirhsne, sign, 11 Oswego street, Ward 9.

To Picard & Keough, illuminated sign, 79 North street, Ward 6.

To George F. Monahan, illuminated sign, over sidewalk at 24 Travers street, and one at 212 Friend street, Ward 8.

To Quong Shong, sign, 1068 Washington street, Ward 9.

To Qung Lee, two signs, 109 Cambridge street, Ward 4.

To J. Rosen, illuminated sign, 42 Pleasant street, Ward 7.

To K. Sapirstein, sign, 62 Austin street, Ward 5.

To Thomas J. Shanny, illuminated sign, 1 Green street, Ward 8.

To Frank Thomas, illuminated sign, 98 Boylston street, Ward 7.

To Joe S. Tribuna, sign, 3 Lewis street, Ward 6.

To A. J. Wiley, sign, 1 Bowdoin square, Ward 6.

To Edward Perry, two barber-poles, 800 Washington street, Ward 7.

To Vincent Russo, two barber-poles, 56 Howard street, Ward 6.

To H. Kaufman, clock sign, 270 Tremont street, Ward 7.

To George W. Dunlap, illuminated sign, 208 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 10.

The following were approved March 31: Permits to excavate cellars of buildings below grade 12, viz.:

To J. L. and H. K. Potter, at 611 Albany street.

To Peter Pastene, at 69-71 Fulton street, Ward 6.

To A. T. Brown, at 185 Summer street, Ward 7.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of Talbot avenue, at Dorchester, between Bernard street and Spencer street, as shown by red lines on the plan and profile of said Talbot avenue marked "City of Boston Talbot avenue, Dorchester, John E. Cheney, Acting City Engineer, March 27, 1899," deposited in the office of City Engineer.

ORDER PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested

to place a fire-alarm box at or near the Field's Corner station of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, in Ward 20.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The two following orders were presented to the Mayor March 21, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light at 60 Grampian way, Ward 20.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate a suitable number of electric lights on Tremont street, Ward 25, between Oak square and the Newton line, to properly light the street.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN MARCH.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of March, 1899, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 669; total number of mortgages, 659; total amount of mortgages, \$4,293,219.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	194
South Boston	40
East Boston	47
Roxbury	99
Dorchester	171
West Roxbury	57
Brighton	29
Charlestown	32
Total	669

HOUSES ORDERED DEMOLISHED AND VACATED DURING MARCH.

The following houses were ordered demolished by the Board of Health during the month of March:

Rear of 49 Barton street; from 1 to 9 Oliver court (inclusive).

The following houses were ordered vacated during the month:

33 Minot street, 2 Warland place, 511 Harrison avenue, 3 Fay street, 1 Fay street, 105 East Dedham street, 20 Hamburg street, 8 Cushman avenue, rear of 49 Barton street.

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18. S. B. 97, an Act relative to the inspection of steam-boilers, and to regulate steam engineering, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (N.P.)							
19. S. B. 100, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of Bennington street and other highways in the City of Boston p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
20. S. B. 108, an Act to provide for a Normal School-house in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	Mch 2, 8. Closed.	March 17. S. (S.B. 108)	March 20.	March 21.	March 23. H.	March 28.	March 31.		
21. S. B. 109, an Act to authorize the establishment of vacation schools in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 16. S. (S.B. 241)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. H.	March 23.	March 30.	H. Apr. 4. S.	
22. S. B. 118, an Act to provide for the use of automatic ventilators in sleeping-rooms where gas is used in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. S. (L.W.)							
23. S. B. 119, an Act relative to salaries paid by the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
24. S. B. 121, an Act relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
25. S. B. 122, an Act relative to the construction of subways in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.								

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26. S. B. 123, an Act to provide for grammar and primary school-houses in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 28. H. (L.W.)							
27. S. B. 124, an Act relative to the Riverway Park of the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 7. H. (N.G.C.)							
28. S. B. 125, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 16.	March 16. Closed.	March 16. H. (N. P.)							
29. S. B. 126, an Act relative to contracts with the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2, 3. Closed.	March 10. H. (L. W.)							
30. S. B. 127, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
31. S. B. 142, an Act relative to the granting of leave of absence to police officers in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
32. S. B. 143, an Act relative to tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
33. S. B. 148, an Act relative to the height of buildings in Copley square in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16. Closed.								
34. S. B. 149, an Act to amend the charter of the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
35. S. B. 150, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the children of Frederick B. Bogan, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 937)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
36. S. B. 151, an Act relative to additions, alterations and repairs on school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 21.	March 9. Closed.	March 28. S. (S. B.)							
37. S. B. 157, an Act to establish a Department of Architecture in Boston, p. 125.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 6. S. (N.G.C.)							
38. S. B. 158, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
39. S. B. 159, an Act relative to the Boston Transit Commission, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.								
40. S. B. 175, an Act relative to the new Cambridge Bridge, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
41. S. B. 190, an Act to provide for a State Highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, p. 126.	Roads and Bridges. March 6.	March 20. Closed.	March 27. S. (L.W.)							
42. S. B. 193, an Act relative to the Erection and Alteration of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Cities. Feb. 27.	March 6. Closed.	March 6. S. (S. B. 193)	March 7.	March 8.	March 9. H.	March 13.	March 13.	H. Mch. 15. S. Mch. 16.	March 17. App.
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43. H. B. 20, an Act relative to Malden Bridge, so called, in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 936)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 4.			
44. H. B. 21, an Act to authorize the West End Street Railway Company to replace its tracks on Tremont and Boylston streets in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Street Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 31. Feb. 2, 9, 13, 15, 24. Closed.	March 23. H. (H. B. 1,002.)	April 4.						
45. H. B. 23, an Act to authorize the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of merchandise, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	March 22. H. (L.W.)							
46. H. B. 25, an Act to authorize the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	Jan. 24. S. (H. B. 25)	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 30. H.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
47. H. B. 31, an Act to repeal Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	*								
48. H. B. 38, an Act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Public Service. Jan. 11.	Jan. 27. Closed.	Jan. 27. H. (L.W.)							
49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30.	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (L.W.)							
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (H. B. 1018.)							
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 6. H. (L. W.)							
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (N. P.)							

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	*								
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.	March 21. Closed.	March 30. S. (S.B. 272)	March 31.	April 4.					
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 13, 24. Closed.	(See No. 44.)							
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Feb. 16, 23. Closed.	March 24. H. (L.W.)							
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.	March 14. H. (H.R. 162)		March 15. Ad.	March 17. S.		March 20. Ad.		
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N.P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H.B. 176)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S. Feb. 21.	Feb. 23. App.
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (L.W.)							
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	Feb. 28. Feb. 10, 17. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 1. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,013.)	April 4.						
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.								
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H.B. 811)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.	March 24. Rej.			
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (H.B. 214)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16. App.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 1. Closed.								
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.	March 20. H. (N. P.)							
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.	March 2. Closed.	March 7. H. (L.W.)							
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.	March 23.								
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N.G.C.)							
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (H.B. 833)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.	March 15.	H. Feb. 20. S. Feb. 22.	March 24. App.
75. H. B. 321, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (L.W.)							
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs.									
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 21, 22. Closed.	March 24. H. (N. P.)							

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78. H. B. 332, an Act relative to the leasing of buildings and the granting of concessions by the Park Commissioners of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N.P.)							
79. H. B. 333, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 10. H. (N.P.)							
80. H. B. 350, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13.	March 31. H. (L.W.)							
81. H. B. 353, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.									
82. H. B. 377, an Act relative to certain departments of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (N.G.C.)							
83. H. B. 383, an Act relative to the election of the Mayor of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 1. S. (N.G.C.)							
84. H. B. 386, an Act to further regulate the inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13, 24. Closed.	March 13. H. (N.P.)							
85. H. B. 387, an Act to change the method of electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
86. H. B. 396, an Act relative to playgrounds in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 30.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 22. H. (H.B.996)	March 28.	March 31.					
87. H. B. 407, an Act to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston to purchase certain lands on Chestnut Hill avenue, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 10. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,015.)	March 30.	March 31.					
88. H. B. 463, an Act to authorize the proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate, p. 82.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 6. H. (H.B.894)	March 7.	March 8.	March 10. S.	March 13.	March 14.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 20.	March 21. App.
89. H. B. 464, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to abate a portion of certain assessments for the construction of highways, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 20.									
90. H. B. 471, an Act relative to the construction of a tunnel from a point on or near Hanover street to a point at or near Maverick square in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
91. H. B. 476, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles Bulle, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.476)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
92. H. B. 494, an Act relative to the laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.									
93. H. B. 517, an Act relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.									
94. H. B. 528, an Act relative to the tabulation of statistics of parent nativity in Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3.	March 3. H. (H.B.923)	March 10.	March 13.	March 15. S.	March 20.	March 24.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
95. H. B. 529, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 relative to the municipal debt of and rate of taxation in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. April 3, 7.								
96. H. B. 531, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Mary A. Davis, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.531)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
97. H. B. 532, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward Melia, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.532)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
98. H. B. 533, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (N. P.)							
99. H. B. 551, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
100. H. B. 553, an Act to provide for the widening of Pine street in Boston, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (L.W.)							
101. H. B. 555, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John McGrath certain money, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 2.	March 2. H. (H.B.561)	March 17.	March 20. Am.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
102. H. B. 562, an Act to require poles for wires in the City of Boston to be made of iron, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (N.P.)							
103. H. B. 570, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of James F. Ryan, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.570)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			

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104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. March 8. Closed.								
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.583)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 9, 10. Closed.	March 21. H.(H.B.890)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 1.			
109. H. B. 607, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. H.(N.G.C.)							
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H.(H.B.957)	March 16.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 24.	March 27.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	(See No.110)							
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N. P.)							
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2. (See No. 105.)									
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 9. H. (L. W.)							
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.								
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	*								
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 21. Closed.	(See No.55.)							
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.665)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16, 24. Closed.								
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.673)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.674)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.								
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 14. 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.679)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15, 28. Closed.	April 3. H.(H.B.680)							

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TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Date of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Sent to Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 17, 23.30. A. p. 3. Closed.								
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.	March 7. S. (N. G. C.)							
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 27. H. (H. B. 1,009.)							
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2, 15. Closed.								
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. H. (N. G. C.)							
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L. W.)							
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L. W.)							
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L. W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H. (H. B.)							
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H. (L. W.)							
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church, of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Societies. Feb. 2.	March 2. H. (L. W.)								
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	*								
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17, March 7. Closed.	March 28. H. (N. P.)							
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17.								
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (L. W.)							
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 783)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17, March 7. Closed.	March 27. H. (N. G. C.)							
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H. (L. W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15, March 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N. G. C.)							
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L. W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 6. Closed.	March 9. S. (N. G. C.)							
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education. Feb. 20.	March 15. Closed.								
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Counties. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	March 20. S. (H. B. 858.)							

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H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.) Ought not to Pass; (L. W.) Leave to Withdraw; Am., Amended; (N. G. C.) Next General Court; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted; Sub., Substituted; Rej., Rejected; Rec., Recommended.

Awards of Contracts.

Hospital Department.

Proposals for furnishing the Hospital Department 1,000 tons of white ash egg coal, or white ash pea coal, were received March 15, 1899, by the Trustees as follows:

Bidders.	Bids per ton.
E. B. Townsend	\$4 12
J. A. Bradford & Co.	4 18
Joseph S. Burton & Co.	4 20

The contract was awarded to E. B. Townsend.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Water Department.

Bids were opened at the office of the Water Commissioner on March 31, 1899, for furnishing composition castings in the following amounts:

Bidders.	12,000 lbs. No. 1 per lb.	30,000 lbs. No. 2 per lb.	5,000 lbs. No. 3 per lb.	Bids.
J. H. McCafferty & Co.	23½c.	22½c.	16c.	\$10,512 50
Wm. Curley	19½c.	17½c.	15½c.	8,395 00

The contract was awarded to William Curley, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor.

W. E. SWAN, Secretary.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Examinations of candidates for certificates of qualification to teach in the Boston Public Schools will be held as follows: Candidates for High School certificates, Classes A and B, and for certificates to teach physical training, drawing, penmanship, phonography and typewriting, book-keeping by double entry, with elements of mercantile law, and with commercial geography, will be examined on Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15, 1899, in the Girl's High School-house, West Newton Street. Members of senior classes in colleges who are otherwise eligible by having had a year's experience in teaching school, or by being graduates of the Boston Normal School, or of a Massachusetts State Normal School, or by having substantially completed a satisfactory course in pedagogy, will be permitted to take the High School Class A examination. The examination will begin at 9 o'clock A.M. Attendance will be required each day. Circulars containing full information concerning the subjects and requirements of these examinations may be obtained by personal or written application to the Secretary of the School Committee.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, March 20, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending March 18, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	1	
2...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
4...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
5...	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
6...	4	-	8	1	1	3	-	13	23	23	
7...	-	13	-	3	-	1	2	5	39	39	
8...	-	3	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	18	
9...	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	3	10	10	
10...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	7	
11...	12	1	-	1	11	-	1	1	1	18	
12...	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	9	25	25	
13...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	
14...	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	9	
15...	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	11	11	
16...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	5	
17...	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	5	
18...	-	3	-	-	-	2	3	4	4	6	
19...	6	1	-	-	4	-	-	2	2	2	
20...	13	3	1	-	-	8	-	3	7	33	
21...	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	14	
22...	1	2	2	1	-	1	-	3	4	4	
23...	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	6	8	
24...	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	9	
25...	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	6	6	6	
T'ls..	45	49	13	10	16	17	10	12	80	258	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, April 3, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending April 1, as follows:

A keyless door has been ordered placed on fire-alarm box 254.

Simeon P. Williams has been appointed a call-substitute with call-man's pay and assigned to Ladder Company 16; Joseph W. Hobbs has been appointed a permanent substitute and assigned to Engine Company 37; T. R. Melville has been appointed a repairer in the fire-alarm branch, on trial for one month.

Two coils of iron wire have been ordered for the fire-alarm branch.

Two black horses, two bay horses and one gray horse has been purchased from Welch & Hall for \$138 each. One chestnut horse has been purchased from A. W. Davis for \$150.

A special draft has been drawn on the City Auditor for \$7,300 in favor of John M. Brooks for furnishing and setting compound engine in Engine 31 (fire-boat).

John F. Doolin of Ladder Company 3 has been given a day off for meritorious conduct in rescuing a man from an electric light wire on roof of building 69 and 71 Wareham street, at fire-box 68, March 29.

The following transfers have been made:

M. A. Kenealy, Engine Company 14, to Engine Company 13; John F. Mitchell, Engine Company 13, to Engine Company 14; Joseph P. Hanton, Ladder Company 10, to Engine Company 21; James J. Doyle, Engine Company 21, to Engine Company 26-35; James H. Thorburn, Engine Company 26-35, to Ladder Company 10; Frederick T. Dyer, Engine Company 37, to Engine Company 26-35; Percy W. Gowen, Engine Company 13, to Engine Company 1; T. J. McNerney, Engine Company 1, to Engine Company 13.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, March 27, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending March 25:

Cases pending	-
Number of applicants	70
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	32
Long Island Almshouse	14
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	5
Boston Insane Hospital	3
Westboro' Insane Hospital	4
Danvers Insane Hospital	1
Worcester Insane Hospital	1
Foxboro' Asylum	2
Massachusetts Hospital of Epileptics	2
Number of applications refused, Number of applications withdrawn	4
Settlements investigated	76
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	6

28 Court Square, April 3, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending April 1:

Cases pending	-
Number of applications	58
Number of Admissions:	
To State Almshouse	17
Long Island Almshouse	8
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	5
Boston Insane Hospital	6
Westboro' Insane Hospital	7
Foxboro' Asylum	1
Bridgewater Insane Asylum	2
Number of applications refused	1
Number of applications withdrawn	9
Cases pending	2
Settlements investigated	58
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	60
Trustees for Children	2

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

CITY OF BOSTON PAYMENTS.

City Treasurer Turner on April 1, 1899, paid for the City of Boston as follows, viz.:

On Mayor's General Draft:	
City debt becoming due	\$32,000 00
Water debt becoming due	250,000 00
General expenses	305,918 18
	\$587,918 18
Interest on all classes of debt	897,096 54
County of Suffolk draft for all purposes	91,373 46
Total	\$1,576,388 18

He remitted to Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co., limited, London, England, £10,000 for payment of interest becoming due in London April 1, 1899, on Sterling Water loan.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending April 1, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.0
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	21.0
Number of deaths:	
Males	94
Females	104
Total	198
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	214
Decrease	16

Of the 198 decedents, 193 were white and 5 colored; 128 were born in the United States, 68 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 2 was unknown; 50 were of American parentage, 122 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 26 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	35	3
Scarlatina	27	1
Typhoid fever	4	1
Measles	174	2
Totals	240	7

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	25
Pneumonia	30
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	14
Bronchitis	6
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	9
Total from principal causes	88
Total from infectious diseases	7
Total from other causes	103

Total from all causes	198
Deaths of children under 1 year	38
Deaths of children under 5 years	55
Deaths of persons over 60 years	51
Deaths in public institutions	58

Mr. George E. Foss, ward-tender in the Long Island Hospital, died at that institution on Sunday, April 2, 1899. Mr. Foss had been connected with the hospital for somewhat over a year.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned, being a majority of the directors of the Waltham, Newton and Forest Hills Street Railway Company, respectfully petition your Honorable Board for the location of the tracks of said company in Boston over and upon the following public ways and streets:

Beginning at the boundary line between the City of Newton and the City of Boston at Baker street, on Baker street to Weld street, on Weld street to Maple street, on Maple street to South street, on South street to New South street or substitute way, on New South street or substitute way to Brandon street, on Brandon street to South street, on South street to its intersection with Washington street, the terminus of the railway.

And they further petition, that in granting such location, your Honorable Board will allow them to lay the tracks either upon the centre or upon the side of the streets or public ways mentioned in said route, as you may deem for the best interests of the public.

And the undersigned further petition that they may be allowed to operate the cars upon said tracks by electricity, and for that purpose may use the trolley system, with the right to erect such poles, trolley wires, feed wires, span wires and underground wires, upon, over and under the streets and public ways mentioned in said route as may be necessary for the proper operation of their road.

And they still further petition for the right to lay such turnouts and switches upon the roads and public ways mentioned in said route as may be necessary for the proper operation of said road.

WILLIAM M. BUTLER,
HENRY S. MILTON,
EDWARD D. VANTASSEL,
RICHARD ANDERS,
FRED C. HINDS,
CHARLES H. WILSON,
CHARLES F. AVERY,

A majority of the Directors of the Waltham, Newton and Forest Hills Street Railway Company.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 3, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in THE CITY RECORD, Boston Journal and Jamaica Plain News.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

Boston, March 23, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan to be filed. A plan of locations is filed, dated March 17, 1899.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Gladstone street, near Walley street, Ward 1.
Glenway street, between Harvard and Raleigh streets, Ward 20.

Walley street, near Gladstone street, Ward 1.
The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 3, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the tenth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the East Boston Argus, Advocate, THE CITY RECORD, Boston Traveler, and Dorchester Beacon.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 3, 1899.
The undersigned request permission to project from building on corner of Clayton and Dickens streets, Ward 24, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, one over Clayton street and one over Dickens street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, twelve feet wide, and eighteen inches over line of street.

GIPSON & KNIGHT,
204 Dudley street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 3, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventeenth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 3, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Albany street and Northampton street, at Roxbury, be widened, at their junction, and that said widening be constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highways in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eighteenth day of April, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, March 31, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25, in the Old Court House, at 11 o'clock A.M., on Friday, April 7, 1899, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered X 73, 74, made by the Board of Street Commissioners, and filed January 6, 1896, in the office of the City Engineer in City Hall; said territory is bounded by Blue Hill avenue, Woolson, Wildwood and Morton streets.

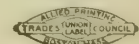
JOHN P. DOKE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
Street Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, City Hall, Boston, before 12 o'clock M. of Monday, April 10, 1899, for building Timber Bulkheads on Summer-street Extension, Boston. Plans for the work may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston. Proposals are required to be in a gross sum for the whole work and must be accompanied by a certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the City if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF HON. J. H. SULLIVAN.

Hon. John H. Sullivan, a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and a Sinking Funds Commissioner, died suddenly on Sunday, April 9, at his home in East Boston.

Mr. Sullivan was born in Bere Haven, County Cork, Ireland, April 27, 1848. He came to Boston as a sailor while a young man. He studied at Comer's Commercial College and fitted himself for the survey of cargoes and the care of docks and shipping, in which branch of business he achieved an enviable prominence and reputation, as well as a high measure of pecuniary success.

Mr. Sullivan was a member of the Common Council in 1884 and 1885, and served as an Alderman in 1886, 1887, 1891 and 1892. In 1888 he was elected to the Massachusetts Senate, and was a member of the Governor's Council in 1895, 1896 and 1898. He served on the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds from 1896 till his death. In 1898 Mr. Sullivan was elected to serve for two years as a member of the newly established Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

In public and private circles Mr. Sullivan was highly and deservedly esteemed as an honorable, able and kindly man, an active citizen, and an upright and faithful public servant.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

At a special meeting of both branches of the City Council, held on Monday, April 10, for the purpose of taking appropriate action on the death of Hon. John H. Sullivan, feeling and appropriate remarks upon his character and public services were made in the Board of Aldermen by Messrs. Barry, Day, Prescho and McDonald, and in the Common Council by Messrs. Hickey, Mulcahy, Bagley, Kasanof, Simpson, Chamberlain, Giblin, Battis and Lydon.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously by both branches in concurrence:

Resolved, That the City Council has learned with deep regret of the sudden death of the Hon. John H. Sullivan, a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and a Sinking Funds Commissioner. During his long and varied public service, as a member of both branches of the City Council, as a State Senator, and as a member of the Governor's Council, he deserved and secured the confidence of the public, and the esteem and affection of his associates, through his unswerving honesty, conscientious performance of duty, and agreeable personal qualities. We lament his untimely death, and place upon record our sense of the loss which the city has sustained.

Resolved, That we tender our respectful sympathy to the bereaved family of Mr. Sullivan, and that an engrossed copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them by the City Clerk.

The following orders were also passed in concurrence:

Ordered, That the City Hall be closed during the time set apart for the funeral of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan.

Ordered, That the City Messenger be directed to cause the flag on City Hall to be placed at half-mast until after the funeral of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan.

Ordered, That all City work be suspended in East Boston, without loss of pay to employees, on the day of the funeral of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan.

The following-named gentlemen were appointed to attend Mr. Sullivan's funeral: On the part of the Board of Aldermen, Chairman Barry and Messrs. Berwin, Day, McDonald and Prescho; on the part of the Common Council, President Kiley and Messrs. Hickey, Moore, Horrigan, Peck, Connolly, Bagley, Collins and Leonard.

PAYMENT OF FEE FOR OPENING OF STREETS.

Following is the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court, given by Judge Morton, in the suits brought by the Boston Elevated Street Railway Company and the Boston Gas Light Company against the Superintendent of Streets of the City of Boston regarding the payment of a fee of \$1 by the companies for each permit to open streets in the city:

As I understand these cases, the only matter in controversy is the right of the Superintendent of Streets, under the direction or authority of the Mayor, to compel the petitioners to pay \$1 for each permit which they are required to have to open streets in the lawful and proper prosecution of their business.

I do not understand that any question is seriously made that except for their refusal to pay the fee required for the permits, they would have been issued, or that the petitioners are not otherwise entitled to them.

Something is said in the answer to the petition of the Gas Company about a consent to open the streets being required and none having been given. How much that is relied on I do not know.

In the answer to the Elevated Company's petition it is admitted in substance, as I understand, that they need no further authority than they have for doing the work to which the applications for permits relate. If the want of consent in the Gas Company's case, on the part of the proper authorities, to the opening of the streets is relied on, then that case will have to stand for further hearing on that point.

But I assume that the only want of consent that is relied on is that arising out of the refusal to pay the charge of \$1 for the permits.

There is no statute or ordinance authorizing the collection of the fee. In that respect this case differs from those cited by the respondent in which the imposition of such charges has been sustained. The respondent justifies it under Statutes of 1885, Chapter 266, Section 6, by which the executive powers formerly vested in the Board of Aldermen as surveyors of highways and otherwise, are now vested in the Mayor, to be exercised by him through the heads of departments.

But however just and reasonable the charge may be in itself, I do not see how in the absence of any statute or ordinance authorizing it, the Mayor and Superintendent of Streets have the right to impose it. It seems to me that it does not come within the scope of the executive and administrative powers of the Mayor and Superintendent of Streets, to institute a fee bill and to compel parties having otherwise a legal right to permits to pay the fees thus established therefor as a condition of issuing them. Such a power, I think, can only be conferred in cases like these by statute or ordinance. The expenses rendered necessary in the way of clerical help and supervision and examination must be presumed to be included in the appropriation or must otherwise be provided for.

As I understand the issue presented, it seems to me the writ should issue.

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the City Clerk Department for the financial year ending January 31, 1899, has been submitted to His Honor the Mayor. The report constitutes Document 7, and the following extracts are made from it:

During the past year the mortgage department has been entirely refitted with new desks, incandescent lights and fireproof bookcases, making it now one of the finest offices in City Hall, and much more convenient for the public.

There were sixty-five meetings held by the Board of Aldermen during the year. Of the orders passed by the Board twenty-four were vetoed, and with two exceptions the vetoes were sustained.

The number of thoroughfares laid out as public streets and reported to this office by the Board of Street Commissioners was thirty-six, not including seven public alleys.

The number of papers recorded in the office of the City Clerk was as follows:

Mortgages, bills of sale, etc.	8,445
Assignments of wages	1,639
Married women's certificates	464

Liens on vessels	97
Fence-viewers' certificates	8
Descriptions of devices and utensils used in trade	25

There were 233 amusement licenses and 1,752 minors' licenses to newsboys and boot-blacks issued during the year.

Following is a record of miscellaneous business of the Department:

Petitions and orders acted on by Board of Aldermen (1898)	3,243
Trustees' writs and suits against the city	1,356
Number of jurors drawn by Board of Aldermen	1,351
Number of liquor license bonds filed	1,254
Laborers' liens filed	285
Assignments for benefit of creditors filed	212
Accident notices filed	174
Number of constables' bonds approved and on file	144
Permits for bay-windows issued	69
Petitions for assessment of damages by jury filed	64
Returns of State election:	
Statements filed	32
Amount expended	\$40,847 40
Returns of city election:	
Statements filed	17
Amount expended	\$17,024 71

The expenditures of the City Clerk Department for the year were \$50,344.36; the receipts were \$7,131.76.

ASSISTANT ASSESSORS FOR 1899.

Assistant Assessors for the year 1899 have been appointed by the Board of Assessors and approved by His Honor the Mayor, as follows:

Ward 1 — Charles A. Tilden, John Marno.
Ward 2 — Thomas O. McEnaney, John J. Lane.

Ward 3 — James J. Mellen, Benjamin F. Bowditch.

Ward 4 — Dennis G. Quirk, Charles W. Pearson.

Ward 5 — Frank J. Enos, William F. Connors.

Ward 6 — First part, Timothy J. Murphy, Joseph J. Squadron; second part, Joseph D. Dillworth, Frank J. Lewis; third part, Edwin R. Spinney, Edward A. Rogan.

Ward 7 — First part, Nathan P. Ryder, Michael F. Meagher; second part, Charles B. Hunting, Alexander P. Brown; third part, Henry J. Ireland, Frederick M. Brennick.

Ward 8 — First part, George W. Carr, Edward F. Keefe; second part, Thomas C. Butler, Michael J. Toumey.

Ward 9 — John J. Gartland, Allen H. Farnham.

Ward 10 — First part, Charles J. Dowd, William A. Byrne; second part, Harry O. Alexander, Hugh D. Montague, jr.

Ward 11 — First part, Frederick H. Temple, James E. Gray; second part, George Warren, Jerome J. Crowley.

Ward 12 — Charles F. Morse, Timothy W. Murphy.

Ward 13 — Roger H. Scannell, Joseph F. Ripp.

Ward 14 — John C. Cook, John J. Toomey.

Ward 15 — Charles O. Burrill, John H. Hout.

Ward 16 — First part, James I. Moore, William H. Allen; second part, A. Glendon Dyar, John S. McDonough.

Ward 17 — Thomas H. Bond, John F. Kendrick.

Ward 18 — Edward W. Dolan, John P. Geishecker.

Ward 19 — First part, James P. Fox, John J. Sullivan; second part, John H. Donovan, George W. Crocker.

Ward 20 — First part, Michael Cangiano, Daniel J. Daly; second part, William B. Smart, Edward W. Griggs.

Ward 21 — First part, Alonzo F. Andrews, Louis Burkhardt; second part, John J. Griggs, Irving P. Gammon.

Ward 22 — First part, Henry W. Kelly, Walter E. Merriam; second part, Frank S. Pratt, William Doonan.

Ward 23 — First part, Edward P. Butler, James F. Dowling; second part, John H. Giblin, James A. Coutts; third part, Michael F. Dolan, Clinton P. Duryea.

Ward 24 — First part, Daniel A. Downey, Joseph T. Preston; second part, William D. Lang, Joseph A. Singler; third part, Francis N. Plummer, John A. Dillon.

Ward 25 — First part, Benjamin N. Fiske, Patrick F. Carley; second part, George W. Warren, J. Harris Aubin.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on May 9, 1899, an examination will be held at any city in the United States where it has a Board of Examiners, for the position of assistant, Division of Agrostology, Department of Agriculture.

Not more than one day will be required for this examination. From the eligibles resulting from the examination, certification will be made to the position of assistant, Division of Agrostology, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum; also to position of assistant chief, Division of Agrostology, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum.

The Commission also announces that on May 9 and 10, 1899, an examination will be held at any city in the United States where it has a Board of Examiners, for the position of computer, nautical almanac office, Navy Department.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination, certification will be made to fill the position of computer (male), nautical almanac office, Navy Department. There is no fixed salary attached to this position, the appointee being paid for piece work.

The Commission announces that it is desired to establish an eligible register for the position of irrigation expert, office of experiment stations, Department of Agriculture.

It will not be necessary for applicants to appear at any place for examination, but the statements and theses required may be

prepared by competitors at their homes upon forms which will be furnished by the United States Civil Service Commission upon request. Competitors will be required to furnish sworn statements as to the integrity of the work submitted by them. The maximum age limit for this position is fifty years.

From the eligible register established as the result of this announcement, certification will be made to the position of irrigation expert, office of experiment stations, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$2,500 per annum.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. All such citizens are invited to apply. They will be examined, graded, and certified, with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save the ability as shown by the grade attained by them in the examination.

Persons desiring to enter should at once apply to Mr. Edward E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office Building, Boston, Mass., or to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the Commission, at Washington, D.C.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

April 8, 1899.

General Order No. 588.

Reserve Officer Herbert H. Fay, of Division 10, having been commended by his captain for meritorious service in obtaining evidence and assisting in arresting persons engaged in counterfeiting United States money, he is hereby appointed a patrolman in the police force and assigned to duty in the same division.

He will report at the clerk's office, headquarters, at 9.30 o'clock A.M., Monday, the tenth instant, to be sworn.

THE SPARROW NUISANCE.

In view of the urgent need, as represented by Superintendent Doogue of the Public Grounds Department, of assigning Foreman Kennedy and his assistants, who have lately been engaged in destroying sparrow nests upon the Common, back to the regular work of the Department, His Honor Mayor Quincy has directed that this work of destroying nests be now discontinued for the season. It was not anticipated originally that it would prove such an undertaking, or that it would withdraw so much labor from the regular work of the Department, and it is now felt that such work of the Department should not be longer slighted.

Mr. Kennedy has been directed to report

to His Honor the Mayor upon the results of the work accomplished, and to observe, as far as possible, whether the sparrows proceed to rebuild their nests as soon as the men are withdrawn.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following is a record of the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held on Monday, April 10, 1899:

City Hall, April 10, 1899.

A special meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on Monday, April 10, 1899, at 4 P. M., at the Mayor's Office, City Hall, for the purpose of taking action on the death of Hon. John H. Sullivan, a member of the Board and its Secretary.

Mr. Minot offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, having learned with deep sorrow of the death of their colleague and Secretary, Hon. John H. Sullivan, hereby place upon the records this expression of their sense of the loss sustained by the city through the death of an able and respected public servant, and of their feeling of bereavement in the loss of an official associate whose personal qualities had won their regard and affection.

Resolved, That as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, the members of this Board attend his funeral in a body.

Resolved, That the members of this Board tender their heartfelt sympathy to the family of their late associate, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to them.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to send a suitable floral tribute as a token of esteem from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 4.23 P. M., subject to the call of the Chairman.

JAMES A. MCKIBBEN,

Assistant Secretary.

A recent report from the United States Consul-General in Hawaii states that all boots and shoes are imported from the United States, with the exception of Chinese shoes and slippers, which come from China. The value of importations for the year 1898 was: From the United States, \$172,931; Great Britain, \$52; Germany, \$39, and from China, \$7,174.

Out of 336,533 barrels of flour imported at Rio de Janeiro in 1897, 252,991 were from the United States. The total value of exports to Brazil from the United States in 1897 amounted to \$12,400,000, against \$12,100,000 from Germany, \$16,500,000 from France, and \$27,600,000 from Great Britain.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

A special meeting of both branches of the City Council was held at 12 M., on Monday, April 10, 1899, in their respective chambers, City Hall, pursuant to the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 9, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

You are hereby requested to assemble in your respective chambers on Monday, April 10, 1899, at 12 M., for the purpose of taking appropriate action upon the death of John H. Sullivan, a member of the Board of Apportionment and also Sinking Funds Commissioner, which occurred suddenly this morning, and of expressing the sorrow felt by the citizens of Boston at the loss sustained through his untimely death and their respect for his memory.

Respectfully,

DAVID F. BARRY, Acting-Mayor.

The following message from His Honor the Mayor was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 10, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

It becomes my painful duty to announce to you the death of Hon. John H. Sullivan, a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of this city, and also one of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds. Mr. Sullivan served as a member of the Common Council in 1884 and 1885, as a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1886 and 1887, as a member of the State Senate in 1888, again as a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1891 and 1892, and as a member of the Governor's Council in 1895, 1896 and 1898. During this long and varied career in public office, Mr. Sullivan had won for himself the confidence of the public and the high regard of his associates, and this city loses by his death one of its most representative and public spirited citizens, as well as a faithful public servant. The value of his services to the city in the important position which he held at the time of his death was recognized by all, and his death leaves a vacant place which can hardly be filled.

In view of the long and faithful service which Mr. Sullivan has rendered to the City of Boston, and as a mark of appreciation of his character and services and of the loss sustained by his untimely death, I recommend that appropriate resolutions be passed by the City Council, and that a joint committee be appointed to represent the city at the funeral.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sent down.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, April 12, 1899, at 3 o'clock, Chairman Barry presiding. All the members were present.

Appointments.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation on the part of the Board of Aldermen:

(1.) James H. Dodge, to be City Auditor for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(2.) William Jackson, to be City Engineer for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(3.) James Donovan, to be Superintendent of Lamps for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(4.) Andrew J. Bailey, to be Corporation Counsel for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(5.) Thomas M. Babson, to be City Solicitor for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(6.) George E. McKay, to be Superintendent of Markets for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(7.) Thomas A. Whalen, to be Superintendent of Printing for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(8.) John Drohan, to be Superintendent of Public Buildings for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(9.) William H. Whitmore, to be City Registrar for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(10.) Reuben Peterson, to be Soldiers' Relief Commissioner for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(11.) Benjamin W. Wells, to be Superintendent of Streets for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(12.) Alfred T. Turner, to be City Treasurer for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(13.) Daniel P. Sullivan, to be Sealer of Weights and Measures and Seizer of Illegal Charcoal Measures, and Raphael Rosnosky, Charles Mintz, Edwin J. Turner, John J. Higgins, Daniel J. Moynihan, jr., Jeremiah J. Crowley, Thomas F. Brophy, John Golding, William H. Fallon and Thomas J. Dwyer, to be Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and Seizers of Illegal Charcoal Measures; all for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(14.) William Doogue, to be Superintendent of Public Grounds for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(15.) Frank O. Seavey, to be a Measurer of Grain, a Weigher of Coal and an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Severally laid over to the next meeting, under the law.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were also received:

Appointment of a Constable.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 12, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint George E. Kerr a Constable of the City of Boston for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Mr. Kerr is appointed to take the place of Mr. George W. Goode, who has been appointed a Constable for the above term, but who does not care to serve; and I recommend that action upon the appointment of Mr. Goode be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

Veto — Bay-window Permit.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 12, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board on April 3, granting permission to John O'Connor to project two bay-windows from building No. 50 Ellery street, Ward 15, two and one-half feet over the street line.

I find that this street is only twenty-seven feet wide and that there are now no bay-windows on it. This vote is therefore contrary to Section 32 of the Revised Regulations of 1898, which provides that "no person shall project a bay-window over any street less than thirty feet in width, unless another bay-window already projects over such street," and that "no person shall project a bay-window more than eighteen inches over any street, unless another bay-window already projects more than eighteen inches over such street."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto — Cellar Excavation.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 7, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board at its last meeting, granting leave to Sidney F. Squires to excavate the cellar of building 329-331 Tremont street, Ward 10, at grade 9.

The Board of Aldermen is authorized by law to grant licenses, subject to revocation at any time, authorizing the construction of cellars at a lower grade than twelve feet above mean low water "in buildings, no

part of which is to be used as a dwelling"; but I find that this building is to be used for hotel purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Fees for Street Openings.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 12, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The Street Department has, for over two years, been charging a fee of \$1 for the issuing of a permit for opening the streets, and the revenue from this source has amounted, during the past year, to about \$10,000. By the decision of Mr. Justice Morton of the Supreme Judicial Court, it appears that the Superintendent of Streets does not have power to make these charges unless the City Council shall by ordinance authorize him so to do. (See page 269.)

I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying amendment to the ordinances.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

An ordinance to amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 38 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, is hereby amended in Section 8 by adding at the end thereof the following:

"The amount to be paid for each such permit for other than city work shall be as follows:

"Class A, \$1 each for ordinary excavations, laying drains, laying wires, conduits and railroad tracks, occupying streets for erecting and repairing buildings, and other purposes connected with buildings, when they do not become a part of another permit, placing electric poles in the streets, placing coal-holes and vaults under the sidewalks, moving buildings, feeding horses, selling fruit, etc., from buildings, selling fruit, etc., from areas, occupying sidewalks for more than ten minutes for the purpose of loading and unloading goods (yearly permit), driving cattle, wearing advertising coat and hat (yearly permit), making emergency openings, and for any other purpose except those in Class B.

"Class B, twenty-five cents each for raising and lowering goods into and from buildings, erecting signs, erecting and repairing awnings, projecting electric lamps, distributing fine sand on pavements, occupying sidewalk to repair sidewalk lights and covers, occupying sidewalk and portion of street for cleaning snow from roofs of buildings (yearly permit), watering streets with watering carts. For extension of any permit, twenty-five cents must be paid."

The ordinance was passed and sent down for concurrence.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M. Thursday, April 6, 1899. President Kiley occupied the chair.

Report from Board of Police.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 5, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police acknowledging the receipt of orders of your body requesting that the patrolmen in the vicinity of Putnam square be instructed to prevent loitering or disorderly conduct on the park located on said square, and requesting that sufficient time be given police officers to vote at caucuses.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE.

April 4, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor:

DEAR SIR: The Board of Police is in receipt of your letter of the first instant, enclosing an order of the Honorable Common Council desiring that the patrolmen doing duty in the vicinity of Putnam square be instructed to prevent loitering or disorderly conduct on the park located on said square, and in reply would say that instructions will be given to the officers in accordance with the provisions of the order.

Also your letter of the first instant, enclosing an order to the effect that sufficient time be given officers of this Department to vote at caucuses under the regulations such as are allowed at elections, and in reply would say that instructions will be given in accordance with the provisions of the order.

Yours truly,

A. P. MARTIN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 1899, voted to confirm the following appointments by His Honor the Mayor:

(1.) Of John H. Donovan, John J. Murphy and George A. Comins to be members of the Board of Assessors for the term of three years, beginning May 1, 1899.

(2.) Of Constables (with the exception of the appointment of George W. Goode, see message of the Mayor, page 272), and other appointments of Weighers, Inspectors, Measurers, etc. (as per list printed in THE CITY RECORD, page 254).

Appropriation bills for private charities in the State of Pennsylvania aggregate in amount \$856,235. The amount originally proposed was considerably over \$2,000,000.

City Government Orders.**ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.****By the City Council.**

The following was approved April 1:

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, and by an instrument or instruments satisfactory to the Law Department, may in the name and behalf of the city alter and amend the restrictions contained in deeds heretofore given to the city by the owners of lands abutting upon the public parks, by substituting the word "seventy" for the word "sixty" in the clause relating to the maximum height of buildings allowed on the restricted premises, and may also insert after the word "chapels" in said clause the words, —or above the grade of the ground at the principal front of the building in case the grade of said ground is above the grade of said park.

The following was approved April 4:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, be authorized to lease to the Trustees of the Boston College, in Boston, for a term of ten years, and for a nominal consideration, and subject to such further terms and conditions as said Board may deem advisable, a strip of land owned by the City of Boston, extending from Norfolk avenue to Massachusetts avenue, in said Boston, the same to be used with the land on each side of said strip of land for an athletic field.

The following were approved April 6, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire for playground purposes, the same as in former seasons, the lot of land known as Nightingale Field, on Morton street, Dorchester, the expense of same, not exceeding \$150, to be charged to appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to lease a suitable location in the vicinity of Jeffries Point, Ward 2, to be used as a public landing, at an expense not exceeding \$300; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved April 5:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

To W. Creden & Co., two signs at 94 Essex street, Ward 7.

To John B. Manjoe, three barber poles at 1173 Washington street, Ward 9.

To James Ivers, barber's sign at 167½ Congress street, Ward 7.

To Cynosure Cycle Company, V-shaped sign at 49 Cornhill, Ward 6.

To Thomas Moulton, two barber poles at 6 Friend street, Ward 6.

To R. M. Munch, four signs at 267 Washington street, Ward 6.

To H. W. Lockwood & Co., illuminated sign at 74 Summer street, Ward 7.

To Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, two V-shaped signs at 190 High street, Ward 7.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, as follows:

To Christian F. Plett, to lay, maintain and use a one and one-quarter-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached thereto, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 334 Eighth street, Ward 15.

To Richard J. Powers, to lay, maintain and use a one and one-quarter inch iron pipe, with an iron screw cover attached thereto, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 102 Third street, Ward 13.

Woodbury & Leighton, to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over the following streets, viz.:

One at or near 267-273 Purchase street.

One at or near 229 Cove street.

One at or near the corner of Cove and Summer streets.

The same to be placed in location satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Connery & Wentworth to close Congress square at or near Congress street, Ward 6, to public travel during the construction of building Nos. 13, 15 and 17 Congress street, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons to move a wooden building, Mansard roof, 35 feet in length by 24½ feet in width, by 30 feet in height, from present location on Corinth street through Corinth, Birch and Pennfield streets, and across private lands to lot on Linden street, Ward 23, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That in addition to the right heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain, and use double tracks on Washington street, between Newcomb and Ball streets, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated January 6, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

The following were approved April 6, 1899:

Permits to project bay-windows, viz.:

Bernard J. Devine, three, at 66-68-70 A street, Ward 13.

Louis and Henry Rosenbaum, four, at 113-115-117-119 Richmond street, Ward 6.

Permit to the Glaister Manufacturing Company to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 114 Broad street, Ward 7.

Permit to E. C. Powers to store such oils or fluids (for use in a gasoline engine) at 301 Fuller street, Ward 24.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

A. C. Chisholm, Hartford street, corner of Cheney street, Ward 21, of gravel with granite edgestone.

M. F. D'Arcy, 720-722 Saratoga street, Ward 1, of brick with granite edgestone.

James V. Devine, East Cottage street, north side, corner Dorchester avenue, Ward 16, of brick with granite edgestone.

Albert L. Jewell, 128-136 Adams street, Ward 20, of artificial stone with steel bound curbing.

Edwin A. Stevens, Magnolia street, corner of Magnolia square, Ward 16, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

William Ready, 386-388 Market street, Ward 25, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Paine Furniture Company, 48 Canal street, Ward 6, of artificial stone.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use two temporary tracks across South street, Ward 7, until September 1, 1899, upon condition that protection to the public, satisfactory to the Board of Aldermen, is provided; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by the Engineer's office, Boston and Albany Railroad Company, dated March 6, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said Boston and Albany Railroad Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the time for completing the work of laying double curves at the corner of Washington and Hanover streets by the West End Street Railway Company, as authorized by an order approved December 7, 1898, being the one hundred and fifty-seventh location, so called, be extended to October 1, 1899.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of Endicott street, between Causeway street and Lafayette avenue, as shown by red lines on the plan and profile of said Endicott street, marked "City of Boston, Endicott street, City Proper, March 16, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of Vale street at South Boston, between Dorchester street and Mercer street, as shown by red lines on plan and profile of said Vale street, marked "City of Boston, Vale street, South Boston, July 19, 1898, William Jackson, City Engineer," deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of Parker Hill avenue, at Roxbury, from Hillside street to Huntington avenue, as shown by red lines on plan and profile of said Parker Hill avenue, dated May 26, 1897, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in his office.

ORDERS PASSED — NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Boston Elevated Railroad Company be requested to provide at least one station on the elevated line now building between the stations now arranged for in City and Sullivan squares, Charlestown District.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to report to this Board, at its next meeting, an estimate of the cost of widening Beach street, from Washington street to Atlantic avenue, to a width of sixty feet.

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads be requested to give a hearing as soon as convenient on the petition referred February 13, for the removal of the tracks of the North Shore Traction Company, now controlled by the Lynn and Boston Railroad Company, from Walley street, East Boston.

PASSED OVER THE MAYOR'S VETO.

By the City Council.

The City Council passed over the Mayor's veto the following ordinance:

An ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained, etc.:

Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 12 by striking out the words "of the United States in any capacity and shall give preference in all cases to citizens of Boston," and inserting in place thereof the words "and, if male subordinates, legal voters of Boston, in any capacity."

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were presented to the Mayor, March 28, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to

Henry Parkman et al., trustees, to construct, maintain and use a coal-hole opening, not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with an iron cover with rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 308-310 Boylston street, Ward 11. The work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the West End Street Railway Company to erect, maintain and use a permanent awning upon its car-house and waiting premises on Park street, at the corner of Dorchester avenue, extending over the sidewalk as shown on a plan dated March 25, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department, Ward 20; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending April 8, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898	21.2
Number of deaths:	
Males	108
Females	116
Total	224
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	216
Increase	8

Of the 224 decedents, 221 were white and 3 colored; 138 were born in the United States, 82 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 44 were of American parentage, 160 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 20 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	37	6
Scarlatina	20	2
Typhoid fever	6	—
Measles	144	2
Totals	207	10

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	28
Pneumonia	39
Heart disease	19
Bronchitis	5
Marasmus	9
Violent causes	12
Total from principal causes	112
Total from infectious diseases	10
Total from other causes	102
Total from all causes	224
Deaths of children under 1 year	33
Deaths of children under 5 years	69
Deaths of persons over 60 years	44
Deaths in public institutions	63

The sixty-sixth annual meeting of the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association will be held in Boston on April 26 and 27.

Awards of Contracts.

Metropolitan Water Board.

Proposals for work were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on Tuesday, April 4, 1899, as follows:

For laying cast-iron water-pipes in the City of Medford and the Town of Arlington.

Bidders.	Bids.
Coleman Brothers, Charlestown . .	\$8,247 50
Bruno & Salomone, East Boston . .	9,126 50
Baker & Judson, Gloversville, N.Y. .	9,715 75
Charles G. Craib, Winthrop	10,930 00
Edward A. Clark, Boston	10,985 90
C. E. Trumbull & Co., Boston	11,245 35
Long & Little, Leominster	11,470 50
George M. Bacon, Boston	11,762 25
H. A. Hanscom & Co., Boston	12,049 05
Richard Falvey, Somerville	12,936 50
John J. Dorey, Somerville	13,100 00
Mirick & Wentworth, Malden	14,451 25
Michael Russo, Boston	15,061 65
Donovan & McCarthy, Roxbury . . .	20,486 00

NOTE.—The items on which the above bids were based are as follows: Laying 3,200 linear feet of 24-inch cast-iron pipe, laying 9,100 linear feet of 20-inch cast-iron pipe, laying 10 linear feet of 16-inch cast-iron pipe, laying 35 linear feet of 12-inch cast-iron pipe, laying 300 linear feet of 6-inch cast-iron pipe for blow-offs, excavating 35 cubic yards of rock above grade, excavating 10 cubic yards of rock below grade, excavating 20 cubic yards of earth below grade, setting 4 air-valves, 3 chambers for 20-inch valves, 11 chambers for valves less than 20 inches and air-valves, 10 cubic yards of concrete masonry.

The contract was awarded to Bruno & Salomone.

For two contracts for surfacing Boylston street in Clinton and Boylston:

	Section 1.	Section 2.
Newell & Snowling Construction Company, Uxbridge	\$11,599 25	\$11,459 50
Asa Goddard, Worcester,	12,054 38	11,048 50
A. J. Wellington, Newton	12,261 25	11,197 50
M. Murphy & Co., Clinton	12,675 00	12,410 00
T. H. Gill, Somerville	12,716 75	12,186 50
Coleman Brothers, Charlestown	13,129 75	12,446 00

NOTE.—Section 1 calls for shaping surface of road-bed, 8,275 linear feet; broken stone in place, 5,800 tons. Section 2 calls for shaping surface of road-bed, 7,450 linear feet; broken stone in place, 5,600 tons.

The contract for Section 1 was awarded to the Newell & Snowling Construction Company; the contract for Section 2 was awarded to Asa Goddard.

For grading a section of railway in the Wachusett Reservoir, near the South Clinton station, on the Central Massachusetts Railroad:

Moulton & O'Mahoney, Boston	\$2,838
Newell & Snowling Construction Company, Uxbridge	3,090
Joseph D. Gennaro, Boston	3,097
Charles N. Taylor, Clinton	3,120
Neill Devine, Clinton	3,194
Cenedella Brothers, Milford	3,725
W. H. Maxwell, Jamaica Plain	3,935
Bruno & Salomone, East Boston . . .	4,345
Coleman Brothers, Charlestown	5,150
Michael F. McCarthy, Boston	5,200

NOTE.—The work calls for 20,000 cubic yards of earth excavation and 100 cubic yards of rock excavation.

The contract was awarded to Moulton & O'Mahoney.

For excavating soil from Section 4, Wachusett Reservoir, and excavating and refilling at the easterly portion of North Dike, Clinton:

Moulton & O'Mahoney, Boston	\$116,546
Joseph D. Gennaro, Boston	116,831
Nawn & Brock, Boston	116,927
Coleman Brothers, Charlestown	117,568
Cenedella Brothers, Milford	132,223
Long & Little, Leominster	134,040
Bruno & Salomone, East Boston	143,063
Newell & Snowling Construction Company, Uxbridge	145,285
Holbrook, Cabot & Daly, Boston	196,983

NOTE.—Bids were based on the following: 245 acres of clearing and grubbing, 275,000 cubic yards of soil excavation, 40,000 cubic yards of earth excavation, 45 cubic yards of concrete masonry, 17 cubic yards of brick masonry, 9 cubic yards of split stone masonry, 25 cubic yards of dry paving.

The contract was awarded to Moulton & O'Mahoney.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for paving the roadway of the bridge on Summer-street extension, across Fort Point channel, were opened at the office of the City Engineer, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Patrick McGovern	\$9,740 00
H. Gore & Co.	10,479 15
Daniel E. Lynch	11,000 00
Albert A. Libby & Co.	11,119 19
James Doherty & Co.	11,392 00
Coleman Brothers	11,600 00
James Lahay	11,930 00
Bell & Co.	11,982 00

The contract was awarded to Patrick McGovern.

Proposals for building timber bulkheads on Summer-street extension, were opened at the office of the City Engineer on April 10, 1899, as follows:

W. H. Ellis & Co.	\$6,400
William J. Lawler	7,538
W. H. Keyes & Co.	8,318
Ross & Fowler	8,360
J. N. Hayes & Co.	8,500
William L. Miller	8,573

The contract was awarded to W. H. Ellis & Co.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

The export trade of Switzerland in 1898 was valued at \$139,637,460, an increase of \$5,855,001 over 1897. The value of imports was \$203,766,529, showing an increase of \$4,741,155 over the previous year.

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24. S. B. 121, an Act relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
25. S. B. 122, an Act relative to the construction of subways in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	April 10. S. (N.G.C.)							

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26. S. B. 123, an Act to provide for grammar and primary school-houses in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 28. H. (L.W.)							
27. S. B. 124, an Act relative to the Riverway Park of the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 7. H. (N.G.C.)							
28. S. B. 125, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 16.	March 16. Closed.	March 16. H. (N.P.)							
29. S. B. 126, an Act relative to contracts with the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2, 3. Closed.	March 10. H. (L.W.)							
30. S. B. 127, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. S. (L.W.)							
31. S. B. 142, an Act relative to the granting of leave of absence to police officers in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N.P.)							
32. S. B. 143, an Act relative to tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N.P.)							
33. S. B. 148, an Act relative to the height of buildings in Copley square in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16. Closed.								
34. S. B. 149, an Act to amend the charter of the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L.W.)							
35. S. B. 150, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the children of Frederick B. Bogan, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 937)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
36. S. B. 151, an Act relative to additions, alterations and repairs on school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 21.	March 9. Closed.	March 28. S. (S.B. 151) T. April 5.							
37. S. B. 157, an Act to establish a Department of Architecture in Boston, p. 125.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 6. S. (N.G.C.)							
38. S. B. 158, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L.W.)							
39. S. B. 159, an Act relative to the Boston Transit Commission, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	April 10. S. (N.G.C.)							
40. S. B. 175, an Act relative to the new Cambridge Bridge, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L.W.)							
41. S. B. 190, an Act to provide for a State Highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, p. 126.	Roads and Bridges. March 6.	March 20. Closed.	March 27. S. (L.W.)							
42. S. B. 193, an Act relative to the Erection and Alteration of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Cities. Feb. 27.	March 6. Closed.	March 6. S. (S.B. 193)	March 7.	March 8.	March 9. H.	March 13.	March 13.	H. Mch. 15. S. Mch. 16.	March 17. App.
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43. H. B. 20, an Act relative to Malden Bridge, so called, in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 936)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 4.	April 5.	H. April 7. S. April 11.	
44. H. B. 21, an Act to authorize the West End Street Railway Company to replace its tracks on Tremont and Boylston streets in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Street Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 9, 13, 15, 24. Closed.	March 23. H. (H.B. 1,002.)	April 4.						
45. H. B. 23, an Act to authorize the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of merchandise, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	March 22. H. (L.W.)							
46. H. B. 25, an Act to authorize the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	Jan. 24. S. (H.B. 25)	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 30. H.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
47. H. B. 31, an Act to repeal Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	*								
48. H. B. 38, an Act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Public Service. Jan. 11.	Jan. 27. Closed.	Jan. 27. H. (L.W.)							
49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30.	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (L.W.)							
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (H.B. 1018.)							
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 6. H. (L.W.)							
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (N.P.)							

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	*								
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.	March 21. Closed.	March 30. S. (S.B. 272)	March 31.	April 4.	April 6. H.				
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31. Feb. 2, 13, 24. Closed.	(See No. 44.)							
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Mch. 16, 23. Closed.	March 24. H. (L.W.)							
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.	March 14. H. (H.B. 162)		March 15. Ad.	March 17. S.		March 20. Ad.		
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N.P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H.B. 176)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S. Feb. 21.	Feb. 23. App.
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (L.W.)							
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 1. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,013.)	April 4.	April 11.					
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.								
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H.B. 811)	Feb 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.	March 24. Rej.			
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (H.B. 214)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16. App.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 1. Closed.								
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.	March 20. H. (N. P.)							
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.	March 2. Closed.	March 7. H. (L.W.)							
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.	Mch 23, 29. Closed.								
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N.G.C.)							
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (H.B. 833)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.	March 15.	H. Mch. 20. S. Mch. 22.	March 24. App.
75. H. B. 321, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (L.W.)							
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs.									
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Mch. 21, 22. Closed.	March 24. H. (N. P.)							

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78. H. B. 332, an Act relative to the leasing of buildings and the granting of concessions by the Park Commissioners of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N.P.)							
79. H. B. 333, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 10. H. (N.P.)							
80. H. B. 350, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13.	March 31. H. (L. W.)							
81. H. B. 353, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.									
82. H. B. 377, an Act relative to certain departments of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (N.G.C.)							
83. H. B. 383, an Act relative to the election of the Mayor of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 1. S. (N.G.C.)							
84. H. B. 386, an Act to further regulate the inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13, 24. Closed.	March 13. H. (N.P.)							
85. H. B. 387, an Act to change the method of electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
86. H. B. 396, an Act relative to playgrounds in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 30.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 22. H. (H.B. 996)	March 28.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 7.	H. Apr. 11. S.	
87. H. B. 407, an Act to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston to purchase certain lands on Chestnut Hill avenue, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 10. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,015.)	March 30.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 6.	H. Apr. 10. S.	
88. H. B. 463, an Act to authorize the proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate, p. 82.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 6. H. (H.B. 894)	March 7.	March 8.	March 10. S.	March 13.	March 14.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 20.	March 21. App.
89. H. B. 464, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to abate a portion of certain assessments for the construction of highways, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.								
90. H. B. 471, an Act relative to the construction of a tunnel from a point on or near Haver street to a point at or near Maverick square in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
91. H. B. 476, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles Bulle, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 476)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
92. H. B. 494, an Act relative to the laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.								
93. H. B. 517, an Act relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.								
94. H. B. 528, an Act relative to the tabulation of statistics of parent nativity in Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3.	March 3. H. (H.B. 923)	March 10.	March 13.	March 15. S.	March 20.	March 24.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
95. H. B. 529, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 relative to the municipal debt of and rate of taxation in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. April 3, 7. Closed.								
96. H. B. 531, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Mary A. Davis, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 531)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
97. H. B. 532, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward Melia, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 532)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
98. H. B. 533, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (N. P.)							
99. H. B. 551, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
100. H. B. 553, an Act to provide for the widening of Pine street in Boston, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (L. W.)							
101. H. B. 555, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John McGrath certain money, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 2.	March 2. H. (H.B. 561)	March 17.	March 20. Am.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
102. H. B. 562, an Act to require poles for wires in the City of Boston to be made of iron, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (N.P.)							
103. H. B. 570, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of James F. Ryan, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 570)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			

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104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. March 8. Closed.								
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.583)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 8 Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 9, 10. Closed.	March 21. H.(H.B.890)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 1.	April 10. Rej.		
109. H. B. 607, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. H.(N.G.C.)							
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H.(H.B.957)	March 16.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 24.	March 27.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	(See No.110)							
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N. P.)							
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2. (See No. 105.)									
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p.105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 9. H. (L. W.)							
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.								
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	*								
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 21, Closed.	(See No.55.)							
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.665)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16, 24. Closed.								
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.									
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.673)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.674)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.								
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 14. 15. Closed	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.679)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15, 28. Closed.	April 3. H.(H.B.680)							

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128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 17, 23, 30. Ap. 3. Closed.								
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.	March 7. S. (N.G.C.)							
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 27. H. (H. B. 1,009.)	April 10. Am.						
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2, 15. Closed.	April 10. S. (L.W.)							
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. H. (N.G.C.)							
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H. (H.B. 728)							
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H. (L.W.)							
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church, of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Societies. Feb. 2.	March 2. H. (L.W.)								
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	*								
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17, March 7. Closed.	March 28. H. (N.P.)							
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. March 7.	March 16. Closed.								
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 783)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17, March 7. Closed.	March 27. H. (N.G.C.)							
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H. (L.W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15, March 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 6. Closed.	March 9. S. (N.G.C.)							
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education. Feb. 20.	March 15. Closed.	April 4. H. (H.B. 846)	April 5.						
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Counties. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	March 20. S. (H.B. 858.)							

* Postponed, awaiting decision of Supreme Court.

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.) Ought not to Pass; (L. W.) Leave to Withdraw; Am., Amended; (N. G. C.) Next General Court; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted; Sub., Substituted; Rej., Rejected; Rec., Recommended; T., Tabled.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Trustees, in City Hall, on Tuesday, March 28, 1899, at 2.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Fallon, Hersey and Atteaux.

Voted, That the Chairman be empowered to negotiate and exchange with William Jennings for lot No. 834 on Central avenue in Mt. Hope Cemetery, some other lot of equal value and dimensions, in another portion of the cemetery, and that no charge be made for the removal of bodies now in lot No. 834 to the lot exchanged for; the reason of the foregoing being that the construction of the new office building and change of avenue necessitates the use of the lot now owned by the said Jennings.

Voted, That the Superintendent be instructed to discontinue, after the present season, the planting of lots in Perpetual Care with flowers and shrubs, and that after the present season a charge be made to lot-holders for the planting of same.

Voted, That the Superintendent be instructed to arrange for the expenditure of the sum of \$5,000 for providing new greenhouse-room at Mt. Hope Cemetery, and that he be empowered to receive bids for the doing of the work.

Voted, That the Superintendent be empowered to demolish such of the old and insecure greenhouses as is necessary to make way for the construction of the new one.

Voted, That an order be placed with the Yawman & Erbe Manufacturing Company to furnish a metallic cabinet for the Department office, as per plan submitted, for the sum of \$457.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to make arrangements with the Chelmsford Foundry Company for the construction of an iron fence in front of Evergreen cemetery, Brighton.

Voted, That a carriage be purchased for Mt. Hope Cemetery, the cost thereof not to exceed \$300.

Voted, That the report of the Cemetery Department for the fiscal year of 1898-99, as read by the Chairman, be accepted and printed.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Children's Institutions Department.

The one hundred and twentieth meeting of the Trustees was held February 28, 1899.

Voted, That the matter of having Mr. Hosmer appointed special constable be referred to the Chairman with full powers.

Voted, That the matter of putting the oven at the House of Reformation into good condition, or buying a portable oven for the purpose of baking bread be referred to the next month's committee with full powers.

The Mayor's circular, No. 58, was read and placed on file.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to apply to the Civil Service Commissioners

for a clerk and store-keeper for the Parental School at a salary of \$25 a month.

Voted, That the Committee on Photographs be authorized to take photographs of the children in the country homes at an expense not exceeding \$10.

It was moved that it is the sentiment of the Board that the building formerly used for the infant hospital be now used entirely for the work of the Board and, aside from the offer made to the West End Hospital, no offer from any other source be considered for its use.

An amendment was offered that this matter be referred to the next meeting, Miss Cheever, the Chairman and the Secretary voting in favor of this amendment; Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Dewey, Mr. Dasey and Mr. O'Hare voting against it. The original motion was then passed, Miss Cheever, the Chairman and the Secretary voting against it.

A letter from Mr. Anthony, of February 25, was read.

Voted, That the appointments and resignations in this letter be approved.

Mr. O'Hare reported on the repairs and alterations at the House of Reformation that they were nearly completed.

Voted, That until the telephone be re-established a system of signals be arranged to call the steamer "John Howard" and that a boat's crew be organized among the boys.

The certificates of the three applicants on the Civil Service list were examined and sent back to the Civil Service Commissioners, the majority of the Board voting against their acceptance.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

Boston, March 1, 1899.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held on March 1, 1899, at 5 P.M., at the Hospital.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Burnham, Keany and Rueter.

It was voted that there be paid to the Western Electric Company the sum of \$3,130.50, on account of their contract of June 29, 1895, for electric work; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Lynch & Woodward the sum of \$2,500, as first payment on account of their contract of December, 1898, for heating apparatus at the Ann White Vose Building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Pierce & Cox the sum of \$350, as first payment on account of their contract of November 29, 1898, for plumbing at the Ann White Vose Building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$71.25, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on payments of \$350 and \$2,500, to Pierce & Cox and Lynch & Woodward, on account of contracts for plumbing and heating the Ann White Vose Building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Gerry & Northup the sum of \$250, as final payment on their contract of October 13, 1898, for six storm porches; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$33.25, the same being commission on cost of covered passage-way between the administration building and the medical library; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

(1.) Concerning a vacancy in the position of house physician, Second Medical Service, caused by the death of Dr. Huntington. The matter was referred to the Medical Committee.

(2.) Concerning the inscription of the names of Townsend William Thorndike, Ann White Vose and Thomas T. Wyman on the commemoration tablet. Such inscription was authorized, under the direction of the Building Committee.

(3.) Presenting orders of additions to various contracts for new buildings. The same was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

A communication from the Superintendent, addressed to the Committee on Buildings, concerning the condition of the appropriation for laundry building, was read and considered.

It was voted, that the President be requested to apply to His Honor the Mayor, or the proper board, for appropriation for elevators and covered bridge between Wards S and H, and for the furnishing of the laundry building upon estimates made, and for such other purposes as to him may seem necessary.

The Medical Committee reported in favor of accepting the resignation of Dr. George W. Gay, and that he be appointed senior surgeon to the hospital. It was voted that the report be approved, and that the resignation of Dr. Gay be accepted, and that he be appointed senior surgeon to the hospital.

A communication was received from the Chief of the Electrical Construction Division of Public Buildings Department, agreeing to correct their bill for work at the hospital, by reducing the same to the amount of the original estimate, plus the cost of nine gas fixtures—\$80. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

The Medical Committee reported favorably upon changes in the rules of the hospital, and under suspension of the rules, all Trustees being present, it was voted to amend the rules as follows:

(1.) Amend Rule 2 by striking out the words "Two assistants to the physicians for diseases of the nervous system," and inserting in place thereof the words "Two first assistants to the physicians for diseases of the nervous system. Two second assistants to the physicians for diseases of the nervous system."

(2.) Amend Rule 3 by striking out the words "visiting staff" and inserting in place thereof, the words "senior staff"; also add at the end of the rule, the words "The senior physician for diseases of the nervous system. The senior physician for diseases of the skin."

(3.) Amend Rule 5 by striking out the words "visiting staff" where they occur

twice, and inserting in place thereof, the words "senior staff."

(4.) Amend Rule 6 by striking out the words "visiting staff" where they occur twice and inserting in place thereof, the words "senior staff."

(5.) Amend Rule 7 by striking out the words "visiting staff" and inserting in place thereof, the words "senior staff."

(6.) Amend Rule 41 by striking out the words "the visiting staff" where they occur after the words "the Secretary of" and inserting in place thereof the words "the senior staff."

(7.) Amend Rule 75 by striking out the words "visiting staff" where they occur twice and inserting in place thereof, the words "senior staff."

(8.) Strike out Rule 211, and insert in place thereof the following:

"211. The Trustees shall, upon nomination made by the Resident Physician, with the advice of the Superintendent, appoint two or more house officers for the respective terms of service beginning on the first Mondays of January, March, May, July, September and November in each year. The terms of the house officers shall continue six months, and each house officer shall serve two months as junior, two months as senior, and two months as house physician. The house officers shall be assigned to service equally, as nearly as may be, in the scarlet fever and diphtheria wards. They shall, so far as practicable, be men who have served as house officers in the Boston City Hospital or in other hospitals. They shall reside at the south department of the hospital."

(9.) Amend Rule 212 by striking out the words "visiting staff" and inserting in place thereof, the words "senior staff."

(10.) Amend Rule 214, by striking out the words "visiting staff" where they occur twice, and inserting in place thereof, the words "senior staff."

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Boston, March 15, 1899.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on March 15, 1899, at 5.20 o'clock P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Burnham and Keany, the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Dr. Keany was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

The regular monthly bills were approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$21,128.14.*

It was voted that there be paid to James Beggs & Co. the sum of \$1,676, being payment on account of six McClave grates installed at the Boston City Hospital, as agreed, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, extension of boiler-house, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to the H. W. Johns Manufacturing Company the sum of \$797, for covering steam-pipes with asbestos fire-felt sectional covering, painted, as per agreement, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, extension of boiler-house, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Lynch & Woodward the sum of \$457, in settlement

of contract for three-inch pipe and box from old buildings to Ann White Vose Building, for temporary heating, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be deducted from the contract of Stephen Brennan, dated August 3, 1894, the sum of \$154.98, on account of marble work furnished and put into the new surgical building by Troy Brothers, under said contract, and that the President be authorized to sign such deduction.

It was voted that there be paid to Troy Brothers the sum of \$154.98, on account of marble work done at the Boston City Hospital, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

(1.) Showing receipts from paying patients for the month of February, and also receipts from the Commonwealth on account of the payment of board of sick soldiers. The same was placed on file.

(2.) Submitting proposals for coal, in answer to published advertisements.

It was voted that the contract be awarded to E. B. Townsend. (See THE CITY RECORD, Vol. II., No. 14, page 267.)

A communication was received from Kerrens Driscoll, in regard to his contract for the laundry building. The same was placed on file.

A communication was received from the Assistant City Clerk, notifying the Trustees that the City Council had passed an appropriation for the Hospital Department for the fiscal year 1899-1900, of \$375,000. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from Dr. Robert W. Lovett, resigning his position as first assistant visiting-surgeon, the same to take effect on May 1, 1899. It was voted that his resignation be accepted.

A communication was received from Drs. Gay and Burrell, nominating Dr. John T. Bottomley as fourth assistant visiting-surgeon, for the term of six months, under the exigency clause of Rule 43, page 22. The same was referred to the Medical Committee, who at once reported favorably, and in accordance therewith, Dr. John T. Bottomley was appointed fourth assistant visiting-surgeon for the term of six months, beginning February 1.

A communication dated March 7, was received from the secretary of the senior staff, in regard to various unfinished business, and the Secretary was instructed to reply to the same.

The Committee on Rules reported in favor of adopting the following substitute for Rule 214, notice of the amendment having been given at a previous meeting, and the same was adopted as follows, two-thirds of the Trustees voting therefor:

Rule 214. The Trustees shall annually appoint, on nomination of the senior staff, an advisory staff for the Department, consisting of the pathologist, ex-officio, and three other members of the medical and surgical staff. The advisory staff shall consult with the Resident Physician in regard to the treatment of patients and the general medical administration of the Department, and shall make such recommendations as they may deem necessary, to the Superintendent, Resident Physician and the Trustees.

They shall hold regular meetings as often as twice in each year, and they shall make annual reports through the senior staff to the Trustees. The visiting pathologist shall be the pathologist of the Department.

FRANCIS J. KEANY,
Secretary pro tempore.

Library Department.

Friday, March 24, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De-Normandie and Lincoln, and during part of the meeting the Librarian.

With reference to the resignation of Herbert Putnam as Librarian, the following resolutions were adopted:

In accepting the resignation of Mr. Herbert Putnam as Librarian, the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston desire to put upon their records the following votes:

That they recognize the harmonious and helpful relations between the Librarian and the Trustees from the day he accepted the office; the remarkable administrative qualities he has shown in directing the alterations by which the Library Building has been so well fitted for its purposes; in increasing to so large a degree the interest the public takes in the Library, until to-day it has a larger constituency than any other; in instituting so successfully the work of the Public Library in connection with the public schools, and in making the public realize that this institution, created and supported by it, really belongs to it, and needs its ever-enlarging patronage and generosity.

That they appreciate the feeling which leads Mr. Putnam, at much personal sacrifice, to give up his position here to take charge of the Congressional Library at Washington, and his desire to make it the culmination of the library system of this country, and in time one of the great libraries of the world.

That their highest regard goes with him in the difficult work he is about to assume, and their faith in his gifts to bring it to the most successful issues.

Voted, That James Lyman Whitney be appointed Acting Librarian; to enter upon his duties when the resignation of Herbert Putnam takes effect.

Communications received: From Thomas A. Fox, dated March 23; the Librarian's report; the Auditor's monthly exhibits for January and February.

Salaries fixed as follows: Alexander McGee, janitor's department, \$18 per week, beginning April 1; Marian W. Brackett, East Boston Branch, \$9.50 per week, beginning April 2; Theodore W. Cellarius, executive department, \$10 per week, beginning April 4.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$450.99; to trust funds, \$73.05; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$25.73; to Station P, 98 cents; miscellaneous articles, \$420.

The Librarian was authorized to employ three additional attendants in grade E; one in the special libraries; one in the children's department, and one in connection with the periodical and patent rooms.

An application for a special privilege card was received, considered, and disposed of.

Friday, March 31, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Bowditch and Lincoln.

Communications received: From the Mayor, dated March 31; from Rev. Jesse H. Jones, dated March 23; from G. Gerspach, dated March 9; the Acting Librarian's report; also from Herbert Putnam, designating April 3 as the date from and after which his resignation as Librarian shall take effect.

Bill allowed: Chargeable to the Library Building Appropriation, amounting to \$2,000, partial amount due the Lamson Consolidated Store Service Company under their contract, dated June 13, 1898; and the President or Vice-President was authorized to sign a special draft for the same.

Under authority of the vote of March 24, Josephine E. Day has been employed in regular service, grade E, issue department, at \$3.50 per week.

Salaries have been fixed as follows: Brighton Branch, Edward Warren, \$11.75 per week, beginning March 31; West End Branch, J. W. Forbes, \$10.50 per week, beginning March 31.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$617.22; to trust funds, \$244.79; to Fellows Athenæum, \$11.94; to Station "P," \$3.74; miscellaneous articles, \$1,623.17.

JAMES DENORMANDIE,

Clerk pro tempore.

Street Laying-out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, March 27.

A petition was received for changes in Board of Survey plans X 73, 73, Plat 5.

It was voted to pay the trustees of the Grammar School in the easterly part of the Town of Roxbury \$950 for damages to their estate by the relocation of Amory street.

It was voted to give a hearing on changes in the Board of Survey plans X 73, 74, Plat 5, in Room 25 of the Old Court House, Friday, April 7, at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, March 29.

It was voted to award Isaac W. Crozier \$400 for damages occasioned his estate by the relocation of Forest Hills street; and to pay Thomas Conway \$330 for damages to his estate by the relocation of Spring street.

Petitions were received for the laying-out of Roland park, at Dorchester, and of Grant place, at Brighton; also for a catch-basin in Nelson street.

On the advice of the Law Department, it was voted to pay Frederick W. Robbins \$9,050 without interest, for land taken on Monument square for school purposes.

Friday, March 31.

A hearing was given in the matter of the changes on the Board of Survey plans 22, 25.

It was voted to pay Michael F. Callahan \$100 for damages occasioned his estate by the relocation of Spring street.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Nelson street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, March 27, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending March 25, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	4	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	4
2...	3	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	3
3...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	2
5...	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1
6...	3	10	1	-	8	8	1	11	31	31
7...	1	11	1	1	-	16	1	5	50	50
8...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	17
9...	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	17
10...	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	18
11...	2	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	3	21
12...	-	2	-	2	-	-	2	-	6	18
13...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	5
14...	7	2	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	7
15...	-	1	1	-	-	6	-	-	1	7
16...	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	12
17...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	3
18...	7	10	1	-	-	-	5	-	4	9
19...	22	-	3	1	2	4	-	-	1	7
20...	3	-	10	-	-	11	1	1	11	25
21...	-	1	-	-	-	2	3	-	13	22
22...	1	2	2	1	-	-	2	-	7	7
23...	1	5	1	-	-	1	-	-	5	9
24...	5	2	5	1	-	2	2	1	6	9
25...	4	2	2	1	-	2	-	2	1	9
T'ls..	64	60	32	8	13	35	54	8	90	313

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, April 3, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending April 1, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	107
Number of discharges of mortgages	22
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of attachments	3
Number of bills of sale	7
Number of assignments of wages	33
Number of married women's certificates	6
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3

The following accident notices were filed:

March 29—Catherine Kelly, personal injuries, caused by alleged unsafe condition of cross-walk at the corner of Main and Henley streets, Charlestown.

March 31—Henry Myers, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Leverett street.

City Hall, April 10, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending April 8, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	122
Number of discharges of mortgages	24
Number of assignments of mortgages	10
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of assignments of wages	29
Number of married women's certificates	13
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1

An accident notice was filed by John Quinn on account of injuries received by being thrown to the ground by a vicious horse at the South End yard of the City of Boston.

The following suits have been entered against the city: Jonathan H. Mann, action of contract, damages \$300; Charles C. Barton, action of contract, damages \$300, and Michael Campbell, action of contract, damages \$500. The German Lutheran Society of Boston has filed a petition for assessment of land taken by the Board of Street Commissioners on Pembroke street.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, April 10, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending April 8, as follows:

The bell on the Saratoga-street Church has been disconnected from the fire-alarm service.

George A. Collyer has been appointed a call substitute, with a call-man's pay, for Engine Company 5.

The following transfers have been made: Edward F. Doody, Combination Company 1 to Engine Company 44; Lieutenant George N. Dunn, Engine Company 13 to Engine Company 26-35; W. F. Heldt, Engine Company 44 to Combination Company 1.

John F. Hennessey of Engine Company 2 has been given a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on Fifth street, April 1, and Lieutenant J. H. Kenney of Engine Company 3 has been given a day off for stopping a runaway horse on Washington street, April 4.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, April 1, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed:

Erastus B. Badger, south-west corner of Pitts and South Margin streets, Ward 8, for fifteen additional horses (total of 165); hearing April 13, at 11 o'clock. P. J. Bench, 44 Charlotte street, Ward 20, one horse; hearing April 13, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Edwin N. Capen, Percival street, Ward 20, six horses; P. F. Kelly, Kenwood road, Ward 19, two horses.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending March 31:

Steers	161
New England cows	23
New England bulls	12
Western cows	20
Western bulls	30
Sheep	102
Calves	452
Hogs	4

Total 804

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending April 1, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	8	8	16
Negative	66	24	90
No growth	—	1	1

Totals 74 33 107

Remarks: One case gonorrhea, positive.

Old Court House, April 8, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

T. Dunn, 36 Minot street, six horses; hearing April 20, at 11 o'clock. Eubert M. Laws, Athens street, near B street, Ward 13, twelve horses; hearing April 20. Mary A. Kittredge, 536 Beacon street, Ward 11, four horses; hearing April 20. Thomas Miley & Son, 515 East Second street, Ward 14, four horses; hearing April 20.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

C. E. Dwyer, Oakland street, Ward 24, three horses; Sophia Sprissler, Longwood avenue, Ward 19, one horse; George E. Frost, rear 480 Neponset avenue, Ward 24, twelve horses.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending April 7:

Steers	136
New England cows	33
New England bulls	14
Western cows	45
Western bulls	21
Sheep	11
Calves	532

Total 792

During the week 305 pounds of diseased beef were condemned.

The following is a summary of work done during March by the Bureau of Milk Inspection:

Number of samples of milk:	
From milk wagon	714
From stores	484
Brought by citizens	38

Total 1,236

Number of samples of vinegar 67

Number of samples of butter and cheese, 431

Total samples 1,734

Cases pending in Municipal Court, March 1, 1899 2

Cases entered during March:

For possession and sale of milk of poor quality 9

For sale of adulterated cider vinegar, 3

For sale of yellow oleomargarine 4

Total 18

Number of convictions 18

Number of appeals 7

Amount paid in fines \$460

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending April 8, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	6	4	10
Negative	52	20	72
No growth	1	—	1

Totals 59 24 83

Remarks—Typhoid examinations: Four cases, two positive and two negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, March 20, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending March 18, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
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Commitments:

Males 148 15

Females 32 1

Total 180 16

Offences:

Against the person 5 1

Against property 30 12

Against public order and decency 149 3

Total *184 16

Discharges:

Males 107 8

Females 25 —

Total 132 8

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence 83 7

Permit of Commissioner, 30 1

Payment of fine 19 —

Total 132 8

Population:

March 13, 1899 1,133 472

Committed since March 13, 1899 180 16

Total 1,313 488

Discharged since March 13, 1899 132 8

March 18, 1899 1,181 480

* Four committed, charged with two offences each.

32 Tremont Street, March 27, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending March 25, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
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Commitments:

Males 101 10

Females 21 1

Totals 122 11

Offences:

Against the person 5 2

Against property 9 8

Against public order and decency 108 2

Totals 122 *12

Discharges:

Males 134 6

Females 28 5

Totals 162 11

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	104	10
Permit of Commissioner,	38	—
Payment of fine	20	—
Transferred to Deer Island	—	1
Totals	162	11

Population:		
March 18, 1899	1,181	480
Committed since March 18	122	11
Totals	1,303	491

Discharged since March 18		
	162	11

March 25, 1899		
	1,141	480

* One man committed charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, March 27, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending March 25:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	355
Defects reported	65
Defects corrected	20
Dead wire removed (feet)	7,000
Notices of new work received	8
Fixtures removed	16
Poles set	18

The Department employees responded to second alarm of fire at 27 Eliot street, Friday, March 24, at 9.47 P.M., from Box No. 55.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	226
Notices of new work received	102

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been examined.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	17
Building connections	8
Pole connections	4
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	4
Building connections	9
Pole connections	5
Repairs	8
Cable drawing	18
Installation of underground transformers, 1	

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	910
Feet of duct laid	3,472
Manholes built	9
Service connections made	26
Feet of cable drawn in	65,740

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

The new charter of Nashville, Tenn., provides that franchises granted by the city shall expire at the end of twenty-one years.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, April 12, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Amory street, between School and Bragdon streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, April 18, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 6, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given — that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Lauriat avenue, at Dorchester, be located anew, from Ballou avenue to Tucker street, and an extension of the same laid out as a highway, from Tucker street to Norfolk street, and that said relocation and extension of Lauriat avenue be constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board — that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and — that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twentieth day of April, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 10, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given — that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Washington street, at Dorchester, be relocated as a highway between Talbot avenue and Euclid street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board — that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and — that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fifth day of April, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, April 12, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Chester street, between Commonwealth and Brighton avenues, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

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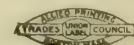
Boston, April 12, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Orkney road, between Sutherland and Stratham roads, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF JOHN McNAMARA.

The death of John McNamara, a prominent contractor and builder, occurred on Sunday, April 16, 1899, at his home in Dedham. Mr. McNamara was for many years a resident of South Boston, and in 1888 represented Ward 14 in the Common Council.

APPOINTMENT OF INSTRUCTOR IN MILITARY DRILL.

Lieutenant-Colonel George H. Benyon of Watertown, who was elected by the School Committee on the eleventh instant to be Instructor in Military Drill in the Boston High Schools, holds the position of Assistant Adjutant-General on the staff of General W. A. Bancroft, in command of the Second Brigade of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. Lieutenant-Colonel Benyon, who is a native of Brighton, has been connected with the militia since 1879, when he joined Company C of the Fifth Infantry. He became a corporal in 1880, second lieutenant in 1881, first lieutenant in 1884, captain in

April, 1887, and was appointed regimental adjutant in September of the same year. In July, 1888, he was elected major, and in July, 1897, received his present staff appointment.

Lieutenant-Colonel Benyon has had much experience as an instructor in military drill in various high schools in the neighborhood of Boston, including those of Newton, Malden and Woburn.

At a meeting of the School Board, held on June 12, 1897, Major Benyon, as he was then known, received twelve votes out of twenty-three votes cast in the election for Instructor in Military Drill, and was declared elected. Subsequently the School Committee, having discovered that under the statute a two-thirds vote was necessary to elect, held a special meeting on June 14, when Captain J. T. Paget was elected on the fourteenth ballot.

The terms of service of Lieutenant-Colonel Benyon's predecessors are as follows:

General Hobart Moore, elected in September, 1862, served until his death on the twenty-sixth of April, 1894. Captain Joseph T. Paget, elected June 14, 1894, served until his death on May 10, 1897. Lieutenant Erasmus M. Weaver, jr., U.S.A., elected on October 12, 1897, resigned March 1, 1899.

USE OF THE SUBWAY.

In response to an order of the House of Representatives requesting information with regard to the use of the subway, the following communication from the Boston Transit Commission was received by the House on April 14, 1899:

TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER AND
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-
SETTS:

The Boston Transit Commission respectfully submits its reply to the following order, passed by the House of Representatives and received by the Commission at its meeting on April 11:

"Ordered, That the Boston Transit Commission be requested to inform the House of Representatives forthwith whether the subways leased to the Boston Elevated Railway Company are now being used by said company to the full capacity thereof, especially

at the Park street station, and, if not, in what manner and to what extent said subways may be more fully utilized and travel therein expedited."

The first question is whether the subway is now being used to its full capacity, especially at the Park street station.

There are three sets of tracks in the subway. One set enters at the Boylston street incline and forms a loop at Park street. The second set consists of the through tracks running from Pleasant street to Travers street. The tracks of the third set enter the subway at Travers street, pass up Hanover street to Scollay square, and return again to the northern exit by way of Cornhill and Washington street.

The loop tracks are at various points connected with the through tracks by switches for the convenient transfer, when desired, of traffic from the one to the other. At the northern terminal these switches are controlled from an interlocking tower.

Inasmuch as the tracks within the subway are free from the interference which surface tracks suffer from foot passengers, from teams and from grade crossings, it is obvious that between stations the subway tracks have a greater capacity for traffic than surface tracks.

What is the capacity for traffic at the subway platforms?

Last fall, during the first two months or so of the operation of the subway as a whole, the traffic on the Park street loop was delayed at the Park street platforms and the public inadequately accommodated. The Elevated Railway Company, however, soon initiated changes in the method of operation adapted to the requirements of the situation. These changes consisted in increasing the number of berths at the platforms and in notifying passengers in advance as to the exact point at which each car was to stop.

On December 9 last, before these changes were fully developed, it was found that 195 cars passed around the loop at Park street in the hour of maximum traffic—that is, between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon. This traffic did not result in congestion of cars within the subway.

The card-indicator then in use could be seen only from a portion of the platform. Electric indicators at each end of the platform, readily visible from all parts of the platform and from the stairs as well, have since been installed, and the method of handling the traffic has in other respects been materially improved.

Since the said December 9, 1898, this Commission has had counts made of the number of cars passing over tracks in the subway in the maximum hour on a few

days only. The following is the result of these counts so far as the Park street loop tracks are concerned:

Thursday, December 15, 1898, 176; Wednesday, January 18, 1899, 187; Wednesday, March 29, 1899, 155; Thursday, March 30, 1899, 175; Tuesday, April 4, 1899, 181.

It is evident that if with the only partially developed methods of handling passengers and cars in use on December 9, 1898, 195 cars per hour could be handled without congestion, the improved methods of operation now in use will permit the running of a larger number of cars, and that the limit of traffic capacity on these tracks has not been reached. Admirable as are the present methods of operation there is opportunity for still further improvement in the future.

Complaint has been made in regard to the crowding which has occurred on the Park street platform in the eagerness of people to get on board the loop cars. Before the present methods of operation were adopted this crowding was most objectionable and in many cases dangerous. The chief cause of the trouble was that no passenger knew where his car was going to stop until it appeared at the platform. The distribution of passengers, therefore, to the several cars had to take place practically after the arrival of the cars, and people who were at one end of the platform, in hurrying to the other to get their car, caused much confusion, excitement and hustling. While there are still people who have not learned to avail themselves of the information furnished by the electric indicators, it is believed that the difficulty above referred to is now practically remedied. It was a difficulty which was foreseen by the Commission before the plans of the subway were adopted, and its solution was then worked out on the line of the device now in use.

It must be borne in mind that if there are more people desiring passage on a car than there are seats within it, they will, in their eagerness to take that particular car, and get a seat, crowd towards and upon the car platforms, no matter how large may be the open space around the car.

So far as the other two sets of tracks in the subway are concerned, the number of cars requisite for present traffic does not utilize them to their full capacity. Each of these two sets has at least as great a capacity for traffic as the Park street loop. The through tracks are now carrying about three-fifths as much traffic as is carried on the Park street loop, and the traffic on the Scollay square route is still less. The answer to the first question is therefore that the subway is not now being used to its full capacity.

The next question is in what manner and to what extent the subway may be more fully utilized and travel therein expedited. The subway is utilized at the present time to the extent of the business which is brought to it. It is capable of doing more business when more business is offered.

If congestion in any part should occur in the future relief should be sought, as it has been sought at the Park-street station, by improved methods of operation, and also by transferring traffic from the overburdened tracks or portions of platforms to those less heavily loaded.

The subway was carefully planned to avoid all grade crossings by cars going in different

directions, but it was also planned with special reference to facilitate the transfer of traffic between tracks for cars going in the same direction. The problems of operation which occur within the subway are not the same as those which occur on the surface, and it was not to be expected that they would be correctly solved at once, or that the full benefits of the island platforms would be immediately developed.

The present methods of taking up tickets and transfer checks in the cars in the subway is a source of considerable delay to traffic and inconvenience to passengers. This system is particularly prejudicial to rapid transit where the stations are so near together, as they must necessarily be in the very heart of the city. If the company could devise some method to avoid these delays by taking tickets from passengers as they enter the subway, according to the system in use on the New York Elevated Railway, much would be accomplished towards promoting rapid transit, the convenience of the public would be increased, the transfer turnstiles and barriers at the Park-street platform would be unnecessary, the special stop for the transfer station at Park street would be done away with, and passengers could have the choice of several platforms at which they could transfer instead of being limited as at present to those particular platforms especially arranged for transfer service.

It is recognized that it is not a simple matter to carry out this suggestion consistently with the operation of cars outside of the subway, but it is believed that the problem can be solved and that it is not more difficult than other problems which have been solved by the company in its efforts to promote rapid transit.

The Boston Transit Commission,

By GEORGE G. CROCKER, Chairman.

INSANE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

The following is a condensed summary of the report of the Insane Hospital Department for the year 1898-99, which constitutes Document 16, 1899:

On February 1, 1899, the patients in charge of the Trustees numbered 1,560, classified as follows: (1) in the Boston Insane Hospital, 578; (2) in State institutions for the insane, including 28 boarded in families, 867; (3) in other institutions 115, including 34 criminal insane at Bridgewater, 41 inebriates at Foxboro' and 40 feeble-minded adults at Waverly.

Bills amounting to \$184,418 have been approved by the Trustees the past year for the board of the insane in State institutions.

During the past year the two hospitals at Austin and Pierce Farms have been consolidated under one Superintendent for administrative purposes. The hospital at Austin Farm has been made a department for women, and the hospital at Pierce Farm a department for men. A consulting staff has been appointed, and a training-school for nurses will soon be established.

The land and buildings on Canterbury street, formerly used by the Health Department as a small-pox hospital, were transferred to the Insane Hospital Department. The buildings were condemned by the Board of Health, and have been burned.

At Austin Farm the wooden building known as Ward A, originally built for female paupers, and long considered unsuitable and unsafe for the insane, was condemned by the State Board of Insanity as a fire-trap. The City Council has authorized the Trustees to close the building, and 100 patients are being transferred to the State hospital at Medfield.

The Trustees believe that there should be a Metropolitan hospital established to care for all the insane of Boston. The present location is eminently suitable. Sufficient land for a model metropolitan hospital can be acquired.

In order to begin the work of developing a metropolitan hospital, the Trustees have asked for an appropriation of \$353,000 for buildings and land. The Trustees again urge the necessity of installing an electric light plant.

The special report of Dr. Lane, the Superintendent of the hospital, which is appended to the report of the Trustees, shows the movement of population within the hospital during the calendar year 1898, as follows:

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Patients in the hospital December 31, 1897 .	249	268	517
Admitted	156	180	336
Whole number treated,	405	448	853
Discharged	85	196	281
Patients in hospital January 1, 1899 . .	320	252	572

The daily average population has been slightly over 530, an average that is 41 higher than that of last year.

Dr. Lane goes on to say: In spite of the fact that an unusual number of patients have been admitted, the number discharged, recovered, i.e., 33, is no larger than usual. This is explained by the fact that a very large number of old people have been received. Sixty-seven admissions were over 60 years of age. On the other hand, the number of deaths, 75, is unusually large, and is to be accounted for by reasons already stated, and from the fact that there were over 19 deaths from general paresis. The excessive proportion of cases of the latter disease is due to the fact that the cases are from the city. The death-rate was 8.7 per cent. of cases treated, or 14.1 per cent. of the daily average. The average age at death was 55 years. Twenty-four cases were discharged as much improved, 16 improved, 40 not improved, and 8 as not insane; 85 were transferred to State institutions. The percentage of recoveries to admissions was 10 per cent., and to discharges, 11.7 per cent.

These figures show clearly that there has been more strictly hospital work done than ever before.

Formerly, the Department was embarrassed by old and efficient attendants leaving to go elsewhere for better remuneration. A sliding scale of wages was adopted, more care was taken in selecting applicants, and a two months' probation was adopted. The result has been fewer changes than ever before in the nursing staff, and a corresponding increase in efficiency.

The purchase of supplies has been made in open market. An experience of many

years in this institution shows that the quality of supplies was never so good when under contract system, and in many instances the prices have averaged less. Contrasting the weekly per capita cost of food the past year (\$1.02), with cost in 1896 (\$1.19), when food was purchased under contract, a strong argument is found for the present system.

It would seem as if this hospital had reached a parting of the ways. If it is to continue to advance, and take rank with the larger hospitals, a considerable sum of money must be expended on land and buildings, and the erection of a large hospital be entered upon. Without a generous appropriation for this purpose, it seems to be a serious question if it will pay the city to continue this small institution, which, with its imperfections and inconveniences, must continue to be run at a comparatively high per capita cost.

Under the former management of officials with short terms, it seemed as if a broad, systematic and consistent growth was not possible. Now with a permanent Board of Trustees such a plan of development may be carefully made and carried on, and a careful study of the possibilities of the present site shows that the location is ideal, and only needs the necessary funds to provide an insane hospital that will be a credit to our city.

Appended to the report is a financial statement, an extensive series of tables which relate to the character of the inmates of the hospital and the results of their treatment, and the rules and by-laws of the Trustees.

The financial statement shows that the total expenditures of the hospital amounted to \$125,030, and the income to \$16,439; and the net weekly cost per capita for a daily average of 530 patients is given at \$3.93.

The heaviest items of expenditure were: Salaries and wages, \$45,513; food, \$28,340; fuel, \$11,431; repairs and alterations, \$8,040; agriculture, \$6,422; household supplies, \$3,986, and water, \$3,699.

The record of cases admitted within the year is as follows:

PATIENTS.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted	156	180	336
Discharged, recovered,	2	14	16
Discharged, much im-	3	12	15
proved			
Discharged, improved,	5	2	7
Discharged, not im-	11	11	22
proved			
Transferred	6	17	23
Died	16	20	36
Not insane	2	4	6
Remaining December			
31, 1898	111	100	211
Number likely to re-	3	18	21
cover			
Number likely to im-	7	8	15
prove			

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Cemetery Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1899, which constitutes Document 5, has been presented to His Honor the Mayor. The burial-grounds, cemeteries and tombs, which are either owned by or in charge of the City of Boston, number eighteen, located in various parts of the city. The work done, and the needs of each cemetery, are specifically set forth in the report. There were 2,048 interments during the year, of which number 1,711 were at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Apart from the city poor, the Department is obliged to bury the pauper dead. To meet this demand a lot was established, adjacent to Mt. Hope Cemetery, in which, during 1898, 500 bodies were interred. There are now in this lot the remains of some 20,000 persons, and at the end of 1899 there will be absolutely no room for additional interments.

If the bodies are to be buried, a large tract of land outside the residential limits of the city should be acquired for the purpose. The Department believes, however, that not only for paupers, but for all conditions of people, cremation is a proper and fitting method. The Department has given this matter due consideration, and carefully considered the desires of an element of our citizens who believe in cremation, and think the city should make provision therefor at a moderate cost. On the other hand, the Department realizes that some are opposed to any system of cremation.

It has been suggested that an underground crypt could be constructed, with niches, in which bodies could be placed, and kept therein for a specified number of years. Another suggestion is to inter the remains in a certain plot of ground, and after the ground is full, reinter in the same plot, making no attempt to preserve the identity of the remains previously interred.

By an order passed by the City Council, \$25,000 have been appropriated for the purpose of providing a chapel at Mt. Hope Cemetery. It is believed that this cemetery, under proper treatment, will eventually become self-supporting.

As soon as the card catalogues are finished, the Department will have an accurate record of interments in all the cemeteries and burial-grounds. During the past year the inscriptions and much historical information concerning the older cemeteries have been compiled, together with plans showing location of all stones, markers and tombs. All this information will be made available to the public before the close of 1899.

The regular appropriation of the Department for the year, together with the interest on the Perpetual Care Fund, was \$47,610. In addition to this, there were special appropriations as follows: Chapel at Mt. Hope Cemetery, \$25,000; Mt. Hope Cemetery, \$2,500; Copp's Hill Burial-Ground, \$1,000; fence at Evergreen Cemetery, \$1,500. The expenses of the Department, from the regular and special appropriations, amounted to \$52,562.79. The receipts were \$29,744.92.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

At the meeting of the School Committee, held on the eleventh instant, the Superintendent of Schools presented his nineteenth annual report, which constitutes School Document No. 3, 1899.

Aside from the usual statistics of the schools and statements regarding the condition of military drill in the high schools, the value of the instruction in industrial art given in the evening drawing schools, and the general intent and scope of the new rules and regulations, the report is devoted chiefly to a discussion of questions relating to the appointment of teachers and to recommendation of measures for securing greater efficiency in the teaching force.

Superintendent Seaver's views and statements may be summarized briefly as follows:

The whole number of pupils in all the day schools on the thirty-first of January, 1899, was 77,464, showing an increase of 1,903 since January, 1898. This increase is surprisingly small, being but little more than one-half of that reported last year, 3,612, and considerably less than that reported year before last, 2,634.

The Latin and High schools have increased slightly more this year than they did last; the grammar and primary schools have increased considerably less, and the kindergartens have slightly decreased.

These facts explain why fewer new teachers have been appointed this year than last year or the year before. They also explain why the pressure for more new school buildings has not increased as much as formerly.

The total number of teachers appointed in the grammar and primary schools this year was 51, last year 88, and 99 the year before.

There are in the grammar and primary schools about fifty places falling vacant each year, in which it is reasonably safe to employ beginners at teaching, like the recent graduates of the Normal school. The number of graduates of the Normal school each year is greatly in excess of this. The number of graduates last June was 101, in the June before 102, and in the June before that 76. Next June the number will be considerably over 100.

Each year there is a large surplus of graduates who do not obtain permanent appointments. The accumulated surplus during the last few years has been growing at the rate of about fifty a year.

In September last there were altogether 256 normal graduates of the years 1890-98 ready for appointment. This number had been reduced by the end of January, 1899, to 225. Next June the number waiting for appointment will be raised again above 300.

The expectation that Boston Normal graduates would secure a permanent appointment in the Boston schools, at most a year after graduation, has been generally realized till within a few years. There has also grown up a feeling that appointments belong to Boston Normal graduates, as a matter of right. The over supply of Normal graduates has produced a feeling of discontent and a sense of injustice, because appointments are so few and tardy.

The source of this troublesome over supply must be cut off. In other words the

number of pupils admitted each year to the Normal School must be limited.

Not all young women who aspire to be teachers in the city schools can be received. If the city needs but fifty or sixty young teachers each year, let the Normal School be limited to the training of no more than that number.

The Normal graduates of the year 1898 were placed upon a merit list.

Whenever a vacancy was to be filled from this list, the names of three candidates standing highest on the list were given to the principal of the school in which the vacancy existed.

Then all three of these candidates were requested to visit the principal, who, after due consideration, made his choice. The two candidates not chosen by this principal, together with the candidates standing next highest on the list, were mentioned in the same way to the next principal having a vacancy to fill, and so on. This method has been followed with absolute fidelity.

It has been asked how far the appointment of teachers other than graduates of the Boston Normal School, and who usually come from outside the city, has diminished the Normal graduates' chances for appointment.

The answer is that no material change has taken place this year. From September 1, it is found that Boston Normal graduates have received this year 61 per cent. of the appointments for which they were eligible. The average for the three years preceding this is 62 per cent.

Classes in the sixth and seventh grades, particularly, are generally known as hard classes. Such places must be filled with teachers of considerable experience. For teachers of this description resort must often be had to the holders of the Supervisor's certificates of qualification. It is always possible to find among the certificate-holders strong teachers of five, ten or fifteen years' experience, who are willing to come into this city from neighboring cities and towns; and our schools need the matured power and skill of such teachers. Many of the best teachers now in the service came originally from other places.

In many schools the number of teachers now employed is considerably in excess of the number permitted by the regulations. Divided responsibility, and an unwillingness to drop teachers whose services are no longer necessary, are accountable for what exists; but now that an undivided responsibility has been placed on the Superintendent, he cannot silently allow the present state of affairs to continue beyond the end of the present year, without becoming himself accountable.

The number of these extra teachers — not more than five or six in the city formerly — is quite large now, not less than fifty or sixty.

It appears highly probable that more than one-half of the extra teachers are unnecessary; that they could be discharged at the end of the year without injury to the schools; or certainly without more injury than other schools now suffer by being held to the regulations. In other words, it would seem to be possible to effect a saving of some \$15,000 in salaries, and yet continue the employment of all extra teachers whose services are really necessary.

Mr. Seaver instances certain inequalities of administration that have insensibly grown

up, and need remedying, viz.: (1) teachers of cookery are all paid on the same salary scale for services varying from 29 to 96 per cent. of the theoretical maximum; (2) teachers of wood-working are paid a fixed salary, while the work done ranges from 56 to 92 per cent. of the theoretical maximum; (3) sewing teachers are unequally paid owing to the lack of even approximate uniformity in the size of their classes; (4) there is an unnecessary number of ungraded classes; (5) the irregularities and injustice incident to the present system of paying teachers on leave of absence and their substitutes.

Mr. Seaver urges that a just and economical administration of the schools requires:

(1.) That the number of young women trained in the Normal school for the teaching profession should be limited to the needs of the city schools.

(2.) That the number of teachers employed in each school should not exceed the number permitted by the regulations, save in cases of clearly ascertained necessity.

(3.) That teachers of cookery and of wood-working, being paid full salaries, should teach the full number of classes each week, which classes should usually be full or nearly so.

(4.) That classes in sewing should usually be of full size, and classes of half size or less, when permitted, should be paid for in teachers' wages at a reduced rate.

(5.) That ungraded classes should not be established for any other reasons than those which the regulations contemplate, and that any classes which have been so established should be discontinued.

(6.) That the city should make a deduction from the pay of every officer, teacher, clerk or janitor absent from duty, and should pay for the services of all substitutes.

The following table presents a consolidated summary statement regarding teachers and pupils in the general schools supported by the city on January 31, 1899:

GENERAL SCHOOLS.		No. of Regular Teachers.		Average Number Pupils Belonging.		Average Attendance.		Average Absence.		Per cent. of Attendance.		No. at Date.	
Normal	Latin and High	Men.	Women.	Totals.	Average Number Pupils Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Average Absence.	Per cent. of Attendance.					
1	2	9	11	314	295	19	93.9	261					
11	83	91	174	5,400	5,175	225	95.8	5,184					
57	121	696	817	38,059	34,979	3,080	91.9	37,945					
565	565	565	565	29,666	23,697	3,969	86.6	30,187					
69	134	134	134	3,807	2,822	985	74.1	3,887					
Totals Jan. 31, 1899.	703	206	1,405	77,246	68,968	8,278	89.2	77,464					
Totals June 30, 1898.	694	193	1,486	74,778	67,020	7,759	89.6	73,256					

The following is a table similar to the preceding one, regarding special schools supported by the city on January 31, 1899:

SPECIAL SCHOOLS.		No. Schools.		No. of Regular Teachers.		Average No. Pupils Belonging.		Average Attendance.		Average Absence.		Per cent. of Attendance.		No. at Date.	
Horace Mann	1	13	116	100	16	86.1	121								
Spectacle Island	1	1	16	14	2	87.5	18								
Evening High, Central	1	28	1,815	1,365	450	75.2									
Charlestown Branch	1	7	285	181	54	77.0									
East Boston Branch	1	6	127	88	39	69.2									
Evening Elementary	12	144	2,887	1,955	982	69.1									
Evening Drawing	5	25	566	413	133	72.9									
Totals Jan. 31, 1899.	20	224	5,762	4,116	1,646	71.0									
Totals June 30, 1898.	20	223	6,080	4,116	1,973	67.6									

* Each teacher was in charge of two classes.

Besides the teachers included in the foregoing tables there were 114, twenty men and ninety-four women, engaged as special instructors of various subjects, e. g., cookery, music, drawing and wood-working.

The total teaching force numbered 2,039 for an average attendance of 73,084 pupils.

RIFLE RANGE FOR THE MILITIA OF BOSTON.

The following communication regarding a rifle range for the militia of Boston was submitted to the Board of Aldermen at its meeting held on Wednesday, April 12, by the Corporation Counsel:

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Boston, April 7, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

In reply to your inquiry as to "what are the duties and the powers of the Board of Aldermen in relation to providing a rifle range for the use of the militia of Boston," I have to say that, by Section 90 of Chapter 367 of the Acts of the year 1893, the Mayor and Aldermen of cities and the Selectmen of towns are required to "provide suitable grounds or places for the parade, drill and target practice of the militia belonging to their respective cities and towns," but by Chapter 142 of the Acts of the year 1898, no land is to be acquired by the City of Boston for said purposes prior to the first day of June in the year 1899. The effect of said last-named act is to suspend the powers of the Board of Aldermen given by the Act of 1898 until said first day of June, 1899.

Respectfully,

ANDREW J. BAILEY,
Corporation Counsel.

TABLE SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF PUPILS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF BOSTON IN RESPECT BOTH TO AGE AND TO GRADES, JANUARY 31, 1899.

GRADES.	Under 4 Years.	4 Years.	5 Years.	6 Years.	7 Years.	8 Years.	9 Years.	10 Years.	11 Years.	12 Years.	13 Years.	14 Years.	15 Years.	16 Years.	17 Years.	18 Years.	19 Years and Over.	Totals.
<i>Latin Schools.</i>																		
All Grades:																		
Boys									8	42	61	119	129	125	73	52	18	627
Girls								1	4	8	36	52	72	72	50	30	14	339
Totals								1	12	50	97	171	201	197	123	82	32	966
<i>High Schools.</i>																		
Advanced class:																		
Boys														4	21	23	20	68
Girls														12	60	75	66	213
Third-year class:																		
Boys												3	12	80	136	84	31	346
Girls													16	93	150	131	47	437
Second-year class:																		
Boys												21	93	169	135	58	17	493
Girls												38	125	239	159	54	17	632
First-year class:																		
Boys											42	171	322	241	101	17	5	899
Girls										1	40	201	382	351	121	26	8	1,130
Totals										1	82	434	950	1,189	883	468	211	4,218
<i>Grammar Schools.</i>																		
Ninth grade:																		
Boys									6	73	336	592	450	185	37	8		1,687
Girls									3	81	279	598	533	230	62	10		1,796
Eighth grade:																		
Boys							1	11	60	344	636	662	390	119	15	5		2,243
Girls								6	80	372	711	697	393	115	20	1		2,395
Seventh grade:																		
Boys							3	73	392	829	889	568	208	52	9	4		3,027
Girls							1	62	408	810	875	466	177	43	9			2,851
Sixth grade:																		
Boys						2	79	430	928	1,014	680	311	91	13	2	2		3,552
Girls							65	465	892	891	636	267	61	11				3,288
Fifth grade:																		
Boys						45	409	1,002	1,045	713	389	151	52	4	1	1		3,812
Girls						45	464	1,073	939	582	299	93	22	2				3,519
Fourth grade:																		
Boys					17	438	1,191	1,177	621	320	138	56	10					3,968
Girls					14	486	1,153	1,098	541	259	70	31	10	1				3,663
Ungraded:																		
Boys					9	54	161	286	267	241	157	82	20	7	4			1,288
Girls					10	52	75	177	152	172	141	54	18	4		1		856
Totals					50	1,122	3,602	5,860	6,334	6,701	6,236	4,628	2,435	786	159	32		37,945
<i>Primary Schools.</i>																		
Third grade:																		
Boys				25	574	1,416	1,280	564	139	40	17							4,055
Girls				27	617	1,461	1,077	469	133	39	16							3,839
Second grade:																		
Boys			9	843	1,906	1,337	551	184	38	12	5							4,885
Girls			7	808	1,768	1,274	467	138	40	12	4							4,518
First grade:																		
Boys		14	2,128	2,905	1,303	427	95	38	9	3	1							6,923
Girls		20	1,735	2,573	1,120	380	92	36	5	6								5,967
Totals		34	3,879	7,181	7,288	6,295	3,562	1,429	364	112	43							30,187
<i>Kindergartens.</i>																		
All classes:																		
Boys	193	1,044	660	61	2													1,960
Girls	205	976	656	86	4													1,927
Totals	398	2,020	1,316	147	6													3,887
Grand Totals by Ages	398	2,054	5,195	7,328	7,344	7,417	7,164	7,290	6,710	6,864	6,458	5,233	3,586	2,172	1,165	582	243	77,464

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, at 7.30 P.M., on Tuesday, April 11, 1899. All the members were present. President Huggan occupied the chair.

The following orders, laid over at the last meeting, were passed:

(1.) Ordered, That L. M. Chase, Master of the Dudley School, be permitted to allow the agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to address the pupils of that school some Friday at 3 P.M.

(2.) Ordered, That there be paid to Samuel P. Howard the sum of \$11.93 for extra services rendered as janitor of the Bigelow Evening School during the term 1898-99.

(3.) Ordered, That there be paid to M. J. Crowley the sum of \$32.80 for extra services rendered as janitor of the Wells Evening School during the term 1898-99.

(4.) Ordered, That there be paid to Jane A. Daly the sum of \$10 for extra services rendered as janitress of the Quincy Evening School during the term 1898-99.

(5.) Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas W. Kenney the sum of \$36 for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall from January 30, 1899, to March 31, 1899.

(6.) Ordered, That there be paid to Joseph P. Fleming the sum of \$27.50 for extra services rendered as janitor of the Salem-street School from January 1, 1899, to February 17, 1899.

(7.) Ordered, That there be paid to Louis Berenson the sum of \$5,500 as payment for 1,604 square feet of land, between Washington street and Kenilworth street, Roxbury, taken for school purposes (for an addition to the Dillaway School estate) January 9, 1897, upon the said Berenson giving to the city a deed for said land satisfactory to the Law Department.

(8.) Ordered, That from the \$65,000 appropriated May 24, 1896, for the Robinson-street School-house, Dorchester, out of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 408, Acts 1895, the following transfer be made, being a part of an unexpended balance not required for the purpose for which it was originally appropriated:

Dillaway School-house lot, enlargement, \$5,500.

(9.) Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Frank G. Coburn & Co. for erecting a high school building at Dorchester in the sum of \$459.29 for increase in weight of certain steel construction to meet the requirements of the building laws.

The Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom was referred the appointment on probation of Samuel A. Johnson as sub-master in the Dudley District, report that after having duly considered the matter, they recommend the appointment of Walter J. Phelan to that position.

Accepted.

The Superintendent of Schools presented the resignations of two teachers, which were accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations: The appointments on proba-

tion of three teachers, which were laid over under the rule; the appointments of six teachers for confirmation, which were laid over under the rule. Leave of absence was granted to four teachers.

On the recommendation of the Committee on School-houses, it was ordered that the Committee on School-houses be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with T. H. Duggan & Co. in the sum of \$1,140 for installing new sanitary fixtures, and otherwise improving the sanitation and ventilation of the Brighton High School-house, said firm being the lowest bidder.

The Board proceeded to ballot for the election of the Instructor of Military Drill. Sixteen ballots were had without a choice. On the seventeenth ballot, George H. Benyon was elected by the following vote:

Whole number of votes cast	23
Necessary for a choice	15
George H. Benyon had	17
John H. Dunn had	3
Ernest R. Springer had	1
George H. Murray had	1
Frank F. Wilson had	1

The Board proceeded to ballot for the election of Master of the Brighton High School. Frederick A. Tupper of Quincy, Mass., was elected on the second ballot by the following vote:

Whole number of votes cast	24
Necessary for a choice	13
Frederick A. Tupper had	13
Augustus A. Small had	10
Albert S. Perkins had	1

Mr. Strange moved to take up the report of the Committee on the Seventh Division, relative to the appointment of Walter J. Phelan as sub-master, Dudley District.

Mr. Anderson moved to amend by referring the matter to the Superintendent and the Committee on the Seventh Division, in the hope that they may agree on a candidate.

The motion was passed by this ye and nay vote:

Yeas—Aldrich, Anderson, Bennett, Bowd-learn, Brett, Calderwood, Coolidge, Courtney, Davison, Fifield, Fleischer, Keller, Merritt—13.

Nays—Bateman, Berridge, Burrill, Campbell, Gallivan, Huggan, Kenney, McDonald, McDonough, Nichols, Strange—11.

It was ordered, under suspension of the rules, that the graduating exercises of the Horace Mann School be held on Wednesday, June 21, 1899.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, it was ordered that the Superintendent be requested to report to this Board the names of masters of the grammar schools, if any, and all other teachers, whose removal would be for the best interest of the Boston public schools.

On motion of Mr. Bennett, it was ordered that the Committee on School-houses investigate the sanitary condition of the Heath-street Primary School, and adopt measures for improvement.

Adjourned 11.15 P.M.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber on Monday, April 24, 1899, at 3 P.M.

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.**

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., Thursday, April 13, 1899, President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages were received from His Honor the Mayor:

Water Service, Dorchester Lower Mills.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 13, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner in reply to an order requesting information as to why the high pressure water service has not been extended to the Lower Mills District, Dorchester.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, April 13, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Under date of April 7 I reported to you on the order of the Common Council, asking in reference to high service water in Dorchester. Since then I have received a communication in reference to this question from the Metropolitan Water Board. After a hearing with them on the question, a final report will be sent in in regard to the supplying of high service water to portions of Jamaica Plain and Dorchester.

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, April 7, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The order of Councilman Hibbard, which you have referred to me, can best be answered by the following copy of a letter sent to the Metropolitan Water Board under date of February 14, 1899:

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, February 14, 1899.

HON. HENRY H. SPRAGUE, Chairman, Metropolitan Water Board, Boston, Mass.

GENTLEMEN: Some time since, two requests were made upon your honorable body to which no response has been made up to date.

(1.) In reference to whether you decline to assume the responsibility of laying a new pipe to East Boston under Chelsea creek.

(2.) The question of high service for Dorchester and Jamaica Plain.

It is necessary that we should receive a reply to these questions at once, so that I can be in a position to tell the people of Dorchester and Jamaica Plain when they are to receive the increased pressure. A similar reason applies for immediate reply on the question of the pipe underneath Chelsea creek. Kindly let me hear from you at once.

I understand that it is proposed to widen the draw-way at Chelsea north bridge. If this should be done, the Water Department will abandon the siphons across the draw-way and abandon the line of pipe with which the siphons are connected. I advise you at this early date, so as to give you an opportunity to take any action that you may desire.

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

Last year I had a conference with the Metropolitan Water Board, and we agreed to leave the details of the question of high pressure for Dorchester and Jamaica Plain to be worked out by the City Engineer and the Engineer of the Metropolitan Water Board. I understand that, as a result of that conference, the Metropolitan Water Board would be ready the first of this year to grant the City of Boston's request for high service supply in these localities. The plans for making the necessary changes in the main water-pipe system for supplying Dorchester and Jamaica Plain have been made, but up to to-day the Metropolitan Water Board has not answered my communication. For that reason I am not in a position to give the information called for by the order.

As far as Jamaica Plain is concerned, the Boston Water Department is ready to let on the high service supply on short notice, but we cannot do so without the consent of the Metropolitan Water Board.

As regards the high service for Dorchester, the work of rearranging the water mains cannot be commenced upon until we have some assurance that our request to extend high service to that district will be granted by the Metropolitan Water Board, and the time required for doing this work would be at least several months.

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Street Watering.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 13, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reference to an order now pending before your body, relative to street watering, and urging that some action be taken to relieve the present unsatisfactory state of affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, April 13, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The order in relation to street watering, sent down from the Board of Aldermen, was assigned by the Common Council to the meeting to-night. At the last meeting two amendments were offered, one that a certain portion be assessed on the railroad companies maintaining tracks in any street watered, the other that the assessment be only authorized within the four-mile limit. In regard to the first, I would say that I

understand that such an assessment cannot be levied on the railroad companies without action by the Legislature; and should the second amendment become operative, no watering can be done outside the four-mile limit, as no money is provided therefor; and this, I think, should be called to the attention of the Common Council, so that such action as may be taken may be with a full understanding of the conditions.

I also desire to urge that some action be taken to relieve the present dust conditions.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

RELIEF DEPARTMENT OF THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

According to the tenth annual report of the Relief Department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the year ending June 30, 1898, the membership for the year comprised 25,897 persons, with an average monthly membership of 25,441. The following table shows the benefits paid during the year:

	Num-ber.	Cost.	Average per case.
Deaths from accidents on duty	60	\$64,500 00	\$1,075 00
Deaths from other causes	174	96,166 66	552 67
Disabilities from injuries received in discharge of duty	6,322	74,987 58	11 86
Surgical expenses.	4,356	8,807 80	2 02
Disabilities from sickness and causes other than above	7,466	112,301 69	15 04
Aggregate	18,378	\$356,763 73	

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

At its meeting on April 13 the Common Council voted to adjourn till Thursday, April 27, at 7.45 P.M.

The value of exports from the United States to the Hawaiian Islands in February last amounted to \$853,570, against \$354,512 in February, 1898.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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The Committees on Harbors and Public Lands and Railroads have had their time for making final reports to the Legislature extended to April 21, and the Committees on Mercantile Affairs, Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply to April 26.

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IN SENATE.										
1. S. B. 8, an Act to establish two polling-places for caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 44.	Election Laws. Jan. 12.	March 23. Closed.	April 6. S.(S.B. 287)	April 7.	April 10. Am.	April 12. H.				
2. S. B. 14, an Act relative to the Bank Officers' Association of the City of Boston, p. 44.	Insurance. Jan. 16.	Jan. 27. Feb. 23. Closed.								
3. S. B. 15, an Act to authorize the use of type-writing machines in making official records of papers and documents, p. 44.	Judiciary. Jan. 16.	Jan. 24. Closed.								
4. S. B. 20, an Act to provide for the formation and disbursement of a Public School Teachers' Retirement Fund in the City of Boston, p. 44.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Feb. 1. Closed.	March 9. S.(S.B. 20)	March 23. Am.	March 24. Rej.					
5. S. B. 25 an Act relating to the selling of articles in the streets and from house to house, in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary. Jan. 19.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 14. S.(N.G.C.)							
6. S. B. 27, an Act to provide clerical assistance for the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Public Service. Jan. 20.	Feb. 3. Closed.	March 16. S.(L.W.)							
7. S. B. 29, Resolution relative to the construction of a tunnel to East Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S.(N.P.)							
8. S. B. 30, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
9. S. B. 35, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H.(H.B. 1,010) Rec. March 13. H.(S.B. 36)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
10. S. B. 36, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Sarah E. Leavitt, p. 74.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 3. Closed.								
11. S. B. 42, an Act to authorize the Cambridge Bridge Commission, with the consent of the United States Government, to construct the bridge to be built between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, without a draw, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 26.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 20. S.(S.B. 42.) March 10. Sub. H.(H.B. 917)	March 10.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 14.	March 14.	H.Mch.15. S. Mch. 17.	March 23. App.
12. S.B. 49, an Act relative to the bequest of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library, p. 74.	Libraries and Judiciary. Jan. 27.	March 3. April 12.	April 12. S.(N.G.C.)							
13. S. B. 59, an Act relative to the registration of voters, the appointment of election and caucus officers, and the establishment of election districts in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 21. H.(L.W.)							
14. S. B. 67, an Act to cede certain land in Boston Harbor, and jurisdiction over the same, to the United States, for the purpose of extending the present limits of the United States Navy Yard, p. 75.	Harbors and Public Lands, and Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 31. S.(B.)	Feb. 1.	Feb. 1.	Feb. 2. H.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 2.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
15. S. B. 72, an Act to provide that a person applying to vote in the City of Boston, shall not be required to write his name on the voting list, p. 75.	Election Laws. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.	March 29. S.(S.B. 267)	March 31.	April 3.	April 5. H.	April 14.			
16. S. B. 76, an Act to abolish the Board of Apportionment of the City of Boston, p. 75.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.	April 5, 10.								
17. S. B. 90, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 75.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 7, 16. Closed.	March 16. H.(H.B. 1037.)	April 1.	April 7.	April 11. S.				
18. S. B. 97, an Act relative to the inspection of steam-boilers, and to regulate steam engineering, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. S.(N.P.)							
19. S. B. 100, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of Bennington street and other highways in the City of Boston p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
20. S. B. 108, an Act to provide for a Normal School-house in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	Mch 2, 8. Closed.	March 17. S.(S.B.108)	March 20.	March 21.	March 23. II.	March 28.	March 31.	H. Apr. 4. S. Apr. 5.	April 10. App.
21. S. B. 109, an Act to authorize the establishment of vacation schools in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 16. S.(S.B.241)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. II.	March 23.	March 30.	H. Apr. 4. S. Apr. 7.	April 10. App.
22. S. B. 118, an Act to provide for the use of automatic ventilators in sleeping-rooms where gas is used in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. S.(L.W.)							
23. S. B. 119, an Act relative to salaries paid by the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. S.(L.W.)							
24. S. B. 121, an Act relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 6. S.(L.W.)							
25. S. B. 122, an Act relative to the construction of subways in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	April 10. S.(N.G.C.)							

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26. S. B. 123, an Act to provide for grammar and primary school-houses in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 28. H. (L.W.)							
27. S. B. 124, an Act relative to the Riverway Park of the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 7. H. (N.G.C.)							
28. S. B. 125, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 16.	March 16. Closed.	March 16. H. (N. P.)							
29. S. B. 126, an Act relative to contracts with the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2, 3. Closed.	March 10. H. (L. W.)							
30. S. B. 127, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
31. S. B. 142, an Act relative to the granting of leave of absence to police officers in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
32. S. B. 143, an Act relative to tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
33. S. B. 148, an Act relative to the height of buildings in Copley square in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16. Closed.								
34. S. B. 149, an Act to amend the charter of the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
35. S. B. 150, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the children of Frederick B. Bogan, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 937)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
36. S. B. 151, an Act relative to additions, alterations and repairs on school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 21.	March 9. Closed.	March 28. S. (S. B. 151) T. April 5.							
37. S. B. 157, an Act to establish a Department of Architecture in Boston, p. 125.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 6. S. (N. G. C.)							
38. S. B. 158, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
39. S. B. 159, an Act relative to the Boston Transit Commission, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3, 15. Closed.	April 10. S. (N. G. C.)							
40. S. B. 175, an Act relative to the new Cambridge Bridge, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
41. S. B. 190, an Act to provide for a State Highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, p. 126.	Roads and Bridges. March 6.	March 20. Closed.	March 27. S. (L. W.)							
42. S. B. 193, an Act relative to the Erection and Alteration of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Cities. Feb. 27.	March 6. Closed.	March 6. S. (S. B. 193)	March 7.	March 8.	March 9. H.	March 13.	March 13.	H. March 15. S. March 16.	March 17. App.
IN HOUSE.										
43. H. B. 20, an Act relative to Malden Bridge, so called, in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 936)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 4.	April 5.	H. April 7. S. April 11.	April 17. App.
44. H. B. 21, an Act to authorize the West End Street Railway Company to replace its tracks on Tremont and Boylston streets in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Street Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 9, 13, 15, 24. Closed.	March 23. H. (H. B. 1,002.)	April 4.	April 18.					
45. H. B. 23, an Act to authorize the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of merchandise, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	March 22. H. (L. W.)							
46. H. B. 25, an Act to authorize the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	Jan. 24. S. (H. B. 25)	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 30. H.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
47. H. B. 31, an Act to repeal Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	*								
48. H. B. 33, an Act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Public Service. Jan. 11.	Jan. 27. Closed.	Jan. 27. H. (L. W.)							
49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30.	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (L. W.)							
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 28. March 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (H. B. 1018.)	April 12. Rej.						
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 6. H. (L. W.)							
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (N. P.)							

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	*								
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.	March 21. Closed.	March 30. S. (S.B. 272)	March 31.	April 4.	April 6. H.	April 17.			
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 13, 24. Closed.	(See No. 44.)							
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Mch. 16, 23. Closed.	March 24. H. (L.W.)							
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.	March 14. H. (H.B. 162)		March 15. Ad.	March 17. S.		March 20. Ad.		
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N.P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H.B. 176)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S. Feb. 21.	Feb. 23. App.
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (L.W.)							
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 1. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,013.)	April 4.	April 11.	April 13. S.	April 14.	April 17.		
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.								
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H.B. 811)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.	March 24. Rej.			
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (H.B. 214)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16. App.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 1. Closed.								
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.	March 20. H. (N. P.)							
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.	March 2. Closed.	March 7. H. (L.W.)							
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.	Mch 23, 29. Closed.								
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N.G.C.)							
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (H.B. 833)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.	March 15.	H. Mch. 20. S. Mch. 22.	March 24. App.
75. H. B. 321, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (L.W.)							
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Joint Judiciary. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Mch. 21, 22. Closed.	March 24. H. (N. P.)							

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78. H. B. 332, an Act relative to the leasing of buildings and the granting of concessions by the Park Commissioners of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N.P.)							
79. H. B. 333, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 10. H. (N.P.)							
80. H. B. 350, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13.	March 31. H. (L. W.)							
81. H. B. 353, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
82. H. B. 377, an Act relative to certain departments of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (N.G.C.)							
83. H. B. 383, an Act relative to the election of the Mayor of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 1. S. (N.G.C.)							
84. H. B. 386, an Act to further regulate the inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13, 24. Closed.	March 13. H. (N.P.)							
85. H. B. 387, an Act to change the method of electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
86. H. B. 396, an Act relative to playgrounds in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 30.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 22. H. (H.B. 996)	March 28.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 7.	H. Apr. 12. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
87. H. B. 407, an Act to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston to purchase certain lands on Chestnut Hill avenue, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 10. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,015.)	March 30.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 6.	H. Apr. 10. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
88. H. B. 463, an Act to authorize the proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate, p. 82.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 6. H. (H.B. 894)	March 7.	March 8.	March 10. S.	March 13.	March 14.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 20.	March 21. App.
89. H. B. 464, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to abate a portion of certain assessments for the construction of highways, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.								
90. H. B. 471, an Act relative to the construction of a tunnel from a point on or near Hancock street to a point at or near Maverick square in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
91. H. B. 476, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles Bulle, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 476)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
92. H. B. 494, an Act relative to the laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.								
93. H. B. 517, an Act relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.								
94. H. B. 528, an Act relative to the tabulation of statistics of parent nativity in Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3.	March 3. H. (H.B. 923)	March 10.	March 13.	March 15. S.	March 20.	March 24.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
95. H. B. 529, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 relative to the municipal debt of and rate of taxation in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. April 3, 7. Closed.								
96. H. B. 531, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Mary A. Davis, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 531)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
97. H. B. 532, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward Mellia, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 532)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
98. H. B. 533, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (N. P.)							
99. H. B. 551, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
100. H. B. 553, an Act to provide for the widening of Pine street in Boston, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (L. W.)							
101. H. B. 555, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John McGrath certain money, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 2.	March 2. H. (H.B. 561)	March 17.	March 20. Am.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
102. H. B. 562, an Act to require poles for wires in the City of Boston to be made of iron, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (N.P.)							
103. H. B. 570, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of James F. Ryan, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 570)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			

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TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Date of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Sent to Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. March 8. Closed.	April 12. H. (2 bills).							
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.583)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.				
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 9, 10. Closed.	March 21. H.(H.B.890)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 1.	April 10. Rej.		
109. H. B. 607, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. H.(N.G.C.)							
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H.(H.B.957)	March 16.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 24.	March 27.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	(See No.110)							
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N. P.)							
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2. (See No. 105.)									
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 9. H. (L. W.)							
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.								
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	*								
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 21. Closed.	(See No.55.)							
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.665)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16, 24. Closed.								
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.									
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.673)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.674)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	April 12. H. (H. B. 1092.)							
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 14, 15. Closed	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.679)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15, 28. Closed.	April 3. H.(H.B.680)	April 14. Rej.						

* Postponed, awaiting decision of Supreme Court.

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LEGISLATURE, 1899.—Concluded.**

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Date of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Sent to Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 17, 23,30. A. p. 3. Closed.								
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.	March 7. S. (N. G. C.)							
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 27. H. (H. B. 1,009.)	April 10. Am.						
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. March 17. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2, 15. Closed.	April 10. S. (L. W.)							
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. H. (N. G. C.)							
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L. W.)							
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L. W.)							
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L. W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H. (H. B. 728)							
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H. (L. W.)							
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church, of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Societies. Feb. 2.	March 2. H. (L. W.)								
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	*								
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17. March 7. Closed.	March 28. H. (N. P.)							
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. March 7.	March 16. Closed.								
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (L. W.)							
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 783)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 31. Rej.			
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17. March 7. Closed.	March 27. H. (N. G. C.)							
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H. (L. W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. March 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N. G. C.)							
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L. W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 6. Closed.	March 9. S. (N. G. C.)							
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education. Feb. 20.	March 15. Closed.	April 4. H. (H. B. 846)	April 12.						
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Counties. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	March 20. S. (H. B. 858.)							

* Postponed, awaiting decision of Supreme Court.

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.) Ought not to Pass; (L. W.) Leave to Withdraw; Am., Amended; (N. G. C.) Next General Court;
App., Approved; Ad., Adopted; Sub., Substituted; Rej., Rejected; Rec., Recommended; T., Tabled.

Board Meetings.

Library Department.

Friday, April 7, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch and DeNormandie.

Bills allowed: For books, chargeable to city moneys, \$327.09; to trust funds, \$788.66; also, chargeable to the Library building appropriation, \$120, and the Vice-President was authorized to sign a special draft in favor of Smith and Lovett in payment of the same.

The salary of William T. Hannah, marble polisher, has been fixed at \$14 per week, beginning April 14.

The services of Margaret Healey, of the bindery, have been discontinued from and after March 31.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$290.55; to trust funds, \$104.02; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$21.33; to Station "P," \$16.98; miscellaneous articles, \$413.94.

Applications for special privileges were received, considered and disposed of.

Received: the Acting Librarian's report; the Auditor's monthly exhibit.

JAMES DENORMANDIE,

Clerk pro tempore.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held April 5, 1899.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Mrs. Wolcott, Mrs. Thorndike, Mr. Pierce, Miss O'Brien, Mr. Plummer, Mr. Kerrigan, Mr. Mullen and Mr. Sproules.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasury for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending March 10, 1899, the same having been read in full.

By invitation of the Committee of Investigation and Relief, Mrs. Le Brun appeared before the Board, and gave very interesting and useful information with regard to Italians, among whom she has been a visitor for a long time.

Circular No. 59, from His Honor the Mayor, with regard to Evacuation Day, was read and placed on file.

Circular No. 60, from His Honor the Mayor, urging all departments to prepare promptly their annual reports, was read and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor, with regard to the hearing at the State House on March 28 on the bill for the reorganization of the Institutions Registration Department, was read. The Chairman reported that Miss Rogers was present in behalf of the Board.

A communication from the Superintendent of the Division of State Adult Poor of the State Board of Charity, with regard to the

expense of confinement cases, was referred to the Committee on Temporary Home, with full powers.

Notice was received from the Superintendent of Public Buildings that a contract has been made for coal for the quarter ending July 1, 1899. The same was placed on file.

A circular received from the United States Commission to the Paris Exposition of 1900 was referred to the Committee on Lodge.

Voted, That the subscription to the "Charities Review" be renewed for one year from May 1, 1899.

The Committee on Finance reported having examined the accounts for the month of March, and found them correct.

The same committee presented the report of George T. Stoddard, expert accountant, of his examination of the funds and accounts for the year ending January 31, 1899. The report was read, and with its accompanying tables, placed on file.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read, accepted and placed on file.

The report of the Lodge for Wayfarers was read, accepted and placed on file.

The Chairman reported that the Industrial Aid Society is co-operating with the Lodge Committee, and has during the past month found places for nine men from the Lodge.

On recommendation of the Chairman, the following votes were passed:

Voted, That Mr. Fowler be authorized, in behalf of this Board, to waive notice and assent to petitions of guardians for permission to sell real estate of insane persons or spendthrifts.

Voted, That all waivers of notice and assent to petitions of guardians for permission to sell real estate of insane persons or spendthrifts, heretofore made by Mr. Fowler, under authority assumed by him, to be given by the vote of this Board, passed December 3, 1890, be and hereby are ratified, approved and confirmed.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

The forty-ninth regular meeting of the Trustees of Pauper Institutions was held at 28 Court square on Monday, March 20, 1899, at 10 A.M., the following-named members being present:

Mrs. Fallon, Miss Morse, Messrs. Sedgwick, Hunnewell, Grainger and Rutan.

The report of the Committee on Registration and Special Cases was accepted and placed on file.

The Electrical Construction Division reported that the telephonic communication with Long Island will probably be restored within two days.

The Committee on Medical Department and Dietary reported that no transfers of patients to the State Hospital for Consumptives, at Rutland, have been recommended by the resident physicians and staff. The hospital at Rutland is now full, with a waiting list.

Voted, That the matter of diploma for graduates of Training School for Nurses be referred to the Committee on Medical Department and Dietary, to report, and that the executive agent be requested in the meantime to make necessary inquiries.

Voted, That the question of weight of cistern at Long Island and of overflow be referred, with power, to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Voted, That the following appointments, recommended by the Acting Superintendent at Long Island, be confirmed.

Kate Holmes, head laundress, at \$20 per month, Margaret A. Kelley, head nurse, at \$25 per month, Kate B. McAdams, head nurse, at \$25 per month.

A letter from His Honor the Mayor, in regard to charge for water at Long Island was read. The letter stated that the Water Department had sent word that \$3,000 will henceforward be charged to Long Island instead of \$2,500. It also stated that this sum might probably be transferred to this Department from the extra income which would accrue to the Water Department on this account.

The Acting Superintendent appeared before the Board, and recommended that the attempt to raise vegetables and produce be discontinued. In his opinion it would be impossible to get the necessary cultivation done, and that there will be only enough men from now on to do the necessary work on the ice pond and in raising hay. The question of seeds for summer vegetables, and consideration of the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent were referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse reported the resignation of Mrs. Ellen Mahoney, matron, on account of prolonged illness.

Voted, That the resignation of Mrs. Ellen Mahoney be accepted, to take effect May 15, she to be excused from duty on April 1.

The Chairman will write a letter to Mrs. Mahoney, expressing the recognition by the Trustees of her valuable and faithful work.

Voted, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be requested to confer with the City Engineering Department as to the requisite steps to secure a new powerhouse.

The number of inmates at Long Island, March 18, 1899, was as follows:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	90	144	234
Children	8	10	18
Dormitory	—	231	231
Institution	399	—	399
Total	497	385	882

FRANCES R. MORSE,

Secretary pro tempore.

A special meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, March 27, at 11 A.M., the full Board being present.

The following vote was passed:

Voted, That on and after April 1, the Deputy Superintendent of the Boston Almshouse and Hospital be relieved of the duties of Acting Superintendent, and that Mr. Arthur T. Hopkins be appointed as Acting Superintendent, until otherwise ordered.

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, April 3.

It was voted to pay W. S. and P. Dexter, trustees, \$1,200.80 for damages occasioned their estate on Amory street, by the relocation and construction of said street, the Mayor having approved their agreement to accept said sum.

An order was received from the Common Council, requesting the Commissioners to widen South street, Ward 23, from Keyes street to the Arborway.

An order was passed, relocating South street, at West Roxbury; and an order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to widen Albany and Northampton streets, at their junction.

Thursday, April 6.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out an extension of Lauriat avenue.

An order was received from the Common Council, requesting the Board to submit to the Common Council a list of the streets given by the City of Boston to the Old Colony Railroad Company, to increase its terminal facilities in Boston, in accordance with the act of the Legislature of 1893, and the amounts given by said railroad company to said city in return for the property.

An order was received from the Board of Aldermen, requesting an estimate of the cost of widening Beach street, from Washington street to Atlantic avenue.

A petition was received for a sewer in Meyer street.

Friday, April 7.

A hearing was given in the matter of changes in Board of Survey lines on plans X 73, 74, Plat 5.

Saturday, April 8.

It was voted to pay Olivia M. Rogers \$6,500, and Hannah R. Stanwood \$9,500, for damages occasioned their respective estates by the laying out of Columbia road; and to pay J. H. and F. J. Stark \$217.35 for damages occasioned their estate by the relocation of Tenean creek, agreements from owners to accept said sums having been approved by the Mayor.

Monday, April 10.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to relocate Washington street, at Dorchester.

Wednesday, April 12.

It was voted to pay Cheever Newhall \$825 for damages occasioned his estate on Forest Hills street, at West Roxbury, by the relocation and construction of said street, the Mayor having approved his agreement to accept said sum.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Atlantic avenue, and a catch-basin in West Ninth street.

It was voted to give a public hearing in the matter of changes on Board of Survey plans.

It was voted to file changes on Board of Survey plans L 91, U 9, 10 (Plat 7), and to substitute new plans for plans 3 of Board of Survey plans M 81, 82, 98, 99, 100 (Plat 7).

Friday, April 14.

It was voted to take for school purposes land on Bartlett, Pearl and School streets, at Charlestown.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to extend Gainsborough street.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Empire street, at Brighton, and for a sewer in Parker Hill avenue.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

VACCINATION STATIONS.

In view of the recent cases of small-pox found in Charlestown, the Board of Health, by votes of April 12 and 13, 1899, has opened forty-six stations in various parts of the city for free vaccination each day (except Sunday) from 7 to 9 o'clock P.M., as follows:

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Warren, corner of Pearl and Summer streets, Charlestown; Bunker Hill, Baldwin street, Charlestown; Emerson, Prescott street, corner of Bennington street, East Boston; Plummer, Belmont square, East Boston; Chapman, Eutaw street, East Boston; Lyman, corner Paris and Gove streets, East Boston; Gaston, Fifth street, corner of L street, South Boston; Thomas N. Hart, H street, corner East Fifth street, South Boston; John A. Andrew, Dorchester street, South Boston; Norcross, corner of D and Fifth streets, South Boston; Shurtleff, Dorchester street, South Boston; Lawrence, corner of B and Third streets, South Boston; Benjamin Pope, O street, South Boston; Brighton High, Cambridge and Warren streets, Brighton; Allston, Cambridge street, Allston; Bennett, Chestnut Hill avenue, Brighton; Agassiz, Brewer and Burroughs streets, Jamaica Plain; Bowditch, Green street, Jamaica Plain; Charles Sumner, Ashland street, Roslindale; Robert G. Shaw, Hastings street, West Roxbury; Dillaway, Kenilworth street, Roxbury; Franklin, Waltham street; Everett, Northampton street; George Putnam, Columbus avenue, Roxbury; Sherwin, Sterling street, Roxbury; Comins, Tremont street, corner of Terrace street, Roxbury; Dearborn, Dearborn place, near Eustis street, Roxbury; Lowell, Centre street, Jamaica Plain; Hugh O'Brien, corner Dudley and Langdon streets, Roxbury; Quincy-street Primary; Martin, Huntington avenue and Worthington street, Roxbury; Edward Everett, Sumner street, Dorchester; Dorchester High, Centre street, corner of Dorchester avenue, Dorchester; Mather, Meeting-house Hill, Dorchester; Harbor View-street School; Minot, Neponset avenue, Dorchester; Gilbert Stuart, Richmond street, Lower Mills, Dorchester; Christopher Gibson, Bowdoin avenue, head of Morse street, Dorchester; Ware, North Bennet street; Quincy, Tyler street; Wells, corner Blossom and Green streets; Skinner, Fayette street; Bowdoin, Myrtle street; Winthrop, Tremont and Eliot streets.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ward-room, corner Bunker Hill and Lexington streets; office Overseers of the Poor, Old City Hall, City square, Charlestown.

Department Communications.**Building Department.**

Old Court House, April 3, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending April 1, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	4	
2...	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
6...	1	2	-	-	3	-	6	2	5	22	
7...	-	9	2	-	1	-	2	1	4	39	
8...	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	15	
9...	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	10	
10...	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	12	
11...	1	4	1	-	2	-	2	-	1	15	
12...	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	4	9	
13...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	4	
14...	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	8	
15...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	
16...	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	9	
17...	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	3	
18...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	6	
19...	2	1	1	1	21	3	-	-	2	8	
20...	9	1	7	-	-	1	-	2	4	41	
21...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	23	
22...	4	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	
23...	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	2	10	
24...	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	4	14	
25...	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	1	9	
T'ls..	42	37	16	4	29	6	15	24	75	275	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, April 17, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending April 15, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	124
Number of discharges of mortgages	20
Number of assignments of mortgages	10
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	5
Number of bills of sale	8
Number of assignments of wages	32
Number of married women's certificates	15
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	4
Number of ship liens	1

The following accident notices have been filed:

April 12—Mrs. Mary A. Shattuck, personal injuries caused by plank lying on sidewalk, corner of Dover and Washington streets.

April 13—C. A. Ramsdell, personal injuries caused by ice on sidewalk at 344 Tremont street; Margaret Lucy, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk at 33 McLean street.

April 14—John A. Halloran, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in highway in Haymarket square.

April 15—Mary Maley, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk at 26 High street, Charlestown.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, April 15, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Daniel Bradley, Newhall place, Ward 24, one horse; hearing April 27, at 11 o'clock. John Mahan, 35 Fuller street, Ward 24, one cow; hearing April 20, at 11 o'clock. A. J. Robinson, Rexham street, Ward 23, two horses; hearing April 27, at 11 o'clock. Cousens Brothers, Commonwealth avenue, near Essex street, Ward 25, eight additional horses; hearing April 27, at 11 o'clock.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending April 14:

Steers	191
New England cows	26
New England bulls	11
Western cows	56
Western bulls	19
Sheep	90
Calves	515
Total	908

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending April 15, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	11	6	17
Negative	38	10	48
No growth	2	—	2
Totals	51	16	67

Remarks—Typhoid examinations: Five cases positive, four cases negative, one case, pus from ear, staphylococci and streptococci.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, April 10, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending April 8, 1899:

Cases pending	2
Number of applications	71
Number of Admissions:	
To State Almshouse	31
Long Island Almshouse,	13
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	1
Boston Insane Hospital,	8
Westboro' Insane Hospital	5
Foxboro' Asylum	3
Number of applications refused	5
Number of applications withdrawn	5
Cases pending	2
Total	73

Settlements investigated	163
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	41
E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.	

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, April 3, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending April 1:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	80	7
Females	19	—
Totals	99	7
Offences:		
Against the person	2	2
Against property	12	5
Against public order and decency	86	—
Totals	*100	7
Discharges:		
Males	117	11
Females	17	11
Totals	134	22
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence, Permit of Commissioner	93	19
Payment of fine	30	—
Transferred to Concord	11	—
Transferred to State Farm	—	1
Totals	134	22
Population:		
March 25, 1899	1,141	480
Committed since March 25, 1899	99	7
Totals	1,240	487
Discharged since March 25, 1899	134	22
April 1, 1899	1,106	465

*One man committed, charged with two offences.

Statistics for the week ending April 8:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	130	4
Females	10	5
Total	140	9
Offences:		
Against the person	9	1
Against property	8	3
Against public order and decency	124	5
Total	*141	9
Discharges:		
Males	130	7
Females	25	4
Total	155	11
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	103	7
Permit of Commissioner,	30	—
Payment of fine	21	—
Died	1	—
Transferred to Deer Island	—	3
Transferred to Lunatic Hospital	—	1
Total	155	11

Population:		
April 1, 1899	1,106	465
Committed since April 1, 1899	140	9
Total	1,246	474
Discharged since April 1, 1899	155	11
April 8, 1899	1,091	463

*One committed, charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, April 4, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending April 1, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	554
Defects reported	86
Defects corrected	19
Notices of new work received	9
Feet of dead wire removed	15,500
Feet of dead wire retained	400
Fixtures removed	30
Poles set	14

The Department employees responded to an alarm of fire from Box 45 at 4 A.M., March 27, at 91-93 Federal street; also to an alarm of fire from Box 68, at 3.55 P.M., March 29, fire at 61-63 Wareham street. At the latter place wires belonging to the Badger estate used for furnishing power in this block were removed where they were found to be interfering with the work of the Fire Department.

Proposed new pole locations for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in Brighton and Dorchester, also East Boston, have been selected and approved.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	219
Notices of new work received	108

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	1
Building connections	13
Repairs	3

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	9
Building connections	10
Lamp connections	1
Pole connections	1
Repairs	6
Cable drawings	22

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

An extensive chart of Russia is to be exhibited at the Paris Exposition, on which will be shown the extent of different trades in Russia.

The world's coffee production in 1898-99 was 13,608,000 bags, or 1,796,256,000 pounds. Of this aggregate, Brazil produced 9,800,000 bags, or 1,293,600,000 pounds.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1899.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	519	32	551	266	225	60	244	72	82	551	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	189	—	189	83	96	10	47	25	104	188	1
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	556	111	667	254	363	50	248	181	171	653	14
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	46	8	54	29	14	11	15	12	17	54	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	18	2	20	19	1	—	14	7	2	20	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	34	17	51	24	21	6	28	6	2	51	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	76	86	162	50	110	2	52	16	15	162	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	5,802	722	6,524	555	5,862	107	3,132	2,406	558	6,023	501
Totals	7,240	978	8,218	1,280	6,692	246	3,780	2,725	951	7,702	516

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	2	—	24	—	49	—	129	5	107	2	86	2	60	7	27	6	15	6	10	1	4	2	6	1
No. 2.	3	—	38	—	53	—	35	—	26	—	11	—	11	—	8	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
No. 3.	4	—	55	2	98	13	89	18	119	21	58	15	59	17	29	12	21	6	16	3	5	3	3	1
No. 4.	1	—	10	—	3	1	13	—	6	2	5	—	1	3	1	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	5	—	1	1	5	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6.	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	6	1	4	6	3	4	8	1	2	2	1	2	3	—	2	1
No. 7.	—	—	1	—	6	4	18	33	22	23	7	14	11	10	5	—	3	1	3	1	—	—	—	—
No. 8.	13	11	107	9	276	37	808	83	1,018	150	951	127	815	112	586	69	522	45	309	33	186	14	211	32
Totals	23	11	235	12	488	55	1,095	139	1,309	199	1,123	165	965	153	667	89	571	61	340	40	201	19	223	35

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	86	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	25	Males	105
Missing persons reported	65	Females	1
Missing persons found	27	Americans	77
Lost children restored	171	Foreigners	29
Sick and injured persons assisted	774	Non-residents	100

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	4,438	77	<i>Brought forward</i>	8,166	106
British Provinces	695	3	Finland	7	—
Ireland	1,894	16	Denmark	5	—
England	259	2	Holland	4	—
France	16	—	Wales	7	—
Germany	80	4	East Indies	1	—
Italy	192	1	West Indies	12	—
Russia	116	1	Turkey	4	—
China	206	—	South America	—	—
Greece	32	—	Switzerland	2	—
Sweden	72	2	Belgium	4	—
Scotland	110	—	Africa	2	—
Spain	8	—	Hungary	2	—
Norway	24	—	Asia	—	—
Poland	8	—	Arabia	1	—
Austria	7	—	Mexico	1	—
Portugal	9	—	Cuba	—	—
Roumania	—	—			
<i>Carried forward</i>	8,166	106	Totals	8,218	106

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending April 15, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.6
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	22.5
Number of deaths:	
Males	121
Females	94
Total	215
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	229
Decrease	14

Of the 215 decedents, 209 were white and 6 colored; 143 were born in the United States, 68 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 40 were of American parentage, 148 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 27 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	33	6
Scarlatina	22	1
Typhoid fever	17	1
Measles	121	1
Totals	193	9

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	11
Pneumonia	42
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	14
Bronchitis	10
Marasmus	2
Violent causes	15

Total from principal causes	96
Total from infectious diseases	9
Total from other causes	110
Total from all causes	215
Deaths of children under 1 year	37
Deaths of children under 5 years	64
Deaths of persons over 60 years	43
Deaths in public institutions	45

EXPORTATION OF MANUFACTURES.

According to the most recent publication of the United States Treasury Bureau of Statistics, the exportation of manufactures in the fiscal year 1899, is likely to show an increase of more than \$30,000,000 over that of last year; that of iron and steel alone will supply more than one-half that increase. In the eight months of the fiscal year for which the Treasury Bureau of Statistics figures are now available, the exports of iron and steel are nearly \$16,000,000 greater than in the corresponding months of the preceding fiscal year, and show a gain of 36 per cent. over those of last year, and nearly 70 per cent. over those of the preceding year. In importations of iron and steel there is a reduction as compared with last year, though not in so marked a degree, the falling off in imports for the eight months being but 10 per cent. while the corresponding period of last year showed a reduction of 20 per cent.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order was promulgated by the Board of Police on April 17, 1899:
General Order No. 589.

I. Sergeant Michael O'Neil and Patrolmen George A. Jordan and Walter M. Murphy, of Division 4, having been commended by their captain for zeal and intelligence shown in obtaining evidence in the case of the murder of Charles L. Russell, on April 4, 1898, they are hereby commended in General Orders.

II. Patrolman Charles K. Hilton, of Division 1, having been commended by his captain and citizens for courage shown in stopping a pair of runaway horses attached to a brewery wagon on Causeway street, on March 31, 1899, he is hereby commended in General Orders.

III. Reserve Officer John F. Peers, of Division 16, having been commended by his captain and citizens for courage shown in stopping a pair of runaway horses attached to a carriage on Huntington avenue, on the seventh instant, he is hereby appointed a patrolman in the police force of the City of Boston and assigned to duty in the same division. He will report at the Clerk's Office, Headquarters, at 9.30 o'clock A.M., Tuesday, April 18, to be sworn.

Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.****STREET DEPARTMENT.**

Boston, April 20, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in St. Stephen street, between St. Stephen and Bryant streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, April 27, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY HALL, BOSTON, MASS.:

Allston, January 30, 1899.

The Brookline Gas Light Company hereby respectfully petitions your honorable Board for permission to erect and maintain eight carrying poles for electric wires on the northerly side of Brintree street, between Franklin and Everett streets, as shown on the accompanying plan (No. 421), dated January 30, 1899.

Brookline Gas Light Company,
By H. M. WHITNEY, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

April 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Brighton Item, Boston Traveler and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.****STREET DEPARTMENT.**

Boston, April 20, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Idaho street, from River street, northerly about 870 feet, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, April 27, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 11, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 11 Norway street, Ward 10, two bay-windows of the following description:

To project from second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh stories, over Norway street. Dimensions: Fifty-eight feet high, ten feet wide, and two feet six inches over line of street.

G. J. WHITE.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

April 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the first day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Boston, April 5, 1899.

The undersigned respectfully petitions for leave to project an awning to be constructed of iron and glass over a new entrance to their store on Avon street; said awning to be about eighteen feet wide and to project about the width of the sidewalk and to be of a height about ten feet above the sidewalk.

JORDAN, MARSH & Co.,
By WINSLOW, WETHERELL & BIGELOW.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

April 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the first day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, April 20, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Stanley street, between Quincy and Bellevue streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M., of Thursday, April 27, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT—PAVING DIVISION.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Boston, April 17, 1899.

To the owners of property abutting on public streets that are to be improved: All owners of abutting property, or people having rights in the public streets, are hereby notified, in accordance with Section 7 of Chapter 88 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, that the Street Department of the City of Boston intends to improve the following streets, and all persons or parties having any rights in the said streets are requested to make all necessary repairs to their sewers or water connections, or any pipes or structures, within two weeks from date, as after that time no permits will be granted on these streets until one year after their completion.

East Boston—Prescott street, Princeton street.
Dorchester—Capen street, Norfolk street to Evans street, Talbot avenue.

Roxbury—Marcella street at Centre street, Norfolk avenue, Shirley street to the railroad bridge, Parker street, Bromley park to Centre street.

City Proper—Atlantic avenue, Dewey square to Oliver street, Blackstone street, Hanover street across North street, Congress street, Atlantic avenue to the bridge, Devonshire street, Milk street to Water street, Federal street, Dewey square to Milk street, Genesee street, Oswego street, Harrison avenue, Kneeland street to Bennet street, Kingston street, Bedford street to Beach street, Leverett street, Minot street to Craigie's bridge, Milton street (Ward 8), West Newton street, Shawmut avenue to Washington street.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, April 6, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Charlestown street, from a point where the company's tracks now end in Haymarket square to Causeway street, thence on said Causeway street, from a point on said street where the existing tracks of said company now end to Commercial street, and thence on said Commercial street to a point near Hull street; also a small piece of single track, connecting with the tracks above petitioned for on Charlestown street, to and connecting with the existing track on Haverhill street, together with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated March 29, 1899, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the first day of May at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy, J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 14, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Gainsborough street be laid out as a highway from St. Stephen street to Hemenway street, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-eighth day of April, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Sealed proposals for building Draws and Piers for a Temporary Pile Bridge across the Charles River near the West Boston Bridge, will be received at the office of the Mayor, City Hall, Boston, until 4 o'clock P.M., of Tuesday, April 25, 1899, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for the sum of \$1,000, payable to the order of the Cambridge Bridge Commission, which check will be returned to the bidder unless forfeited as hereinafter provided. A bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in the sum of twenty per cent. of the amount of said contract, of an approved surety company, or with two or more sureties satisfactory to the Commission. The surety company must be one doing business in Massachusetts, and sureties must be residents of said state. The contract must be signed and the bond furnished within six days (Sunday excepted) after the date of the notification by the Commission of the acceptance of the proposal and the readiness of the contract for signature; and in case of the failure of the bidder, after such notification, to execute the contract and furnish the bond within said time, the proposal will be considered as abandoned, and the certified check accompanying the proposal shall be forfeited to the Commission.

Plan can be seen at the office of the City Engineer, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids should it be deemed advisable so to do.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN,
E. D. LEAVITT,
Cambridge Bridge Commission.

NOTICE.

TO THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

Boston, April 11, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully asks your honorable Board for permission to lay and maintain underground conduits and man-holes with the wires and cables to be placed therein under the surface of the following streets: Bulfinch, Howard, Fleet, Lewis, Cross and Salem streets, Ward 6; Eliot, Kneeland and Bennet streets, Ward 7; Green street, Ward 8; Blue Hill avenue, Ward 20; Centre street and Columbus avenue, Ward 22; Adams street and Neponset avenue, Ward 24.

Also for permission to erect and maintain distributing poles with the wires to be placed thereon, and to lay and maintain underground conduits, manholes, cables and wires for the purpose of making connection with said poles and with existing poles it may desire to use for distributing purposes, and for making building connections with its said conduits on the above or intersecting streets.

Plans showing location of conduits constructed to be filed after completion of work.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Boston Globe, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy, J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, March 28, 1899.

Respectfully petitions the undersigned for leave to erect, on Devens street, Charlestown District, for electric wires, two hard pine poles, nine inches square at the base and thirty-five feet high, as shown on the accompanying plan, drawn by Charles A. Pearson, and dated March 25, 1899. The width of sidewalk varies from seven feet seven inches to ten feet four inches.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company,
GEORGE B. NEAL, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Charlestown Enterprise, Boston Journal and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy, J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

Boston, April 5, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of location is filed, dated April 23, 1899, and March 1, 2, 23 and 31, 1899.

Said Company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

E street, between West First street and Congress street, Ward 13, twenty-four poles.
Munroe street, between Hazelwood street and Humboldt avenue, Ward 21, three poles.
Brookside avenue, between Cornwall and Ophir streets, Ward 22; also remove a pole from Brookside avenue, between Cornwall and Ophir streets, Ward 22.
Sigourney street, between Glen road and Robeson street, Ward 22.
Beethoven street, between Washington street and Arcadia street, Ward 22.
Landseer street, from La Grange street, Ward 23.
Allston Heights, between Cambridge street and Ridgemont street, Ward 25.
Adams street, between Richmond street and Englewood street, Ward 24.
Hillsdale street, between Englewood street and Richview street, Ward 24.
Ocean street, from Roslin street, Ward 24.
Roslin street, between Harley and Ocean streets, Ward 24.
Paris street, between Brooks and Marion streets, Ward 1.
Hooker street, between Haskell and North Harvard streets, Ward 25.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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Passed.

A true copy, J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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Volume II.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1899.

Number 17.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Aldermen at its regular meeting on Monday the twenty-fourth instant, unanimously voted to confirm the following appointments by His Honor the Mayor, all of them being for the term of one year, beginning with May 1, 1899:

Alfred T. Turner, to be City Treasurer.
James H. Dodge, to be City Auditor.
William Jackson, to be City Engineer.
William H. Whitmore, to be City Registrar.
Andrew J. Bailey, to be Corporation Counsel.
Thomas M. Babson, to be City Solicitor.
Benjamin W. Wells, to be Superintendent of Streets.
James Donovan, to be Superintendent of Lamps.
John Drohan, to be Superintendent of Public Buildings.
William Doogue, to be Superintendent of Public Grounds.
George E. McKay, to be Superintendent of Markets.

Thomas A. Whalen, to be Superintendent of Printing.

Rueben Peterson, to be Soldiers' Relief Commissioner.

Daniel P. Sullivan, to be Sealer of Weights and Measures and Seizer of Illegal Charcoal Measures.

Raphael Rosnosky, Charles Mintz, Edwin J. Turner, John J. Higgins, Jeremiah J. Crowley, Thomas F. Brophy, John Golding, William H. Fallon, and Thomas J. Dwyer, to be Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and Seizers of Illegal Charcoal Measures.

Frank O. Seavey, to be a Measurer of Grain, a Weigher of Coal and an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw.

George E. Kerr, to be a Constable (in place of George W. Goode, declined).

SEALING OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT.

An abstract is presented of the Annual Report of the Sealing of Weights and Measures Department for the year 1898-99 which has recently been submitted to His Honor the Mayor. The report constitutes Document 31.

The force of the Department consists of one sealer, ten deputy sealers, one messenger and one keeper.

Following is a summary of the operations of the Department for the year:

Number of scales tested	15,426
Number of weights tested	49,804
Number of dry measures tested	9,458
Number of wet measures tested	138,511
Number of yardsticks tested	1,431
Number of charcoal baskets tested	58
Number of coal baskets tested	514
Number of surveyors' steel tapes tested	15
Number of salt tubs tested	13
Number of brewers' grain tubs tested,	10

The system of testing and sealing at places of business gives general satisfaction. Some of the above work, however, was done in the office of the Department, for which no fees were received.

The total amount of earnings of the Department for the year, including \$292.24 due but uncollected, was \$5,957.24. If fees had been collected on work done in the office the revenue of the Department would have been increased \$5,310.21.

The appropriation of the Department for 1898-99 was \$24,634. The expenditures were \$24,633.33.

REOPENING OF CASTLE ISLAND TO THE PUBLIC.

The following correspondence is self-explanatory:

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, April 10, 1899.

HON. R. A. ALGER, Secretary of War.

DEAR SIR: Will you kindly inform us if Castle Island can now, without detriment to your Department, be restored to the care of the Park Department of the City of Boston?

Yours very respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Washington, April 12, 1899.

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Esq., Chairman,
Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

SIR: Replying to your letter of April 10, 1899, asking if Castle Island, Boston harbor, which during the war with Spain it became necessary to use in connection with the submarine mine defense of Boston, can now, without detriment to the War Department, be restored to the care of the Park Department of the City of Boston, I beg to inform you that the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, under date of the tenth instant, reported that as the work of unloading and storing the mines is now completed, there is no reason for the further exclusion of the public from said island.

Very respectfully,

G. D. MEIKLEJOHN,

Acting Secretary of War.

EXPENDITURES OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

Water Commissioner Murphy has submitted to His Honor the Mayor the following communication and report relative to the expenditures of the Water Department:

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, April 17, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In reference to the statement made at the hearing at the State House, that the

Water Department was spending more money since the State had taken a portion of its system than before, I would report that such statements are incorrect. I submit copy of the report of Andrew Stewart, examiner of accounts, which shows that in the fiscal year 1897-98, before the State took a portion of our system, our expenditures were \$1,071,837.11, and that in the year 1898-99, which covers the period since the State took control of a portion of our system, the expenditures were \$898,827.37, showing a difference of expenditures between the two years of \$173,009.74.

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. MURPHY,
Water Commissioner.

28 State Street, April 15, 1899.

HON. JOHN R. MURPHY, Water Commissioner:

DEAR SIR: At your request I have made an examination of the expenditures of the Water Department for the fiscal years 1895-96 to 1898-99, inclusive, the figures for the purpose having been obtained from the reports of the City Auditor and the Water Department reports for the above-mentioned period. I submit to you herewith my finding in the matter.

Yours very truly,

ANDREW STEWART.

EXPENDITURES OF THE BOSTON WATER DEPARTMENT.

1895-96 to 1898-99 (inclusive).

1895-96.

Current expenses (Auditor's Report, pages 137-8)	\$610,101 70
Extension of mains, etc. (Auditor's Report, page 141)	251,984 94
Additional supply (Auditor's Report, page 140)	382,819 01
	\$1,244,905 65
Paid on account of work done for corporations, etc.	18,648 71
Total	\$1,226,256 94

1896-97.

Current expenses (Auditor's Report, page 151)	\$591,550 42
Extension of mains, etc. (Auditor's Report, page 153)	232,142 98
Additional supply (Auditor's Report, page 153)	217,070 45
	\$1,040,763 85
Paid on account of work done for corporations, etc. (Second Annual Report Water Commissioner, pages 11-13)	17,366 14
Total	\$1,023,397 71

1897-98.

Current expenses (Auditor's Report, page 164)	\$623,476 51
Extension of mains, etc. (Auditor's Report, page 165)	281,782 32
Additional supply (Auditor's Report, page 165)	179,879 01
	\$1,085,137 84
Paid on account of work done for corporations, etc. (Third Annual Report Water Commissioner, pages 13-14)	13,300 73
Total	\$1,071,837 11

1898-99.

Current expenses and extension of mains (one appropriation, Auditor's Exhibit, January 31, 1899, page 19)	\$808,582 59
From loan of \$200,000 issued November, 1898, for extension of mains (Auditor's Exhibit, January 31, 1899, page 17)	152,601 63
	\$961,184 22
Paid on account of work done for corporations, etc.	47,798 94
Total	\$913,385 28

The amounts expended during the above years upon portions of the Water Department system now held by the State, estimated as closely as possible, are as follows:

1895-96	\$233,482 98
1896-97	200,608 84
1897-98	163,862 83
1898-99	14,557 91

The amount for the year 1898-99 (\$14,557.91) subtracted from the total amount as stated (\$913,385.28) would leave \$898,827.37 as the net expenditure for that year.

The total amount for the year 1897-98, that is, including the amounts paid on account of portions taken by the State, was \$1,071,837.11, showing a difference of expenditure between the two years of \$173,009.74, caused by the loss to the city of those portions of the Department taken by the State.

FREE MUNICIPAL CONCERTS.

Up to date the Music Commission has given in the various districts of the city twenty-three free chamber concerts. The artists have been a quartette of instrumentalists, a pianist and a vocalist at each concert. The works performed have been of the highest musical kind, comprising compositions by Mozart, Haydn, Raff, Wieniawski, Boccherini, Sarr, Bremer, Schumann, Paderewski, Taubert and Herold. The vocal numbers have been drawn from the compositions of song writers of the best school. These concerts have been given in the following sections:

Two each at East Boston, Charlestown, Roxbury, South Boston, Old Public Library, South End Ward-room, Jamaica Plain, North End, and one each in the districts of Dorchester, Neponset, Brighton, Mt. Pleasant, Warren street district and Boylston Station.

The last two series of concerts were given mostly in the public school halls in the various districts.

The audiences in each of these places were limited only by the size of the hall, and it is estimated that nearly 20,000 have listened to the programmes offered by the artists during the season.

The Music Commission is at present planning the open-air concerts for the summer season, and have engaged the services of thirty-seven well known musicians to con-

stitute the Municipal Band for the season. The position of director will be filled by Mr. Emil Mollenhauer, whose work as director of the series of Music Hall concerts during the winter season was so well received by the musical critics and the public generally. A certain number of concerts will be given on the Common and South Boston, and other sections of the city. The class of music offered will be most attractive to the music lovers of the city.

LIST OF UNDERTAKERS.

Following is a list of undertakers appointed by the Board of Health for the year ending April 30, 1900:

Barnett Abrams, Michael Avdon, A. A. Badaracco, T. J. Balfe, Walden Banks, Michael Barry, Philip Belgard, M. H. Bernstein, P. J. Brady, F. L. Briggs, E. G. Brown, F. E. Brown, J. E. Bryant, T. W. Bryant, E. C. Burke, J. B. Burke, T. F. Callahan, Michael Cangiano, S. M. Caro, F. P. Casey, W. J. Cassidy, C. E. Chester, W. C. Clark, J. P. Cleary, C. W. Cobb, F. L. Cobb, C. E. Colbert, H. H. Cole, A. H. Connell, M. J. Cosmo, F. E. Crane, H. R. Crane, J. P. Crogan, E. A. Crosby, J. T. Crosby, C. M. Dacey, J. W. Dolan, P. J. Donovan, D. J. Dooley, John Doolin, Thomas Doyle, A. L. Eastman, G. E. Everett, J. D. Fallon, M. A. Farrell, Thomas Feeley, John Feeney, George V. Field, George P. Field, E. D. Fitzgibbon, J. C. Gallivan, E. J. Gilmore, E. F. Gleason, R. Gleason, J. Guggenheim, James Haynes, H. S. Hatch, George Hill, Alphonse Hogue, M. Jacobovitz, Louis Jacobs, L. L. Jones, T. J. Keating, B. Kelly, M. J. Kelly, T. J. Kelly, T. J. Lane, J. A. Langone, F. W. Lavery, J. W. Lavery, L. W. Leary, C. P. Linnehan, William Lippa, F. S. Maloney, L. A. Mann, W. W. Marsh, H. Maunheimer, C. P. McCaffrey, John McCaffrey, T. McCartney, Hugh McCugh, B. S. McMackin, E. H. Metcalf, M. J. Mitchell, J. S. Morris, J. J. Morris, J. L. Muldoon, James Mullen, M. J. Mullen, P. N. Mullen, M. J. Murphy, E. A. Murray, J. E. Nolan, James F. O'Donnell, J. H. Peak, J. H. Peak, jr., J. Peyser, P. H. Rafferty, T. E. Raftery, G. E. Reade, V. DeP. Reade, V. DeP. Reade, jr., Martin Reagan, T. F. Ring, E. E. Roach, J. R. Roeder, R. Roles, M. L. Silverstein, B. F. Smith, S. G. Smith, W. F. Spencer, J. W. Sprague, Jacob Stanetsky, W. J. Stokes, J. F. Sullivan, S. J. Sullivan, T. J. Sullivan, C. F. Tinkham, Jeremiah Tinkham, J. B. Tendorf, Frederick Vinal, F. S. Waterman, G. H. Waterman, B. L. Watson, G. A. Willard, N. M. Williams, Joseph Williamson, Solomon Wittenburg.

In April, 1898, of 197 candidates who took the supervisors' examinations, 115 were granted certificates, and of 127 candidates examined in January, 1899, eighty-eight were granted certificates. In addition to the above, thirteen persons received certificates at special individual examinations, and 101 graduates of the Boston Normal School received certificates, making a total of 317 in the year ending March 31, 1899.

IMMIGRATION FOR MARCH.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the month ending March 31, 1899:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Armenian	1	1	—
Dutch and Flemish	3	3	—
English	144	102	42
Finnish	66	55	11
French	3	2	1
German	7	7	—
Hebrew	22	19	3
Irish	183	116	67
Italian (Southern)	2	2	—
Polish	41	36	5
Portuguese	5	2	3
Scandinavian	192	142	50
Scotch	27	21	6
Welsh	5	4	1
West Indian	3	2	1
Total	704	514	190
Tourists or passengers en route	35	—	—
Total immigration for March	739	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS. — STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division —	
Maine	5
New Hampshire	14
Vermont	5
Massachusetts	392
Rhode Island	16
Connecticut	12
New York	78
New Jersey	2
Pennsylvania	45
Total	569
North Central Division —	
Ohio	5
Indiana	2
Illinois	37
Michigan	15
Wisconsin	8
Minnesota	28
Iowa	14
Missouri	1
North Dakota	3
South Dakota	3
Nebraska	1
Kansas	3
Total	120
Western Division —	
Montana	1
Wyoming	2
Idaho	1
Washington	5
Oregon	1
California	5
Total	15
RECAPITULATION.	
North Atlantic Division	569
North Central Division	120
Western Division	15
Total	704

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, April 24, 1899, at 3 P.M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor, Mayor Quincy, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

Thomas J. Lane, to be a Bath Trustee for the term of five years, beginning with May 1, 1899.

Albert W. Hersey, to be a member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees for the term of five years, beginning with May 1, 1899.

Samuel H. Durgin, to be a member of the Board of Health for the term of three years, beginning with May 1, 1899.

Alfred De Voto, to be a Music Trustee for the term of five years, beginning with May 1, 1899.

Josiah H. Benton, jr., to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for the term of five years, beginning with May 1, 1899.

Charles E. Stratton, to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners for the term of three years, beginning with May 1, 1899.

Thomas W. Flood, to be Wire Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Charles H. Cole, to be a Constable of the City of Boston for the term of one year, commencing with May 1, 1899, in place of George W. Lowther, deceased.

Joseph M. Harrington and John B. McDonough, to be Constables of the City of Boston for the term of one year, beginning with May 1, 1899, in connection with their duties as employees of the Board of Health.

Cyrus D. Foss, Forrest J. Whitney, and Jeremiah J. Callahan, to be Weighers of Coal and Measurers of Wood and Bark, for the term of one year, commencing with May 1, 1899.

John Rea, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term of one year, beginning with May 1, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

The following messages were also received from His Honor the Mayor:

Veto — Boxing of Tree.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 14, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval a vote passed by your Board at its last meeting, granting permission to I. Mandelstein to box a tree at 126 Sumner street, East Boston, for the reason that a permit cannot legally be given to place a sign around a tree.

I assume that the purpose in boxing the tree is to furnish support for a sign, as it would not be necessary to get permission from the Board if it were simply intended to place a suitable guard around the tree for its protection.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the said permission was granted was reconsidered, and the question came on again granting it, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to again grant permission.

Boys' Playground, Franklin Park.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 24, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in relation to the order requesting the Board to allow young boys their former playground in Franklin Park.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Boston, April 18, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I have received the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting the Park Commissioners to allow young boys their former playground in Franklin Park. We desire to say that this playground has never been taken away from the younger children.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Sent down.

Appointment of Election Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 24, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby notified, in order that it may be made a matter of record, that Mr. Linus E. Pearson has been reappointed a member of the Board of Election Commissioners, for the term of four years, beginning with May 1, 1899.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Withdrawal of Appointment.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 24, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I hereby withdraw the appointment of Mr. Daniel J. Moynihan, jr., to be Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures and Seizer of Illegal Charcoal Measures for the term of one year, commencing with May 1, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

It was voted unanimously that leave be granted to withdraw the appointment.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved April 14, 1899:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer repay to Hugh McLeod the sum of \$83.16, being the amount assessed, with interest, between the amount assessed his estate on Josephine street, for the laying out and construction of said street, by the order of assessment of the Board of Street Commissioners of May 22, 1897, and the amount assessed said estate by the revised order of assessment by said Board of February 17, 1898, said McLeod having paid the original assessment in full.

The following were approved April 17, 1899:

Ordered, That all streets and portions of streets within the city limits be watered during the current year wholly at the expense of the abutters.

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and all taxes assessed for meeting city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1899, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1899; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1899, bear interest from and including said day until paid at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum up to the first day of January, 1900, and at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November, until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles F. Berry the sum of \$157, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on corner Centre and Stimson streets, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 97.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles F. Fernald the sum of \$68.22, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on corner North Harvard and Bayard streets, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 588.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Henry R. Jenkins the sum of \$97.58, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Riverdale street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 603.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles F. Cass the sum of \$73.95, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate

on Kilton street, Lot 49, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 84.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Catherine Emerson the sum of \$102.66, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on rear of Vose street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2408, fol. 97.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to John B. Martin and Michael J. Maloney, executors of the estate of Patrick Raftery, the sum of \$368.22, being the balance returnable from the amount paid by said Raftery for a first and a fourth class liquor license which expired upon his death, January 24, 1899.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the Franklin Savings Bank of the City of Boston the sum of \$160.32, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Maple street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 92.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles T. Gallagher the sum of \$293.25 being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 99 Calumet street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk deeds, Lib. 2530, fol. 220.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Wilfred Bolster the sum of \$1,964.10, being the amounts held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of ten estates on Westville street, lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deeds redeemed before Suffolk record.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John S. Biggio the sum of \$1.32, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Chelsea avenue, for unpaid taxes of the year 1894, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2313, fol. 65.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Dennis B. Connell the sum of \$111.97, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Temple street, West Roxbury, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 609.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Albert K. Teele the sum of \$149.85, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Granville street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 74.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Willard T. Perrin the sum of \$157.22, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mountain avenue, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 566.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Albert C. Dean the sum

of \$225.66, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mt. Vernon street, Dorchester, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2501, fol. 84.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Eliab Ramsdell the sum of \$41.71, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on court off Neponset avenue, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2409, fol. 353.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to George H. Salloway, the sum of \$134.70, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate, 374 Chelsea street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2582, fol. 22.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Joseph H. Davis the sum of \$232.05, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Richards street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2583, fol. 123.

The following were approved April 18:

Ordered, That the Inspector of Buildings be authorized to issue a permit to Frederick Ayer to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Grosvenor place, Ward 21, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Department for the inspection of buildings; said building to be occupied for stable and storage purposes.

Ordered, That the Inspector of Buildings be authorized to issue a permit to H. W. Coltman to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on 84 Marginal street and Haynes street, Ward 2, in excess of size allowed, and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Department for the inspection of buildings; said addition to be occupied for manufacturing purposes, main building occupied for same purposes.

Ordered, That the Inspector of Buildings be authorized to issue a permit to Collas, Whitman & Co., limited, to build outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on wharf rear of 329 Marginal street, Ward 2, in excess of size allowed, and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Department for the inspection of buildings; said addition to be occupied for fish curing, main building occupied for same purpose.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following was approved April 12, 1899:

That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue the necessary permits to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to close Broadway, between Lehigh and Curve streets, and Albany street, between Oswego and Curve streets, to public travel during the work of changing the grades of said streets.

The following were approved April 14:

Permits to the Jenney Manufacturing Company to manufacture, refine, mix, store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at the works of said company on First street, South Boston; and to store and keep for sale such oils or fluids at 2 Central wharf.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

To Bessie Hirshon, sign, 85 Joy street, Ward 8.

To Fritz Franz, sign, 15 Cornhill, Ward 6.

To Dr. M. M. Dewey, illuminated sign, 460 Tremont street, Ward 9.

To Haynes, Sparrell & Co., sign, 301 Congress street, Ward 7.

To William Naigles, sign, 26 Cambridge street, Ward 8.

To Julius Johnson, sign, corner Washington street and Indiana place, Ward 7.

Permits to project bay-windows, viz.:

To W. H. Newcombe, two, 1851 Dorchester avenue, Ward 24.

To C. S. Roberts, two, 15 and 15A Pinckney street, Ward 11.

Permit to F. R. Brown & Co. to run six passenger barges between Forest Hills station and Mt. Hope and Calvary Cemeteries.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

W. A. and H. A. Root, to stretch, maintain and use two guy-ropes over and across Bay State road, at or near No. 119, Ward 11, the same to be removed on or before December 31, 1899.

Francis Peabody, jr., et al., trustees, to construct, maintain and use areas with granite and sidewalk light covers, and two coal-hole openings with iron covers of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalks in front of estate on Atlantic avenue and East street, according to dimensions as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

George A. Fuller Company, to erect, maintain and use guy-ropes with the necessary ropes attached, in and over the following streets, viz:

One on Essex street, near South street.

One on East street, near South street.

One on Atlantic avenue, between Essex and South streets.

One on Atlantic avenue fifty feet south of East street, Ward 7, for use in building construction.

A. Shuman, to construct, maintain and use areas with sidewalk light covers under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Court square and Court street, as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

Cullen Brothers, to stretch, maintain and use two guy-ropes over and across Birch street, near Bragdon street, Ward 23, during building construction.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, the owners to furnish materials, as follows:

G. L. Davidson, 42-46 Greenbrier street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

J. R. Hetherington, 7 Wolcott street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Martha F. Winship, 88 Gardner street, Ward 25, of artificial stone.

Annie M. Phillips, 50 Greenbrier street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Winifred Cahalan, 549 Park street, Ward 20, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

W. G. Babcock, jr., et al., 79-81 Clarkson street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

A. D. Rogers, 84 Gardner street, Ward 25, of artificial stone.

Emma French et al., 45-47-51-57 Round Hill street, Ward 22, of gravel with granite edgestone.

Margaret A. Curtis, 278 East Cottage street, Ward 20, of brick with granite edgestone.

Daniel H. Sullivan, 180 Hillside street, Ward 19, of brick with granite edgestone.

Edgar F. Billings, 409 Marlboro' street, Ward 11, of artificial stone.

Cornelius D. Hurley, 71-73 Savin Hill avenue, Ward 20, of brick with granite edgestone.

I. W. Crozier, corner Washington and Forest Hills streets, Ward 22, of gravel with granite edgestone.

Mrs. M. J. Hall, 15-21-27 Edson street, Ward 24, of gravel with granite edgestone.

J. F. Cranston, 734-736 East Seventh street and on N street, Ward 15, of brick.

S. M. Shapleigh, 144 Ruthven street, Ward 21, of brick with granite edgestone.

Frank A. Leicht, 73-75 Mercer street, Ward 15, of brick with granite edgestone.

Daniel A. Ritter, 30 Ottawa street, Ward 21, of brick.

Boston Plate and Window Glass Company, 261-287 A street, Ward 13, of brick.

M. D. Kneeland, 29 Wyoming street, Ward 21, of gravel with granite edgestone.

George H. Brown, 30 Algonquin street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Martha J. Kearney, School street (south side), corner Washington street, Ward 20, of artificial stone with edgestone.

P. J. Donlan, 1528 Tremont street, Ward 19, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. and P. M. Ahern to move a wooden building, flat roof, eighteen feet in length by twelve feet in width by ten feet in height, from 57 Devon street, through Devon and Normandy streets to Stanwood street, to lot on said Stanwood street, Ward 20, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove six poles from Providence street, between Berkeley and Church streets, said poles being shown by red dots marked "removed" on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1889, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That the time allowed the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts in which to erect poles in Ashmont street, Ward 24, under the order passed by this Board March 29, 1897, be and the same is hereby extended to June 30, 1899.

Ordered, That the Clerk of Committees be hereby authorized to prepare for the use of the members of the Board of Aldermen a pocket manual containing the Revised Regulations of the Board of Aldermen; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the

Contingent Fund of the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved April 15, 1899:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated January 31, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Salem street, Ward 5, three poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

St. John street, Ward 22, nine poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Rockview street, Ward 22, one pole, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Washington street, Ward 20, one pole, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from Washington street, Ward 20, said pole being shown by a black cross on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated January 31, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated March 9, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Oak street, Ward 4, three poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, dated November 1889; said pole to be located as follows:

Forest Hills street, Ward 23, one pole, thirty feet high, eleven inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, six feet.

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from Forest Hills street, said pole being

shown by a red dot on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1889, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, dated June 15, 1892; said pole to be located as follows:

East Second street, Ward 14, one pole, thirty-five feet high, twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from East Second street, said pole being shown by a red dot marked "removed" on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated June 15, 1892, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated December 29, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Chester street, Ward 25, two poles; Farrington street, Ward 25, four poles; all said poles being thirty-five feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated February 9, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Atherton street, Ward 22, five poles, thirty feet high, ten inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and

occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to lay and maintain conduits for electric wires and cables, provided with suitable manholes, in Bay State road, between Beacon and Deerfield streets, Minot street, between Lowell and Leverett streets; Anderson street between Cambridge and Pinckney streets.

The surface of said streets shall be disturbed for the purpose of laying or repairing cables, or conduits therefor, only at such times and in such manner and place of opening as the Superintendent of Streets shall indicate and issue permits therefor; and the surface of said streets shall not be disturbed as above until a plan has been filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets showing the location of said underground conduits and manholes in the aforesaid streets.

All the work of laying said conduits to be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 38, Section 14, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Clyde street, Ward 2, in front of the estates on said street; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone and report to this Board a schedule of the cost thereof.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Ruggles street, between Halleck street and Parker street, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestones, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost thereof.

ORDERS PASSED — NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be hereby requested to place suitable signs on Hanley square, junction of Columbus avenue and Roxbury street, Roxbury.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to reinstate such of the employees of the Bridge Division as lost their employment in said division on account of enlisting in the army or navy during the recent war with Spain.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to construct a crossing on Washington street, on the easterly side, at Bowdoin street, Ward 20.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to provide a suitable curbstone around Tremlett Park, Ward 20, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to dredge the Wood Island flats so Wood Island Park will border on deep water at all stages of the tide, and to establish a line of pleasure boats connecting with other water parks.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Park Commissioners to place the golf links in Franklin Park in proper condition.

Ordered, That the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide an electric signal gong at the Welles-avenue crossing of said corporation, similar to that recently provided at the Freeman-street crossing on same railroad.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The three following orders were presented to the Mayor, April 13, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to remove a tree on Washington street, at Montebello road, Ward 22; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place three additional gas lamps on Phipps avenue, Ward 20; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a suitable number of gas lamps on Willis street, Dorchester; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

April 18, 1899.

General Order No. 590.

Reserve Officer Michael J. Welch, of Division 1, having been commended by his captain for meritorious service in rescuing persons from a burning building at 358 Hanover street, at midnight on the seventeenth instant, he is hereby appointed a patrolman in the police force of the City of Boston and assigned for duty in the same division. He will report at the clerk's office, headquarters, on Thursday, twentieth instant, at 9.30 A.M., to be sworn.

April 21, 1899.

General Order No. 591.

Reserve Officer Frederick W. Sonnemann, of Division 3, having been commended by his captain for meritorious service in stopping a runaway horse on Cambridge street on April 10, current, he is hereby appointed a patrolman in the police force of the City of Boston and assigned for duty in the same division. He will report at the clerk's office, headquarters, at 9.30 o'clock A.M., Saturday, twenty-second instant, to be sworn.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1899.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of March, 1899, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	541,827
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	20.49
Death rate for corresponding month, 1898	20.71
Number of deaths:	
Males	469
Females	456
	925
Condition:	
Married	274
Single	495
Widows	105
Widowers	43
Unknown	8
Color:	
White	905
Colored	20
Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	171
Under 2 years	235
Under 5 years	282
Deaths by diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	2
Under 2 years	2
Under 5 years	2
All ages	4
Nativity:	
United States	601
Ireland	151
England	16
Scotland	6
Germany	30
British America	68
Italy	11
Russia	9
Other countries	20
Unknown	13
Parentage:	
American	218
Irish	275
English	13
Scotch	13
German	28
British American	64
Italian	41
Russian	20
Other countries	75
Mixed	66
Unknown	112
Still-births during the month	41

Causes of Death.**I. ZYMOTICS.**

Alcoholism	2
Croup	1
Cholera infantum	1
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	16
Diarrhoea	3
Diphtheria	21
Erysipelas	10
Influenza	6
Measles	9
Purpura	2
Rheumatism	5
Scarlatina	5
Syphilis (congenital)	2
Septicæmia	9
Typhoid fever	5
Whooping-cough	9
Other Zymotic diseases	1
	107

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	35
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	14
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	22
Phthisis pulmonalis	128
Other Constitutional diseases	18
	217

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	38
Bright's disease	12
Bronchitis	32
Heart disease	79
Meningitis	26
Nephritis	26
Pleurisy	1
Pneumonia	138
Other Local diseases	125
	477

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Cyanosis	2
Inanition	15
Old age	16
Premature birth	11
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	5
Other Developmental diseases	25
	74

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	30
Homicidal	2
Suicidal	12
Other Violent causes	1
	45
Unknown causes	5

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of importations and exportations, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of March, 1899, as compared with the corresponding month of 1898:

	Imports.		Exports.	
March, 1899	\$5,389,828		\$11,566,137	
March, 1898	5,730,571		10,746,817	
	Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
March, 1899	112	173,480	91	151,759
March, 1898	128	155,236	102	126,929
Arrival of passengers, March, 1899			919	
Arrival of passengers, March, 1898			858	

Ship-building in Great Britain in 1898 amounted to 1,610,000 tons, a production of nearly 135,000 tons monthly. This amount exceeds by 300,000 tons the highest previous record.

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IN SENATE.										
1. S. B. 8, an Act to establish two polling-places for caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 44.	Election Laws. Jan. 12.	March 23. Closed.	April 6. S.(S.B. 287)	April 7.	April 10. Am.	April 12. H.	April 21. Rej.			
2. S. B. 14, an Act relative to the Bank Officers' Association of the City of Boston, p. 44.	Insurance. Jan. 16.	Jan. 27. Feb. 23. Closed.								
3. S. B. 15, an Act to authorize the use of type-writing machines in making official records of papers and documents, p. 44.	Judiciary. Jan. 16.	Jan. 24. Closed.	April 24. S. (S. B.)							
4. S. B. 20, an Act to provide for the formation and disbursement of a Public School Teachers' Retirement Fund in the City of Boston, p. 44.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Feb. 1. Closed.	March 9. S. (S.B. 20)	March 23. Am.	March 24. Rej.					
5. S. B. 25 an Act relating to the selling of articles in the streets and from house to house, in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary. Jan. 19.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 14. S.(N.G.C.)							
6. S. B. 27, an Act to provide clerical assistance for the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Public Service. Jan. 20.	Feb. 3. Closed.	March 16. S. (L.W.)							
7. S. B. 29, Resolution relative to the construction of a tunnel to East Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N.P.)							
8. S. B. 30, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
9. S. B. 35, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (H. B. 1,010) Rec. March 13. H.(S.B.36)	April 25. Am.						
10. S. B. 36, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Sarah E. Leavitt, p. 74.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 3. Closed.		March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
11. S. B. 42, an Act to authorize the Cambridge Bridge Commission, with the consent of the United States Government, to construct the bridge to be built between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, without a draw, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 26.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 20. S.(S.B.42.) March 10. Sub. H. (H.B.917)	March 10.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 14.	March 14.	H.Mch.15. S.Mch.17.	March 23. App.
12. S.B. 49, an Act relative to the bequest of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library, p. 74.	Libraries and Judiciary. Jan. 27.	March 3. April 12.	April 12. S.(N.G.C.)							
13. S. B. 59, an Act relative to the registration of voters, the appointment of election and caucus officers, and the establishment of election districts in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 21. H.(L.W.)							
14. S. B. 67, an Act to cede certain land in Boston Harbor, and jurisdiction over the same, to the United States, for the purpose of extending the present limits of the United States Navy Yard, p. 75.	Harbors and Public Lands, and Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 31. S. (S.B.67)	Feb. 1.	Feb. 1.	Feb. 2. H.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 2.	H.Feb.3. S.Feb.6.	Feb. 7. App.
15. S. B. 72, an Act to provide that a person applying to vote in the City of Boston, shall not be required to write his name on the voting list, p. 75.	Election Laws. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.	March 29. S.(S.B.267)	March 31.	April 3.	April 5. H.	April 14.	April 21.	H.Apr.25. S.	
16. S. B. 76, an Act to abolish the Board of Apportionment of the City of Boston, p. 75.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.	April 5, 10.	April 24. S (N.P.)							
17. S. B. 90, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 75.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 7, 16. Closed.	March 16. H. (H. B. 1037.)	April 1.	April 7.	April 11. S.				
18. S. B. 97, an Act relative to the inspection of steam-boilers, and to regulate steam engineering, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (N.P.)							
19. S. B. 100, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of Bennington street and other highways in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
20. S. B. 108, an Act to provide for a Normal School-house in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	Mch 2, 8. Closed.	March 17. S.(S.B.108)	March 20.	March 21.	March 23. H.	March 28.	March 31.	H. Apr. 4. S. Apr. 5.	April 10. App.
21. S. B. 109, an Act to authorize the establishment of vacation schools in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 16. S.(S.B.241)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. H.	March 23.	March 30.	H. Apr. 4. S. Apr. 7.	April 10. App.
22. S. B. 118, an Act to provide for the use of automatic ventilators in sleeping-rooms where gas is used in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. S. (L.W.)							
23. S. B. 119, an Act relative to salaries paid by the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
24. S. B. 121, an Act relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
25. S. B. 122, an Act relative to the construction of subways in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	April 10. S.(N.G.C.)							

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26. S. B. 123, an Act to provide for grammar and primary school-houses in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 28. H. (L.W.)							
27. S. B. 124, an Act relative to the Riverway Park of the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 7. H. (N.G.C.)							
28. S. B. 125, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 16.	March 16. Closed.	March 16. H. (N. P.)							
29. S. B. 126, an Act relative to contracts with the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2, 3. Closed.	March 10. H. (L. W.)							
30. S. B. 127, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
31. S. B. 142, an Act relative to the granting of leave of absence to police officers in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
32. S. B. 143, an Act relative to tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
33. S. B. 148, an Act relative to the height of buildings in Copley square in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16. Closed.								
34. S. B. 149, an Act to amend the charter of the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
35. S. B. 150, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the children of Frederick B. Bogan, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 937)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 18.			
36. S. B. 151, an Act relative to additions, alterations and repairs on school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 21.	March 9. Closed.	March 28. S. (S. B. 151) T. April 5.	April 25.						
37. S. B. 157, an Act to establish a Department of Architecture in Boston, p. 125.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 6. S. (N.G.C.)							
38. S. B. 158, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
39. S. B. 159, an Act relative to the Boston Transit Commission, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	April 10. S. (N.G.C.)							
40. S. B. 175, an Act relative to the new Cambridge Bridge, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
41. S. B. 190, an Act to provide for a State Highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, p. 126.	Roads and Bridges. March 6.	March 20. Closed.	March 27. S. (L. W.)							
42. S. B. 193, an Act relative to the Erection and Alteration of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Cities. Feb. 27.	March 6. Closed.	March 6. S. (S. B. 193)	March 7.	March 8.	March 9. H.	March 13.	March 13.	H. Mch. 15. S. Mch. 16.	March 17. App.
IN HOUSE.										
43. H. B. 20, an Act relative to Malden Bridge, so called, in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 936)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 4.	April 5.	H. April 7. S. April 11.	April 17. App.
44. H. B. 21, an Act to authorize the West End Street Railway Company to replace its tracks on Tremont and Boylston streets in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Street Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 9, 13, 15, 24. Closed.	March 23. H. (H. B. 1,002.)	April 4.	April 18.	April 20. S.				
45. H. B. 23, an Act to authorize the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of merchandise, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	March 22. H. (L. W.)							
46. H. B. 25, an Act to authorize the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	Jan. 24. S. (H. B. 25)	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 30. H.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
47. H. B. 31, an Act to repeal Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	*								
48. H. B. 38, an Act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Public Service. Jan. 11.	Jan. 27. Closed.	Jan. 27. H. (L. W.)							
49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30.	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (L. W.)							
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (H. B. 1018.)	April 12. Rej.						
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 6. H. (L. W.)							
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (N. P.)							

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	*								
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.	March 21. Closed.	March 30. S. (S.B. 272)	April 17.	April 21. Sub. H. B. 1121.	April 14. S.				
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 13, 24. Closed.	(See No. 44.)							
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Mch. 16, 23. Closed.	March 24. H. (L.W.)							
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.	March 14. H. (H.R. 162)		March 15. Ad.	March 17. S.		March 20. Ad.		
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N.P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H.B. 176)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S. Feb. 21.	Feb. 23. App.
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (L.W.)							
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 1. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,013.)	April 4.	April 11.	April 13. S.	April 14.	April 17.	H. April 20. S. April 24.	April 25. App.
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.								
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H.B. 811)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.	March 24. Rej.			
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (H.B. 214)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16. App.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 1. Closed.								
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.	March 20. H. (N. P.)							
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.	March 2. Closed.	March 7. H. (L.W.)							
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.	Mch 23, 29. Closed.	April 21. H. (N.G.C.)							
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N.G.C.)							
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (H.B. 833)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.	March 15.	H. Mch. 20. S. Mch. 22.	March 24. App.
75. H. B. 321, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (L.W.)							
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Joint Judiciary. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Mch. 21, 22. Closed.	March 24. H. (N. P.)							

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78. H. B. 332, an Act relative to the leasing of buildings and the granting of concessions by the Park Commissioners of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N.P.)							
79. H. B. 333, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 10. H. (N.P.)							
80. H. B. 350, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13.	March 31. H. (L. W.)							
81. H. B. 353, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
82. H. B. 377, an Act relative to certain departments of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (N.G.C.)							
83. H. B. 383, an Act relative to the election of the Mayor of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 1. S. (N.G.C.)							
84. H. B. 386, an Act to further regulate the inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13, 24. Closed.	March 13. H. (N.P.)							
85. H. B. 387, an Act to change the method of electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
86. H. B. 396, an Act relative to playgrounds in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 30.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 22. H. (H.B.996)	March 28.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 7.	H. Apr. 12. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
87. H. B. 407, an Act to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston to purchase certain lands on Chestnut Hill avenue, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 10. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,015.)	March 30.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 6.	H. Apr. 10. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
88. H. B. 463, an Act to authorize the proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate, p. 82.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 6. H. (H.B.894)	March 7.	March 8.	March 10. S.	March 13.	March 14.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 20.	March 21. App.
89. H. B. 464, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to abate a portion of certain assessments for the construction of highways, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.								
90. H. B. 471, an Act relative to the construction of a tunnel from a point on or near Hanover street to a point at or near Maverick square in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
91. H. B. 476, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles Bulle, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.476)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
92. H. B. 494, an Act relative to the laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.								
93. H. B. 517, an Act relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.								
94. H. B. 528, an Act relative to the tabulation of statistics of parent nativity in Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3.	March 3. H. (H.B.923)	March 10.	March 13.	March 15. S.	March 20.	March 24.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
95. H. B. 529, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 relative to the municipal debt of and rate of taxation in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (L.W.)							
96. H. B. 531, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Mary A. Davis, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.531)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
97. H. B. 532, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward Melia, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.532)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
98. H. B. 533, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (N. P.)							
99. H. B. 551, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
100. H. B. 553, an Act to provide for the widening of Pine street in Boston, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (L.W.)							
101. H. B. 555, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John McGrath certain money, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 2.	March 2. H. (H.B.561)	March 17.	March 20. Am.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
102. H. B. 562, an Act to require poles for wires in the City of Boston to be made of iron, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (N.P.)							
103. H. B. 570, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of James F. Ryan, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.570)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			

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TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Date of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Sent to Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. March 8. Closed.	April 12. H. (2 bills).							
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.583)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 18. Rej.			
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 8 Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 9, 10. Closed.	March 21. H.(H.B.890)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 1.	April 10. Rej.		
109. H. B. 607, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. H.(N.G.C.)							
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H.(H.B.957)	March 16.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 24.	March 27.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	(See No.110)							
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N. P.)							
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2. (See No. 105.)									
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 9. H. (L. W.)							
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.								
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	*								
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 21, Closed.	(See No.55.)							
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.665)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16, 24. Closed.								
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.									
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.673)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.674)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	April 12. H. (H. B. 1092.)	April 20. T.						
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 14, 15. Closed	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.679)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15, 28. Closed.	April 3. H.(H.B.680)	April 14. Rej.						

* Postponed, awaiting decision of Supreme Court.

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128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 17, 23, 30. Ap. 3. Closed.								
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.	March 7. S.(N.G.C.)							
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 27. H. (H. B. 1,091.)	April 10. Am.	April 20.	April 21. S.				
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2, 15. Closed.	April 10. S. (L.W.)							
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. H.(N.G.C.)							
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H.(H.B.728)							
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H.(L.W.)							
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church, of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Societies. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 2. H.(L.W.)							
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	*								
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17, March 7. Closed.	March 28. H. (N.P.)							
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. March 7.	March 16. Closed.								
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.783)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 31. Rej.			
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17, March 7. Closed.	March 27. H.(N.G.C.)							
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H. (L.W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15, March 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H.(L.W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 6. Closed.	March 9. S.(N.G.C.)							
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education. Feb. 20.	March 15. Closed.	April 4. H.(H.B.846)	April 12.	April 20. Rej.					
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Counties. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	March 20. S.(H.B.858.)							

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H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.) Ought not to Pass; (L. W.) Leave to Withdraw; Am., Amended; (N. G. C.) Next General Court; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted; Sub., Substituted; Rej., Rejected; Rec., Recommended; T., Tabled.

Awards of Contracts.

Street Department.

Proposals for macadam road work were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on April 18, 1899, as follows:

Macadam road, Orkney road:

Bidders.	Bids.
D. E. Lynch	\$3,120 30
John Connors	4,210 00
F. R. Kimball	4,616 20

The contract was awarded to D. E. Lynch.

Macadam road, Amory street:

J. A. Whittemore	\$2,073 70
P. McGovern	2,163 01
J. Doherty & Co.	2,217 80
D. E. Lynch	2,345 80

The contract was awarded to P. McGovern.

Macadam road, Chester street:

J. Doherty & Co.	\$1,093 20
P. McGovern	1,191 71
J. Connors	1,268 60
F. R. Kimball	1,530 70
D. E. Lynch	1,822 40

The contract was awarded to J. Doherty & Co.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on March 29, 1899, at 5 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Burnham, Keany and Rueter.

It was voted that there be paid to Pierce & Cox the sum of \$963.05, being a second payment on account of their contract of November 29, 1898, for plumbing the Ann White Vose Building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Lynch & Woodward the sum of \$1,000, being a second payment on account of their contract of December, 1898, for heating the Ann White Vose Building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$49.07, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on payments of \$963.05 to Pierce & Cox for plumbing, and \$1,000 to Lynch & Woodward for heating at the Ann White Vose Building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to the Poland Laundry Machinery Company, the sum of \$3,500, the same being first payment on account of their contract of December 31, 1898, for furnishing and installing laundry machinery in laundry building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, new laundry building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to the B. F. Sturtevant Company the sum of \$253.50, the same being the second and final payment on account of their contract of August 15, 1898, for the installation of mechanical draft apparatus in the boiler-house, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, extension of boiler-house, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$1,729.15, the same being a fifth payment on account of his contract of August 16, 1898, for the extension of the boiler-house, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, extension of boiler-house, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent as follows:

(1.) Respecting additions to contracts, etc. This communication was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

(2.) Concerning the estimate of the H. W. Johns Company for covering pipes at the south department. It was voted that the matter be laid on the table.

(3.) Respecting the removal of temporary wooden seats in the operating theatre. The matter was referred to the Medical Committee.

(4.) Concerning an appropriation for medical books for the medical library, and also for the south department. It was voted that the Medical Committee be authorized to spend a sum not exceeding \$150 for books for the medical library, and a sum not exceeding \$50 for the library at the south department.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held April 10, 1899:

Voted, That permission be, and hereby is, granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to locate, erect and maintain in the public parks and parkways in the City of Boston wooden posts for the transmission of electricity and the support of electric lamps in substantially the same places as those now occupied by and in substitution for the iron lamp-posts belonging to the city, and as indicated on maps dated April 7, 1899, signed by D. A. Harrington, and deposited in the office of the Park Department of the City of Boston. All lamp-posts so substituted or relocated to be placed in accordance with plans approved by the Superintendent of Parks or by instructions from the Superintendent or Engineer. Said work to be done in accordance with the provisions of and regulations contained in the usual form of permit.

Voted, By virtue of and in exercise of the power conferred upon this Board by an order of the City Council approved by the Mayor April 1, 1899, that the restrictions contained in the deed from Henry M. White to the city, of land abutting upon the Back Bay Fens, be amended by substituting the word "seventy" for the word "sixty" in the clause relating to the maximum height of buildings allowed on the restricted premises, and that the Law Department be requested to prepare an instrument for said purpose.

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to settle the suits of Francis Hastings and Lillian E. Davis for a reduction of the betterments assessed upon their respective estates on account of the laying out of the Parkway Muddy river, on the basis of 25 per cent. of said betterments with interest.

Voted, That the Superintendent prepare plans and specifications for filling in that part of the fens between Beacon street and the Harbor Commissioners' line in Charles river and the extension of the fens channel by underground brick arched culverts.

Voted, That the Massachusetts Division, League of American Wheelmen, be permitted to hold a bicycle meet at Franklin Field, on Decoration Day, including sack races, obstacle races and running races, under the direction of the police.

Voted, That the Superintendent make a new arrangement with Willie Campbell for the care of the golf links at Franklin Park, for the coming season, on terms similar to those of last year.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, April 10, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings, and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending April 8, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	1	2	-	-	-	4	2	1	3	-
2...	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	3	1
3...	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9
4...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4
5...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
6...	-	9	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	39
7...	-	11	-	1	-	17	5	-	-	33
8...	-	4	-	1	-	6	-	6	-	7
9...	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	10
10...	1	3	-	2	-	2	3	-	-	18
11...	1	2	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	19
12...	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	9	-	12
13...	3	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	6
14...	-	3	-	-	-	1	3	1	5	8
15...	1	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	5	3
16...	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	9
17...	1	1	-	1	-	1	7	-	4	4
18...	3	5	-	1	7	1	6	2	4	7
19...	1	3	1	-	4	-	2	1	19	13
20...	9	3	3	-	-	10	2	8	12	27
21...	-	5	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	12
22...	-	7	2	1	-	3	4	2	6	10
23...	6	1	-	-	-	2	-	5	6	6
24...	3	1	2	-	-	7	1	-	7	17
25...	-	3	-	-	-	3	3	-	5	3
T'ls.	30	82	9	7	12	37	83	30	126	280

JOHN S. DANRELL,

Building Commissioner.

DEATH OF CHRISTOPHER F. O'BRIEN.

The death of Christopher F. O'Brien, from pneumonia, occurred at the home of his parents, 521 Commercial street, Tuesday night, April 25, 1899.

Mr. O'Brien was born at Boston February 17, 1869. Successively in 1893, 1894 and 1895 he was elected a member of the Common Council from Ward 6. During the two latter years he served as President of that body. By profession Mr. O'Brien was a lawyer and was a member of the Suffolk bar.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber on Monday, May 1, 1899, at 3 P.M.

In the Boston Evening High School, season of 1898-99, 934 certificates of proficiency were granted, and 386 were refused to pupils.

Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.****IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:**

Boston, April 25, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the passageway running from Worcester street to West Springfield street, next north-westerly from Newland street, be laid out as a public alley designated as No. 702, in District No. 8, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said public alley in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the ninth day of May, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:**

Boston, April 24, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Columbus avenue, near Terry street, Ward 18, three bay-windows of wood of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Columbus avenue, near Terry street. Dimensions: Each twenty-three feet high, twelve feet wide and three feet over line of street.

JOHN C. HAYNES.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

April 24, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eighth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk

Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.****IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:**

Boston, April 25, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the passageway running north-westerly from Newland street, between Worcester street and West Springfield street, be laid out as a public alley designated as No. 703, in District No. 8, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said public alley in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the ninth day of May, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:**

Boston, April 12, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 31-33 Thacher street, Ward 6, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second, third, fourth and fifth stories, one over Thacher street and one over the corner of Thacher street and Thacher court. Dimensions: Each forty feet high, one twenty feet and one nine feet wide, and each two feet six inches over line of street.

JOHN LEON.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

April 24, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the eighth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:**

Boston, January 28, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 944 Washington street, corner Indiana street, Ward 9, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second story, over the corner of Washington and Indiana streets. Dimensions: Fourteen feet high, twenty-four feet long, and twenty-four inches over line of street.

HENRY H. GREEN,

944 Washington street.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

April 24, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eighth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.****ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.**

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston, to submit proposals to him at his office, City Hall, Boston, before 12 o'clock M., of Monday, May 8, 1899, for building Timber Bulkheads on Summer-street extension, Boston. Plans for the work may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston. Proposals are required to be in a gross sum for the whole work and must be accompanied by a certified check for five hundred (500) dollars payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the Contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

CITY OF BOSTON.**STREET DEPARTMENT.****NOTICE TO HOUSEKEEPERS AND TENANTS.**

City Hall, Boston, 1899.

Housekeepers and other occupants of dwellings are requested to place the house and cellar dirt and sweepings in the streets opposite their premises between the hours of sunrise and 2 o'clock P.M., of the following days: Monday, May 1; Tuesday, May 2; Wednesday, May 3; Thursday, May 4; Friday, May 5; when they will be removed by the city carts. After which time no person will be allowed to place any dirt, ashes, filth or rubbish of any kind whatever, in any of the ways, streets or places of the city, without a permit from the Superintendent of Str. ets. Dirt of any kind not to be placed in the streets on Saturday.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

On and after the above-named days, ashes, etc., in order to be removed by city carts, must be placed in receptacles not larger than an ordinary flour barrel, and in the district north of Massachusetts avenue, all combustible waste, such as paper, rags, etc., must be tied in bundles or placed in receptacles not larger than an ordinary flour barrel, and separated from the ashes, and placed in a position on a level with the grade of the adjoining sidewalk.

Vault filth, offal, bricks and mortar, gravel and earth, garden rakings and shrubbery are not included in the above, and will not be removed by the city if placed in the streets.

NOTICE.

Boston, April 17, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan to be filed. A plan of locations granted is filed, dated March 9, 1897.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Ashmont street, at the corner of Ocean street, towards Dorchester avenue, Ward 24.

Also to remove a pole on Ashmont street, at the corner of Ocean street, towards Dorchester avenue, Ward 24.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

April 24, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the first day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Dorchester Beacon, Boston Post and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume II.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1899.

Number 18.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale by the W. B. Clarke Company—Park Street Church stores A and B, Park and Tremont streets.

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611 WASHINGTON STREET.

The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Aldermen at its regular meeting on Monday, May 1, 1899, unanimously voted to confirm the following appointments by His Honor the Mayor:

Josiah H. Benton, jr., to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for five years, beginning May 1, 1899.

Albert W. Hersey, to be a member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees for five years, beginning May 1, 1899.

Thomas J. Lane, to be a Bath Trustee for five years, beginning May 1, 1899.

Alfred De Voto, to be a Music Trustee for five years, beginning May 1, 1899.

Samuel H. Durgin, to be a member of the Board of Health for three years, beginning May 1, 1899.

Thomas W. Flood, to be Commissioner of Wires for one year, beginning May 1, 1899.

Charles H. Cole, Joseph M. Harrington and John B. McDonough, to be Constables for one year, beginning May 1, 1899.

Cyrus D. Foss, Forrest J. Whitney and Jeremiah J. Callahan, to be Weighers of Coal and Measurers of Wood and Bark for one year, beginning May 1, 1899.

John Rea, to be a Weigher of Coal for one year, beginning May 1, 1899.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to members of boards in charge of departments has been issued by His Honor the Mayor:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 1, 1899.

TO THE MEMBERS OF BOARDS IN CHARGE
OF DEPARTMENTS:

Your attention is called to Section 1 of Chapter 129 of the Acts of 1899, which, as amended by Chapter 170 of the Acts of 1899, reads as follows:

"When in any city the election of any city officer is vested in the Common Council, or in the Board of Aldermen, or in both acting jointly or concurrently, or in any other municipal body or board, the election shall not be valid unless it is made by a viva voce vote, each member who is present answering to his name when it is called by the clerk or other proper officer, and stating the name of the person for whom he votes, or declining to vote, as the case may be; and the clerk or other proper officer shall record every such vote."

You are respectfully requested to see that the provisions of this act are complied with.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

INSTITUTIONS STATISTICS.

Following is the report of Mr. John Koren to the Department of Municipal Statistics with regard to institutions statistics of the city:

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL STA-
TISTICS:

The study undertaken for your Department of the statistical material relating to the dependent and delinquent classes who become charges upon the municipality had a two-fold object: (1) to determine the availability for study and publication of the data at present collected; and (2) to consider the methods of investigation and record-keeping

in vogue, as well as the general question how far, under systematic methods, information of public usefulness can be expanded. The present report only deals with the data now available, so far as this can be said of raw material collected without uniformity of plan by the different departments, and from which statistics are deductible.

The departments in question are those under the charge of (1) the Pauper Trustees, (2) the Children's Trustees, (3) the Trustees for the Insane, (4) the Penal Commissioner, and (5) the Overseers of the Poor. They may be considered in the order named.

The general available facts relating to the inmates of the almshouse at Long Island cover: (1) the movement of population which is so recorded as to show daily the aggregate number of inmates present by sex, department (in hospital, etc.), the number of children, the number on leave, admissions, discharges and deaths; a weekly summary is made of the same information. (2) The employment of inmates. Daily returns are made to the Superintendent of the number of persons assigned to work, specifying to what kind. No attempt is made, however, to bring these facts into relation with capacity for work and the non-employment of the capable. At the Charlestown almshouse the movement of population is balanced weekly on the same general plan as at Long Island. The inmates at Charlestown are not employed. The population statistics are on record at the Institutions Registration Department.

The special data of statistical value now available relating to pauper individuals are comprised under two heads, the "personal" and the "public record" of the individual concerned. The former is made to include the following facts: Age, nativity, parent nativity, nativity of spouse, race, physical condition and characteristics, mental condition, degree of education, habits, last occupation, wages earned, religion, citizenship, and length of residence in country, State and city. The public record yields but three facts of general interest, namely, occupation, health and conduct of the person while an inmate. His record, if any, in other institutions, receives as a rule scant attention.

The above information are accessible through the cards kept in the Institutions Registration Department. Special cases are inquired into with greater minuteness by agents directly under the Pauper Trustees, but much of the extra information collected by them, which relates particularly to the antecedents and family history of the individual concerned, is recorded in such a manner that it does not easily lend itself to classification and tabulation; it seems, moreover, to be collected largely with an eye to the treatment of the pauper.

It will be observed that the data at hand are not of a kind to throw much light on the inception of pauperism or the immediate and active cause of dependence except in an indirect manner. Further than to determine their settlement, no scheduled information is recorded concerning the State paupers sent from Boston.

With the investigation of cases of dependent and delinquent children the Institutions Registration Department concerns itself but to the extent of looking into their settlement history, as this may be required. It contents itself with copying a part of the information collected by the agents of the Trustees for the Children.

No less than ninety-two items are called for in the investigation cards relating to children. Omitting all unessentials, there remain the following data of social value: (1) Regarding the child; its age, race, nativity, parent nativity, manner of support, religion, physical condition and characteristics, mental condition, education, occupation, wages, character, offence, and sentence; (2) regarding its parents; age, nativity, religion, time spent in the United States, residence, condition of home, occupation, income, habits, character, physical and mental condition, aid received, and prison record; (3) regarding brothers and sisters of the child; their institution and reformatory record. In addition, reports are sought concerning the family of the child from the Associated Charities, Overseers of the Poor, other societies, and the police.

It will be seen that, when filled out with some completeness, which is not always the case, the schedules afford fairly comprehensive knowledge regarding the child, its antecedents, family relations, etc., making it possible to trace in some instances the influences causing dependence or anti-social conduct.

The career of the children while under the charge of the Trustees is followed with care; but the records of the institutions, and information received from families with whom the children are placed, yield little information of interest, except so far as they relate to the movement of population, the facts concerning which are always accessible.

The Institutions Registration Department does not investigate the cases of the pauper insane, except to determine settlement. All other data are derived from the hospital records, and are divided so as to constitute the personal and public record of the inmate in the same manner as noted for the paupers. In addition, ampler provision is made for the record of the insane in other institutions, and the form of their insanity is described.

Outside the medical record, which is not a proper subject for public consideration, the available facts about the insane are, on the whole, meagre. It is difficult to learn of their antecedents and general family history owing partly to the nature of the case and partly to the reluctance of relatives and friends to make any disclosures.

The daily reports made to the Penal Institutions Commissioner of the movement of population in the two houses of correction are, of course, complete. Beyond this the information concerning the individual prisoner, secured in the first instance by prison officials, and by them transmitted to the Registration Department, is not comprehensive. As in the case of paupers, the personal and public record are separated. The first is practically identical with that obtained for paupers, the second dealing as a matter of course with the nature of the offence, sentence, time spent in prison, occupation while in confinement, and manner of discharge. Usually no effort is made to trace the history of the prisoner in other institutions, neither is it practicable from the manner of keeping the records to learn with exactness the former commitments of prisoners to either house of correction; in short, no light whatsoever is offered on the causes of criminality.

The schedules of the Overseers of the Poor being designed principally for the purpose of recording facts showing whether the applicant is entitled to public aid, they at present contain a minimum of social facts adapted for study and tabulation.

Concerning the applicant may be learned: Age, sex, color, nativity, parent nativity, present and former occupations, whether intemperate, insane or demented, family relations, with particulars regarding marriage; place of birth, occupation, death and citizenship of husband or wife. The same data are also sought relative to descendants and ancestors of applicants. On the other hand, full account is naturally given of the aid granted, dates and amount of aid, and whether any has been obtained from other sources.

Lately an attempt has been made to secure fuller information about visitors to the Wayfarers' Lodge and Women's Shelter by means of the card system, which promises some

statistical material of value. The data sought relate to age, marital relations, nativity, parent nativity, physical and mental condition so far as it affects employment, class according to capacity and habits, last employment, earnings, and the time of residence in the city.

It is patent from the above resume that the manner of collect social statistics relative to dependents and delinquents by the city departments is in an embryonic state; a partial exception may be made in the case of the work performed under the Trustees for Children. There is generally a lack of system, of uniformity in methods, of attempts on the part of one department to draw upon the knowledge of others; and, in consequence, the sum total of the available statistics is not one that affords a basis for scientific study. Certain general facts relating to nativity, sex, race, etc., are at hand, but the effort to penetrate beyond the commonplaces of institutions' records is yet to be made.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KOREN.

CITY MESSENGER DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the City Messenger Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1899, constituting Document 8, has recently been presented to His Honor the Mayor.

There were sixty-five meetings of the Board of Aldermen held during the year requiring the attendance of the Department, and forty-six meetings of the Common Council.

There were received and delivered the past year documents, bound publications, etc., as follows:

Bound publications received and delivered	6,659
City Documents received and partly distributed	70,500
City Council minutes received and partly distributed	55,500
Daily "Advertiser" received and delivered	9,990
Maps received and distributed	500
Orders of business for City Council meetings received and distributed	18,000

The display of flags on the flag-staffs located in various parts of the city, and the use of ropes and stakes on account of parades, reviews, etc., were arranged for during the year.

The total receipts from subscriptions and sales of THE CITY RECORD during the year amounted to \$242.02.

It is recommended that the Aldermanic Chamber and ante-room be painted, and also that a large committee-room for hearings, etc., be provided.

The appropriation for the Department for the year was \$29,000. The expenditures were \$28,999.83.

MARKET DEPARTMENT.

The Market Department has presented its annual report for the year ending January 31, 1899, to His Honor the Mayor. It constitutes Document 22.

The portions of the buildings used for market purposes are generally in good condition, and will need only ordinary repairs, with the exception of that portion in the basement which is used for sanitary purposes. The closets and appurtenances connected with this part of the building are in very bad condition, and should be replaced with new and modern conveniences.

Should such changes be made, a proper person should be placed in charge, to keep them in a clean and neat condition. They would then answer all the purposes of a public sanitary in this section, and be a saving in the expense which would be incurred by establishing a new place for the same purpose.

The work of reconstructing Faneuil Hall is progressing slowly, owing to delay in obtaining some of the material required. While the work has occasioned considerable annoyance to the lessees, they have been enabled to continue their business without much interruption, and feel that when the work shall be completed they will be relieved from many annoyances they have experienced in the past, and feel more secure in their holdings. The outside vestibule doors leading to the market in this building should be made new, to be in keeping with the rest of the building when completed.

In addition to the repairs and changes in the stalls and cellars which are made by the lessees at their own expense, they have also had placed on the roof of the buildings snow-guards as a protection from slides. The expense for this work, amounting to about \$500, was paid by the lessees, with the exception of \$123 which the Market Department assumed as a part of the expense to be paid by the city. The iron frame awnings which were erected around Faneuil Hall Market about a year ago have given perfect satisfaction. When new awnings are placed around the Faneuil Hall building, it is suggested that this same principle be carried out.

The streets surrounding the market-houses are in very bad condition, on account of the constant digging up which has taken place for several years in repairs and renewing of gas, water, electric and cold storage pipes, as well as new sewers which have been laid in North and South Market streets. These improvements have been made in such a thorough manner that the streets ought not to be disturbed for several years, and a new and improved pavement, such as was laid on Commercial street a few months since, would be of great benefit to the immense amount of teaming traffic which occurs in this part of the city.

During the year the police detailed for duty at the market have made eighty-six arrests.

There have been condemned 783 pounds poultry, 232 pounds veal, one barrel and two carcasses of venison, 283 pounds fish, ten barrels cucumbers, besides large quantities of fruit and vegetables which have been sent to the dumping-scow. Some arrangement should be made whereby, when larger quantities of this refuse matter accumulates

than the Sanitary Department feel justified in removing at the expense of the city, dealers may be permitted to deliver it at the dumping-scow free of expense. They are now required to pay for the carting, and also a fee for depositing in the scow.

The income from the Department for the year ending January 31, 1899, has been as follows:

From rents from stalls and cellars in Faneuil Hall Market . . .	\$65,364 00
From rents from stalls and cellars in new Faneuil Hall Market . .	18,228 00
From rents from outside stands, Faneuil Hall Market	1,407 00
From weighing fees at city scales, Faneuil Hall Market	549 38

Total income \$85,548 38

The appropriation for the Department for the year ending January 31, 1899, was \$8,613.12, which was expended.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

At the regular meeting of the Common Council, held Thursday evening, April 27, 1899, the following resolutions on the death of Christopher F. O'Brien were adopted by a unanimous rising vote. Appropriate remarks were made by Councilman Bradley, and a committee, consisting of President Kiley, Councilmen O'Brien, Bradley and Badarracco, was appointed to represent the Common Council at the funeral:

Resolved, That the Common Council has been grieved to learn of the death, in early manhood, of Christopher F. O'Brien, who, during the years 1893, 1894 and 1895, faithfully served this city as a member of the Common Council.

He was chosen as its President in 1894, and again in 1895, and discharged his duties in that honorable position in such way as to receive the commendation of his associates.

His career as a member of the City Government was marked by integrity, diligence and intelligence; he was unflinching in courtesy to all with whom he came in contact, and his amiability and refinement endeared him to a large circle of friends.

The Common Council tenders to his family its sympathy in their great sorrow, and its assurance that his name will be honored as that of one who did his duty well to the city of his birth.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Common Council be instructed to forward a copy of this resolve to the family of the deceased.

ASSIGNMENT OF CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

At its meeting on Monday, May 1, 1899, the Board of Aldermen voted to assign the appointment by His Honor the Mayor of Charles E. Stratton, to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners for three years, beginning May 1, 1899, to the next meeting of the Board.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, at 7.30 P.M., on Tuesday, April 25, 1899, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Calderwood, Fleischer and Strange.

The appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting were confirmed.

The following, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and passed:

(1.) Ordered, That the salary of the messenger of the Board be fixed at the rate of \$300 per annum, until otherwise ordered, to date from May 1, 1899.

(2.) Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward in the sum of \$19,700 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the East Boston High School-house.

(3.) Ordered, That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898 the following appropriation be made:

Charlestown High School lot, enlargement, \$9,066.98.

The Chair read the following:

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, April 14, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of November 22, 1898, the Board of Street Commissioners have to-day taken, for school purposes, 16,000 square feet, more or less, of land bordering on Bartlett, School and Pearl streets, at Charlestown, and their decree of such taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

City Hall, April 17, 1899.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Esq., Secretary
School Committee:

MY DEAR SIR: I would respectfully call your attention to Chapter 3 of the Acts and Resolves of the Massachusetts Legislature, entitled "An Act to Provide School Registers and other School Blanks for the Towns and Cities of the Commonwealth."

Respectfully,

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Placed on file.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

April 13, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be ordered to furnish suitable fire-escapes for the Franklin School-house, Ward 9.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

April 13, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 14, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

The resignations of two teachers, presented by the Superintendent, were accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

The appointments of six special assistants, which were laid over, under the rule; the appointments of two temporary teachers, which were placed on file; the reappointments of three temporary teachers, which were laid over, under the rule; the appointments of three teachers on probation, which were laid over, under the rule, and the confirmation of appointments of twelve teachers, which were laid over, under the rule.

Leave of absence was granted to twelve teachers, and the substitutes named were approved.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, transfer, and recommendation for leaves of absence, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

Appointments of two temporary teachers, approved, under a suspension of the rules; reappointments of two temporary teachers, approved, under a suspension of the rules; reappointments of six teachers, laid over, under the rule; transfer of one teacher, approved, under a suspension of the rules; leave of absence of one teacher, granted, under a suspension of the rule; leave of absence of one teacher, referred to the Committee on High School.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, it was

Ordered, That the following-named architects be selected to prepare plans for new school-houses, as designated:

Whitman & Hood, new primary school-house, Brighton.

Greenleaf & Cobb, new grammar school-house, East Boston.

Cabot, Everett & Mead, new grammar school-house, Dorchester.

Wilson & Webber, new primary school-house, Roxbury.

Charles J. Bateman, new grammar school-house, South Boston.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Ingraham School property on Sheafe street be surrendered to the City Council, the same being no longer required for school purposes, with the recommendation that said land and building be sold, and that the proceeds of such sale be applied to the cost of land to be taken for the enlargement of the Hancock School lot on Prince street.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the Hancock School lot on Prince street, a parcel

of land supposed to belong to the heirs of John Gourley, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the dividing line between the estates of the City of Boston and the heirs of John Gourley; said point being sixty-nine feet distant from the south-westerly line of Prince street; thence running south-westerly on said division line about fifty-five feet to land owned by the heirs of Ebenezer Spencer; thence turning and running south-easterly by land of said Spencer about thirty-five and fifty-three one-hundredths feet to land of Francisco and Mary Sesso; thence turning and running north-easterly by land of said Sesso about thirty and fifty-four one-hundredths feet; thence turning and running north-westerly by land of said Sesso about seven and fifty one-hundredths feet; thence turning again and running north-easterly by land of said Sesso about twenty-four feet to a point which is sixty-nine feet from Prince street, measured at right angles; thence turning and running again north-westerly by a line parallel with and sixty-nine feet from the south-westerly line of Prince street, about thirty feet to the point of beginning, containing about 1,765 square feet.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that they have lately had presented to them for payment a bill from W. S. Sampson & Son, amounting to \$137.50, for extra concreting at the Mary Hemenway School, in April, 1898, the correctness of which is certified by the architect of the building. Your committee have also been informed by the former Chairman of the Committee on School-houses for the year 1897 that the work referred to was ordered by the committee during one of their visits to the building while it was in course of construction. A sufficient balance is available to cover the cost of the work referred to, and your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to approve the payment of \$137.50 to W. S. Sampson & Son for extra concreting at the Mary Hemenway School.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred, April 11, a communication from His Honor the Mayor requesting that permission be granted the city to erect a new fire engine-house, to take the place of the present one on Dartmouth street, on the vacant portion of the public Latin and English High School lot on the corner of Dartmouth street and Warren avenue, reported that they have duly considered the matter, and recognize the difficulty of finding a suitable site at a reasonable cost for the purpose, as stated by the Mayor. In their opinion, however, there are serious objections to the proposed plan. In the first place your committee do not believe that the close proximity of a fire engine-house to a school is desirable for several reasons, besides the liability of accident to the children in attendance, and the large number of pupils in the several schools in that immediate vicinity increases the element of danger to a marked degree. Furthermore, it should not be forgotten that when the Latin-English High School-house

was erected, plans were also prepared for an administration building for the School Committee on that portion of the lot in question, and the foundations for such a building are already laid. Under these circumstances your committee do not feel justified in assenting to the proposition under consideration, and therefore recommend that His Honor the Mayor be respectfully informed that it is inexpedient to permit the erection of a fire engine-house on the site referred to.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that finding it necessary to provide additional accommodations in the Longfellow District, they have hired the basement of the Unitarian Church at Roslindale, which had been previously occupied for school purposes, until July 1, 1899, at a total rental of \$100, which amount includes janitor service.

Accepted.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred, March 14, a petition from the Peter Faneuil Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, and April 11, a petition from C. H. Woodbury and other residents of Ward 25, suggesting the name of Thomas Gardner as an appropriate one for the new primary school-house on Webster avenue, reported that they have given the matter very careful consideration. The name of another former resident of that section has, however, been recommended for this school, the selection of which your committee feel would be eminently appropriate and pleasing to a large number of the citizens of Allston, who desire that the memory of Rev. Frederick A. Whitney should be thus preserved. Your committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the new primary school-house on Webster avenue, Brighton, be named the Frederick A. Whitney School, in honor of the late Frederick A. Whitney.

Accepted, and the order laid over, under the rule.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order requesting that a statement be submitted showing to what extent the appropriation available for the support of the public schools would be exceeded under certain conditions, reported that the information called for at that time would seem to be unnecessary, in view of the fact that a later set of estimates for the financial year 1899-1900 were presented to and accepted by the School Board.

Your committee, therefore, would recommend that no further action concerning the matter be taken.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, to whom was referred, January 24, a request from the Department of Municipal Statistics, asking the School Board to co-operate with them in collecting certain statistics relating to school buildings, beg leave to report that they have considered the matter and will, as far as possible, act with them in the work proposed.

Your committee would further state that the appropriation order passed by the School Board sub-divided the items in the manner requested, and that they can probably

furnish at the end of the financial year the cost incurred for each school building for services of janitors, fuel, gas and water, together with the cost of new buildings.

The bills incurred for repairs and alterations of school buildings are contracted under the direction of the Committee on School-houses, by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, who, if his attention is called to the matter, will doubtless arrange his accounts so as to furnish the desired information.

Your committee would recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Department of Municipal Statistics be notified that the School Committee will, as far as possible, co-operate with them in the collecting of certain statistics relating to school buildings, as set forth in their communication dated January 13, 1899.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Coolidge, for the same committee, to whom was referred, March 25, a petition from J. P. C. Winship and others, asking that the value of certain land in Newton, left by Ebenezer Smith, in a will dated September 11, 1775, for the use and benefit of the school in (Little) Cambridge, be set aside for the use of the schools of Brighton, beg leave to report that they have made the proper inquiries, and find that the land, consisting of 255,132 square feet, and situated on Boylston street, in Newton Highlands, was sold by the City of Boston, May 8, 1883, to Henry B. Goodnow. The proceeds of this sale, amounting to \$585.52, were credited by the city to the appropriation for salaries of instructors in the same year.

In view of these facts, your committee are of the opinion that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Davison, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the annual parade of the Boston School Cadets take place on Friday, May 12, 1899, and that the annual prize drill take place on May 24, 25, 26 and 29, 1899.

Mr. Davison, for the same committee, who were requested, April 11, to report at the next meeting of the Board upon the order referred to them from the files of a previous year, relative to a separation of the position of head-master of the Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools, reported that pupils attending the Girls' Latin School are now accommodated in the Girls' High School-house on West Newton street, as well as in the Copley square building. Your committee are therefore of the opinion that it is not advisable to make any change in the principalship of these two schools at the present time.

Accepted.

Mr. Bennett, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the death of Emma E. Long, late assistant grammar school, Dillaway District.

Accepted.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, to whom was referred, April 11, a petition from the Board of Managers of the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the Revolution, that they be granted permission to place a bronze tablet, suitably inscribed, upon the Lawrence School, South Boston, to commemorate the seizing of Nooks Hill by a detachment of the forces under the command of General Washington,

March 16, 1776, which act led to the evacuation of Boston by the British troops on the following day, March 17, reported that your committee are heartily in favor of granting the desired permission. They believe that the interest displayed by the various patriotic societies in our public schools by this and similar gifts, should be welcomed and encouraged. Such memorials serve not only to adorn our buildings, but stimulate in the minds and hearts of the pupils that love of country and reverence for its history, which tends to a higher and more loyal citizenship. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Board of Managers of the Massachusetts Society of Sons of the Revolution be granted permission to place a bronze tablet, suitably inscribed, upon the Lawrence School, South Boston, in accordance with their petition of March 22, 1899, and that the thanks of the Board be extended to them for their generous and patriotic gift.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Berridge offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be requested to take under consideration the expediency of introducing a system of shower-baths in such new buildings as they may deem advisable.

Referred to Committee on New Buildings.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Paris Exposition, it was

Ordered, That an exhibition of progress in drawing in the public schools be held under the auspices of the Committee on the Paris Exposition, in the Latin-English High School building, during the period between public week and the close of the school term.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on the Normal School, who were requested, April 11, to report at the next meeting of the Board upon certain matters relating to the Boston Normal School reported that they have not yet been able to give these matters the attention their importance demands, owing in part to the absence of the chairman on account of illness. They therefore recommend that they be granted further time in which to prepare their report.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gallivan offered the following:

Ordered, That Section 207 be amended by prefixing the word "division" before the word "committee" in the third line.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Chair read the following:

DORCHESTER WOMAN'S CLUB.

April 24, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BOSTON:

It was voted by the members of the Dorchester Woman's Club that the Dorchester Woman's Club recommend to the School Board of the City of Boston that the same text-books be used by each pupil throughout his course, and that he receive the gift of the same when he leaves school, provided he completes his course, and that he be made responsible for their safe-keeping and condition while he is a pupil.

ANNIE F. FOLSOM,

Corresponding Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following is a record of the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held on Thursday, April 27, 1899:

City Hall, April 27, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on Thursday, April 27, at 4 P.M., in the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present: All the members (Mr. John P. Dore, Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners, serving in accordance with Section 1 of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898, as a member of the Board in place of Mr. Sullivan, deceased).

On motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, That Laurence Minot be chosen Secretary of the Board for the remainder of the current year.

A communication was received from Mr. J. H. Jenkins, Secretary of the Board of Street Commissioners, certifying that Mr. John P. Dore was chosen Chairman of the said Board for the year 1899, and that he is at the present time the Chairman of said Board.

Placed on file.

A copy of an order passed by the City Council, and approved by the Mayor April 10, rescinding an appropriation of \$3,000 formerly made by the City Council for "dam from Maverick street to Prescott street, East Boston," was received.

Alderman Frederick W. Day and Councilman Joseph P. Hickey were heard by the Board in favor of appropriating the sum of \$3,000, made available by the above-mentioned order, for improvements in East Boston, and especially for

Clock on South Ferry head-house, Boston side	\$500
Steps from Leyden street to Gladstone street	800
Flag-pole at the junction of Saratoga and Bayswater streets	—
Improvements at Paris-street gymnasium	—
Awning on foot-bridge between Maverick and Prescott streets	—

The order was placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That Alderman Frank J. O'Toole be heard by the Board in regard to the following:

Order referred by the City Council, requesting an appropriation of \$30,000 for an engine-house and combination truck at the corner of St. Alphonsus and Calumet streets, Ward 19.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the order was placed on file.

A communication was received from Mr. John F. Dever, Clerk of Committees, requesting a transfer of seven hundred (700) dollars from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for his Department, and also the right to use the income derived from the sale of minors' licenses, and stating that the said additions to his appropriation are necessitated by the new system of licensing minors.

Mr. Dever was heard by the Board in regard to the matter.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy, submitting a communication from the City Auditor, stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred fourteen hundred (1,400) dollars from the

appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Clerk of Committees Department, it being the intention of the Clerk of Committees to use the said sum towards meeting the expense of badges furnished to licensed minors, and of an additional officer to enforce the provisions relative to minors' licenses.

Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of fourteen hundred (1,400) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Clerk of Committees Department.

The vote was declared passed. Mr. Kiley doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays, and the vote was passed—yeas, 4; nay, 1.

Yeas — Messrs. Minot, Barry, Dore and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

A communication was received from the Pauper Institutions Trustees, stating that the telephone cable from Deer Island to Long Island had become disabled and worthless, and requesting that, in accordance with recommendations made by Mr. H. F. Cottle, Chief of the Electrical Construction Division, and Mr. I. O. Wright, Superintendent of the Boston Division of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, an appropriation of four thousand and sixty-one (4,061) dollars be made for purchasing and laying a telephone cable from Moon Island to Long Island.

A communication was also received from Mayor Quincy, requesting the Board to pass an order making a loan appropriation for the purpose.

The communications were placed on file, and Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of four thousand (4,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Pauper Institutions Trustees in purchasing and laying a telephone cable from Moon Island to Long Island, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed, and was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

A communication was received from the Fire Commissioner, urgently requesting that some action be taken toward providing new quarters for Engine Company 22, now on Dartmouth street.

A communication was received from the School Committee, stating that its members do not feel justified in assenting to the proposition contained in the communication from His Honor the Mayor, requesting that permission be granted the city to erect a new fire engine-house, to take the place of the present one on Dartmouth street, on the vacant portion of the public Latin and English High School lot on the corner of Dartmouth street and Warren avenue.

The communications were placed on file, and, on motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That the Fire Commissioner be requested to appear before the Board, at its next meeting, and to submit to the Board at that time a statement of the sites that he

would consider proper locations for a new engine-house for Engine 22, together with the estimated cost of said sites.

The following were also received:

(1.) Communication from School Committee, requesting appropriation for school sites, as follows:

Site for new grammar school-house	
Tileston District, Dorchester . . .	\$10,000
Site for new primary building in	
Sherwin District, Roxbury	15,000

(2.) Communication from Trustees for Children, inviting the members of the Board to visit and inspect the Parental School.

(3.) Petition of Patrick J. Kelly et al. in favor of an engine-house in the Mount Hope District, Ward 23, with order of Councilman Brauer, requesting that a new engine-house be located on Hyde Park avenue, near Neponset avenue, Ward 23, and the report of the Fire Commissioner on said order.

(4.) Order passed by the City Council, requesting the Board to provide the sum of \$15,000 for a hose-house and apparatus on Parker Hill, Ward 19.

(5.) Order requesting an appropriation for asphaltting or otherwise improving walks on Public Garden, adjoining entrance to Subway.

(6.) Communication from the Superintendent of Streets, requesting that unexpended balances of appropriations for improvement of various streets be transferred to appropriations for street improvements by wards, according to the wards in which the streets are located.

(7.) Petition of L. M. Chase, Master of the Dudley School, in favor of repaving Dudley street.

(8.) Petition of E. H. Smith & Co., in favor of an appropriation for paving Boylston street.

(9.) Petition of S. W. Langmaid, M.D., in favor of asphaltting Boylston street, from Arlington street to Berkeley street.

(10.) Petition of Kelley & Durkee, for appropriation for asphaltting Boylston street.

(11.) Order of Councilman Logan, requesting an appropriation for paving First street, Ward 14, from L street to P street.

(12.) Order of Councilman McInerney, requesting an appropriation for paving Ruggles street, between the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and Parker street, Ward 19.

(13.) Order of Alderman Day, requesting an appropriation of \$32,000 for the widening of Battery street, from Commercial street to the Ferry.

(14.) Order of Councilman Sullivan, requesting an appropriation for paving Essex street, Ward 4.

(15.) Order of Councilman Watson, requesting an appropriation for macadamizing Ruggles street, between Shawmut avenue and Cabot street.

(16.) Order of Councilman McInerney, requesting an appropriation for paving, with granite blocks, Heath and New Heath streets.

(17.) Notice from City Auditor of payment of execution of court, amounting to \$421.99, on account of widening Centre street, Ward 24, for which there is no appropriation.

(18.) Notice from City Auditor of payment of execution of court for "extension of Folsom street, Roxbury," thereby causing

deficiency of \$1,406.04 in appropriation for Street Laying-out Department, widening and extending.

Severally placed on file, on motion of Mr. Barry.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 5.57 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on May 9, 1899, an examination will be held at any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, for the position of assistant to inspector of ordnance, ordnance department, Department of War.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination, certification will be made to the position of assistant to inspector of ordnance, South Bethlehem, Pa., and at Providence, R.I., ordnance department, Department of War, at a salary of \$3 per diem each.

The Commission also announces that on May 9-10, 1899, an examination may be taken for the position of expert index clerk, Department of State. Two days will be allowed for this examination.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination, certification will be made to the position of expert index clerk, Department of State, at a salary of \$900 per annum.

The Commission announces that it is desired to establish an eligible register for the position of expert in terrestrial magnetism, United States coast and geodetic survey, Department of the Treasury.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination, certification will be made to the position of expert in terrestrial magnetism, United States coast and geodetic survey, Department of the Treasury, at a salary of \$2,500 per annum.

The Commission also announces that in view of the scarcity of applicants the examination scheduled to be held on April 11-12, 1899, for examiner of surveys, general land office, Department of the Interior, has been postponed to May 9-10, 1899.

Two days will be allowed for this examination. Applicants must be between twenty-one and fifty-five years of age, and physically sound. The medical certificate on application blank (Form 304) must be executed.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination, certification will be made to the position of examiner of surveys, general land office, Department of the Interior, at a salary of \$5 per diem.

Persons desiring to enter these examinations should at once apply to Mr. Edward E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office Building, Boston, Mass., or to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for copies of the Manual and application blanks (Form 304), which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Saturday, April 29, 1899, at 12 M., Chairman Barry presiding.

The Clerk read the call for the meeting as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 28, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Saturday, April 29, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of receiving an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting yesterday, appropriating four thousand (4,000) dollars for purchasing and laying a telephone cable from Moon Island to Long Island. This meeting is made necessary by the provision of law requiring that any appropriation order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment shall be submitted to the City Council within three days thereafter.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The following message was received:

Telephone Cable to Long Island.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 27, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed to-day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating \$4,000 for purchasing and laying a telephone cable from Moon Island to Long Island. I also transmit, for your information, copies of communications from the Pauper Institutions Trustees, the Chief of the Electrical Construction Division and the Superintendent of the Boston Division of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, showing the necessity of this appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

April 29, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of four thousand (4,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Pauper Institutions Trustees in purchasing and laying a telephone cable from Moon Island to Long Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
LAURENCE MINOT.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS TRUSTEES.

28 Court Square, April 20, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I submit herewith two letters, one from Mr. Wright, Division Superintendent, and one from Mr. Cottle, Chief of Electrical Construction Division, in regard to the fate of the cable between Long Island and Deer Island, and in regard to a proposed new cable between Quincy and Long Island. The Pauper Institutions Trustees have carefully considered this question and have instructed me to refer these letters respectfully to His Honor the Mayor, with the request that he shall bring the matter before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and if possible secure an appropriation for the establishment of proper telephone connection on the lines indicated. The Pauper Institutions Trustees feel compelled to take this step, inasmuch as the outlay involved in the purchase and placing of a new cable was not contemplated by them at the time of making up the annual budget.

I would also respectfully call the attention of Your Honor to the fact that by this cable it will be possible to re-establish, probably with a good measure of permanency, telephonic communication between the city and Long Island, Rainsford Island and Galloup's Island, so that the expenditure does not properly belong in any one department, but rather concerns the city as a whole.

I desire also to call the attention of Your Honor to the fact that whatever service may be provided for the United States Government on Long Island Head should constitute the basis of compensation by the government. Hitherto, unless I am mistaken, the service has been furnished largely at least as a matter of courtesy.

Together with the enclosures from the Electrical Construction Division, I submit a map prepared by them, showing the proposed route for the new connection, and also certain photographs showing the condition of the old cable when it was discovered.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK,

Chairman Pauper Institutions Trustees.

ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION DIVISION,
PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

April 5, 1899.

PARKER B. FIELD, Esq., Agent Trustees of Pauper Institutions.

DEAR SIR: In accordance with instructions contained in your letter of March 23, we have undertaken to pick up and repair the telephone cable between Deer Island and Long Island with the following result:

The cable was picked up on the Long Island end and raised until a point was reached about half-way to Deer Island Light, where it was found wedged under a boulder. Thence it was followed about two

hundred feet further east, at which point we came to the end of the cable, which was firmly entangled in a five hundred-pound anchor, as shown in accompanying photograph. The cable had been broken short off near the anchor, and we are unable to say what has become of the remaining portion, but it was probably carried to sea by the coal barge which fouled it in February last.

It is therefore impossible to make further repairs to this cable, and service cannot be restored until a new cable is laid down.

If a new cable is installed between Deer Island and Long Island it will be exposed to the same fate that has met the last one and several others in the vicinity; therefore, I would recommend that the new cable be installed between Moon Island and the west head of Long Island, as this locality is much less frequented by shipping and less likely to be disturbed by anchors. The route suggested should also tend to improve the service, as the connecting lines are all of more recent construction, many of them being underground.

I enclose copy of the Telephone Company's report regarding this feature, also a sketch showing the proposed route.

The cost of making the installation as outlined above will be four thousand and sixty-one (4,061) dollars, which is less than the cost of the old route.

This sum does not include the amount expended in overhauling and repairing the old cables.

Kindly advise me of your wishes in this matter that I may take the necessary steps to have the service restored at once.

Yours truly,

H. F. COTTLE,

Chief of Electrical Construction Division.

NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

March 31, 1899.

MR. H. F. COTTLE, Chief Bureau of Electrical Construction, Public Buildings Department.

DEAR MR. COTTLE: Making reference to proposition to transfer the city's telephone service on Long, Rainsford and Galloup's Islands from the present route via Deer Island to a new one via Dorchester, Squantum and Moon Island, have to say that the Telephone Company will accept your order for the change at any time, present contract rates to remain unchanged, if the class of service is unchanged, provided the city furnishes the necessary facilities for extension of the lines beyond Moon Island.

The Telephone Company's responsibility for the maintenance of these circuits would extend only to the termination of its present line.

I should say the city's service by the proposed route would be very much more satisfactory in all respects than by the present route, with the possible exception that Deer Island would remain connected with the Winthrop exchange, and that any communication between Deer Island and the other islands would have to be transmitted via Winthrop, Boston and Dorchester.

Your present service is dependent upon the Boston underground system to the South Ferry, thence cables across the harbor, thence underground to East Boston, thence underground and aerial line to Winthrop for

trunking, and aerial cable and wires between Winthrop office and Shirley Gut, and beyond Deer Island by maintenance of cable between Deer Island and Long Island—a considerable number of chances for trouble.

Via Dorchester and Moon Island the route would be made up as follows: Trunks all underground from Boston to Dorchester, aerial cable Dorchester, via Neponset avenue and Hancock street to junction of Atlantic and Hancock streets in Quincy, thence open wire via Atlantic, Billings, and Squantum streets, across the property of Mrs. Titus, to Moon Island.

We shall this year make our underground system complete from the Dorchester office to the corner of Hancock and Atlantic streets, thus reducing considerably the chances for trouble between the Dorchester office and the point last named.

Yours truly,

I. O. WRIGHT,

Division Superintendent.

The order was approved and sent down.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, May 1, 1899, at 3 P.M., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Messages were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1.) Thomas Dwight, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for the term ending April 30, 1903.

(2.) Joseph H. O'Neil and Edward H. Dunn, to be members of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(3.) Joseph S. O'Brien, Michael A. Kerrigan, Joseph Lee and Mrs. Annie E. Quinn, to be Overseers of the Poor in the City of Boston, for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

A message was also received from His Honor the Mayor, notifying the Board that he had this day made the following reappointments, not subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1.) Professor Francis W. Chandler, to be a member of the Board of Art Commissioners for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(2.) George A. Sanderson and Katherine L. Marion, to be members of the Board of Insane Hospital Trustees for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Place 1 on file.

The following message from His Honor the Mayor was received:

Effect of Proposed Sewerage Works Bill.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 1, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a copy of House Bill No. 1,129, entitled "An Act Relative to the

Sewerage Works of the City of Boston," favorably reported by the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs and now pending before the Legislature, together with a letter addressed by the Superintendent of Streets, under date of April 26, 1899, to the members of the sub-committee having this matter in charge, explaining the financial consequences which will result from the passage of this bill in its present form.

As it was my belief that these consequences could not have been fully understood by the members of the committee before they reported the bill, and that it could scarcely be their deliberate intention to make it impossible to do any further sewer work upon our streets during this financial year, and to compel the closing up of important work already in progress, an opportunity was sought to lay the true state of the case before the committee at its session this morning, and the matter was fully explained by the Superintendent of Streets and myself. As the committee has not seen fit to assent to any modification of the bill, I feel that it becomes my duty promptly to lay the situation before the City Council and the public. The present administration has done everything in its power, so far as the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs is concerned, to avert action which will not only result in the immediate discharge of many hundred skilled sewer workmen, whose services are needed by the city, but will cause great injury to a large number of property owners, who have counted upon obtaining necessary sewer facilities, and will bring a large amount of real estate development to a standstill.

The bill reported also makes it impossible to do any additional construction work upon assessable streets, as this cannot proceed without provision for the construction of sewers. The statement of the Superintendent clearly shows that there is no available balance within the \$1,000,000 loan already authorized for this year, for the construction of any sewers in streets, and I have now no recourse except to invite the attention of the City Council and of the public to the threatened action of the Legislature.

I desire to add that at the present time the question of the desirability of continuing the assessment plan, whether in connection with the construction of new sewerage works or the maintenance of the existing system, is in no wise at issue. While neither the Superintendent of Streets, the Corporation Counsel nor myself have changed our former opinions as to the merits and justice of the assessment system, as provided for by Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, we accept the fact, since the action of the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, that this system is to be done away with—at least, to the extent provided for by House Bill No. 1,129. The only question

now at issue is how the financial transition shall be made from the system as it has existed to the new basis provided for in said bill. All that I have asked is that some provision should be made, outside of the \$1,000,000 provided for this year—which is already necessarily applied, in the manner explained by the Superintendent of Streets—for the repayment of any sewer charges which tax payers may have a right to recover from the city and for the maintenance of the sewerage system during the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, April 26, 1899.

COMMITTEE ON METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, BOSTON.

GENTLEMEN: The bill reported by you for the committee, relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, has my careful attention, and I cannot believe that the committee is fully informed as to the results which would follow the passage of this act as now worded.

As I understand it, the City of Boston is authorized to expend, in the year beginning February 1, 1899, and ending January 31, 1900, \$1,000,000 for the following purposes: Construction of sewerage works, repayment of any sewer assessment or sewerage charge which may be legally repaid, to meet the amount required prior to the first day of February, 1900, for the interest and sinking fund requirements, and to meet the maintenance of such works to February 1, 1900. This gives the following results:

Total amount available	\$1,000,000
Repayment of assessments, unknown quantity:	
Interest and sinking fund requirements	\$122,000
Maintenance	350,000
Land damages (low estimate)	50,000
	522,000

Leaving for construction, assuming that no assessments or charges are repaid	\$478,000
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Amount required to complete work at Moon Island	239,000
Amount required to complete work at pumping station	54,500
Construction expenditures to date	187,000

Total \$480,500

Total amount available for construction \$478,000

From the above figures, you can see that, unless provision is made for the items which ordinarily would not come from the \$1,000,000 there can be absolutely no further construction work on sewers in Boston the balance of this year. I cannot believe that any such purpose was in the minds of the committee, and I can but refer to City Document No. 70 (copy of which I send herewith) to show the great demand for sewerage works. Should House Bill 1,129 become a law without change from its present form, the progress and development of the city would be greatly retarded. During the last few years, very large areas of land have been opened

up by the building of Brighton avenue, Columbus avenue, Huntington avenue, Blue Hill avenue and Columbia road. Branching off from all of these avenues, streets are under construction, or ordered, hundreds of houses have been built, and this brings about an unusual demand for sewerage works. As surface construction cannot be taken up until the sewer work is completed, the passage of the bill as reported would mean that all work must stop on Commonwealth avenue—the loan for which provides that the avenue must be completed before January 1, 1900—prevent the building of the last section of Blue Hill avenue, on which the sewer work is but just started, make impossible the further construction of Columbia road, and the giving of sewer service to that portion of the road already occupied by several large yacht clubs, and prevent the building of Talbot avenue, for which a street loan has been provided.

On properties assessed at \$2,500,000, between the Fenway and Brookline avenue—where considerable street work has already been done, but where it is necessary to build an outlet sewer—the building up and development must stop, although several fine houses are started, and it has been the intention of the holders of this property to immediately improve it, and after such improvement, its value would be nearly \$5,000,000.

All work on “323 streets,” which it had been planned to build this year, would be prevented, for the reason that the regular loan for this work does not provide for the sewers. This must be taken care of from the sewerage works loan.

If you will run through the items from page 22 to page 32, inclusive, of City Document No. 70, which I enclose, you will find in detail the sewers which have been petitioned for, and are urgent—and, in some cases, are under construction. All this work must absolutely stop. The sewers must be bulkheaded at the point where the construction is at the present moment, and the very proper requests of the citizens of all sections of the city for sewerage works be refused. As these sewers are paid for in greater part by the parties benefited, and this loan is repaid to the city by them, it does not seem fair to so limit the amount that the great quantity of work which would surely be in progress this season should be stopped. Failure to provide sewers will mean that all the various branches of labor engaged in work which appertains to the development of real estate, commencing at the grading and preparation of land for building purposes, the work of constructing the buildings, and all that this implies, would be very much reduced the coming season.

In addition to the work above referred to, there is certain emergency work which must always receive attention, such as, for instance, orders of the Board of Health to remove conditions dangerous to health, and in the case of breaking of worn-out sewers.

Aside from the financial provisions of the bill, I cannot agree that some of the other changes are wise; but, as that matter has without doubt been discussed by your committee, I will not now ask a hearing on those points. I would suggest, however, that the sum made available for the current year be \$2,000,000, for the reason that this year the various outside items must be provided for,

and the amount available for construction work, even under the \$2,000,000 loan, would not nearly supply the demand for sewerage works; and it does seem but reasonable that the man who desires to improve his property should be furnished with a sewer—especially as the cost of same would be borne by him.

I should be pleased to appear before your sub-committee or the full committee with officials of the Sewer Division, to make clear any point upon which the committee may desire further information. There is certainly no legislation of the present year that is of such vital importance to the development of the city and to every class of citizens as the act which will provide for the construction and maintenance of sewerage works. This must be my excuse, if any is needed, for the length and details of this letter.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

P. S. Allow me to also call your attention to the fact that the bill authorizing \$2,000,000 for the construction of Bennington street, extension of Malvern street, widening and construction of Morton street, and other streets under fifty feet in width, under the assessable act, would become inoperative, for the reason that none of this work could be undertaken until the sewers were built; no money being provided for the sewers, the work, as contemplated in the act, could not be undertaken.

(Accompanying the above was a copy of House Bill No. 1,129, entitled “An Act Relative to Sewerage Works of the City of Boston.”)

In connection with the above, Alderman Codman offered the following:

Resolved, That, in view of the figures presented in the statement of the Superintendent of Streets, this day transmitted to this Board relative to the effect of the carrying out of the provisions of House Bill 1,129, entitled “An Act Relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston,” now pending before the Legislature, the Board of Aldermen respectfully requests that said bill be recommitted to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, or that action upon it be postponed, so that an opportunity may be afforded to the members of this Board to fully investigate the matter and to present their views to the Legislature; and that a committee of five members of this Board be appointed to endeavor to secure the carrying out of this request.

The resolution was read a second time and passed.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber on Monday, May 8, at 3 P.M.

According to new Minnesota laws, street railway franchises in that State are limited to twenty years' duration in cities of more than 50,000 inhabitants, and to twenty-five years in other cities.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following was approved April 24, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue the necessary permits to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to close the roadways on the following-named streets during the time necessary for the changing of the grades at the places indicated, viz.:

Washington street, northerly side from the Boston and Albany Railroad bridge to Lovering place.

Castle street, for about 100 feet westerly from Washington street.

Motte street, for about 100 feet easterly from Washington street.

The following were approved April 27, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. & P. M. Ahern to move a wooden building, mansard roof, thirty-eight feet in length by twenty-one feet six inches in width by twenty-four feet in height, from No. 93 George street, through George and Langdon streets to Clayton place, to stone foundation in Clayton place, Ward 17, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to allow for payment and the City Treasurer to pay the outstanding bills incurred by the Board of Aldermen of last year for advertising, badges, stationery, telephones and messenger service, the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingent fund, Board of Aldermen.

The constables' bonds of forty-five persons were approved.

The following were approved April 28, 1899:

License to the Putnam Nail Company to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at their works on Ericsson street, Ward 24.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

M. Hebenstreit, a sign, 121 Roxbury street.

Cigar Makers' Social Union, No. 97, illuminated sign, at 657 Atlantic avenue, Ward 7.

Central Associates, illuminated sign, at 281 Meridian street, Ward 1.

Permit to C. A. Gleason, to erect an awning occasionally in sidewalk in front of Hotel Somerset on Newbury street.

Order authorizing the payment of State Aid to soldiers and sailors and their families for the month of April, under the provisions of the various acts of the Legislature providing for said payments.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks with edgestones, owner to furnish material, to be from three to ten inches above gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, as follows:

A. L. Richardson, trustee, 175 Summer street, Ward 7; of artificial stone.

Joseph J. Cronin, 123 Centre street, Ward 19; of artificial stone.

William A. Whittmore, 227 Hancock street, Ward 20; of artificial stone.

J. P. Buntin, 50 Bicknell street, Ward 20; of artificial stone.

Howard Brothers, 22-24 Greenbrier street, Ward 20; of artificial stone.

James V. Devine, 174-282½ Quincy street, Ward 16; of artificial stone.

Charles Miller, 58 Day street, Ward 22; of artificial stone.

Max Arkin, 65 Roundhill street, Ward 22; of artificial stone.

John Keohane, 4, 8 and 10 Shelby street, Ward 1; of brick.

Thomas P. De Neill, 1562 Tremont street, Ward 19; of brick.

Milton W. Hall, 445-453 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 21; of brick.

Wilfred Bolster, 137 Ruthven street, Ward 21; of brick.

O. Reinstein, on Howland street, side of 168 Humboldt avenue, Ward 21; of brick.

L. M. Best, 79-81 Burrell street, Ward 17; of gravel.

Catharine Hanrahan, 80 Burrell street, Ward 17; of gravel.

Alfred Pierce, 90 Burrell street, Ward 17; of gravel.

L. M. Best, 32 Marshfield street, Ward 17; of gravel.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets pave the sidewalks with brick in front of estates on the southerly side of West Eagle street, between Brooks street and Meridian street, Ward 1; the owner of said estates to furnish brick therefor.

Ordered, That all of the open territory between Boylston street and the southerly line of Eliot street, extended across Columbus avenue, be hereafter designated and known as Park square.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George R. Dugad to erect, maintain and use one guy-post in Beacon street, at or near Audubon road, and one post in Audubon road, at or near Ivy street, the necessary ropes to be attached thereto, for use in building construction; the work to be completed on or before December 21, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. P. Nawn, to construct, maintain and use a temporary tramway across Western avenue, near the junction of North Market street, Ward 25, as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City of Boston.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Charles A. Pearson; said poles to be located as follows:

Devens street, Ward 5, two poles, thirty-five feet by nine inches; width of sidewalk, ten feet; plan dated March 25, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Albert P. Allen; said poles to be located as follows:

Dudley street, seven poles, fifty feet by eighteen inches; sidewalk, seven feet wide.

Harrison avenue, one pole, fifty feet by eighteen inches; sidewalk, nine feet wide; date of plan, April 15, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove six poles from Dudley street, said poles being shown by blue dots on a plan made by Albert P. Allen, dated April 15, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 36, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

ORDERS PASSED — NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston hereby protests against the passage of the bill accompanying the report of the Committee on Cities of the General Court, entitled "An Act Relative to the Building Laws of the City of Boston," House Bill 1,092, believing that the legislation contained therein is unnecessary.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be directed to transmit a copy of this resolve to the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested to place ropes and bases on the Gibson Playground, Dorchester.

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Cemetery Department be requested to have the railing surrounding Copp's Hill Cemetery painted as soon as possible.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to construct a crosswalk on Plain street, at the junction of Chickatawbut street, Ward 24.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to place seats in the park in Maverick square.

Ordered, That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to extend their electric line over Talbot avenue, Dorchester, as soon as possible.

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12. S.B. 49, an Act relative to the bequest of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library, p. 74.	Libraries and Judiciary. Jan. 27.	March 3. April 12.	April 12. S.(N.G.C.)							
13. S. B. 59, an Act relative to the registration of voters, the appointment of election and caucus officers, and the establishment of election districts in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 21. H.(L.W.)							
14. S. B. 67, an Act to cede certain land in Boston Harbor, and jurisdiction over the same, to the United States, for the purpose of extending the present limits of the United States Navy Yard, p. 75.	Harbors and Public Lands, and Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 31. S. (S.B.67)	Feb. 1.	Feb. 1.	Feb. 2. H.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 2.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
15. S. B. 72, an Act to provide that a person applying to vote in the City of Boston, shall not be required to write his name on the voting list, p. 75.	Election Laws. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.	March 29. S.(S.B. 267)	March 31.	April 3.	April 5. H.	April 14.	April 21.	H. Apr. 25. S. Apr. 27.	May 1. App.
16. S. B. 76, an Act to abolish the Board of Apportionment of the City of Boston, p. 75.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.	April 5, 10.	April 24. S. (N. P.)							
17. S. B. 90, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 75.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 7, 16. Closed.	March 16. H. (H. B. 1037.)	April 1.	April 7.	April 11. S.				
18. S. B. 97, an Act relative to the inspection of steam-boilers, and to regulate steam engineering, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (N.P.)							
19. S. B. 100, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of Bennington street and other highways in the City of Boston p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 2. S. (S.B.)							
20. S. B. 108, an Act to provide for a Normal School-house in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	Mch 2, 8. Closed.	March 17. S. (S.B. 108)	March 20.	March 21.	March 23. H.	March 28.	March 31.	H. Apr. 4. S. Apr. 5.	April 10. App.
21. S. B. 109, an Act to authorize the establishment of vacation schools in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 16. S. (S.B. 241)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. H.	March 23.	March 30.	H. Apr. 4. S. Apr. 7.	April 10. App.
22. S. B. 118, an Act to provide for the use of automatic ventilators in sleeping-rooms where gas is used in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. S. (L.W.)							
23. S. B. 119, an Act relative to salaries paid by the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
24. S. B. 121, an Act relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
25. S. B. 122, an Act relative to the construction of subways in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	April 10. S.(N.G.C.)							

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26. S. B. 123, an Act to provide for grammar and primary school-houses in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 28. H. (L. W.)							
27. S. B. 124, an Act relative to the Riverway Park of the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 7. H. (N. G. C.)							
28. S. B. 125, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 16.	March 16. Closed.	March 16. H. (N. P.)							
29. S. B. 126, an Act relative to contracts with the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2, 3. Closed.	March 10. H. (L. W.)							
30. S. B. 127, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
31. S. B. 142, an Act relative to the granting of leave of absence to police officers in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
32. S. B. 143, an Act relative to tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
33. S. B. 148, an Act relative to the height of buildings in Copley square in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16. Closed.								
34. S. B. 149, an Act to amend the charter of the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
35. S. B. 150, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the children of Frederick B. Bogan, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 937)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 18.	April 26.	H. Apr. 28. S. May 2.	
36. S. B. 151, an Act relative to additions, alterations and repairs on school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 21.	March 9. Closed.	March 28. S. (S. B. 151) T. April 5.	April 25.	April 27.	May 1. S.				
37. S. B. 157, an Act to establish a Department of Architecture in Boston, p. 125.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 6. S. (N. G. C.)							
38. S. B. 158, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
39. S. B. 159, an Act relative to the Boston Transit Commission, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	April 10. S. (N. G. C.)							
40. S. B. 175, an Act relative to the new Cambridge Bridge, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
41. S. B. 190, an Act to provide for a State Highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, p. 126.	Roads and Bridges. March 6.	March 20. Closed.	March 27. S. (L. W.)							
42. S. B. 193, an Act relative to the Erection and Alteration of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Cities. Feb. 27.	March 6. Closed.	March 6. S. (S. B. 193)	March 7.	March 8.	March 9. H.	March 13.	March 13.	H. Mch. 15. S. Mch. 16.	March 17. App.
IN HOUSE.										
43. H. B. 20, an Act relative to Malden Bridge, so called, in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 936)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 4.	April 5.	H. April 7. S. April 11.	April 17. App.
44. H. B. 21, an Act to authorize the West End Street Railway Company to replace its tracks on Tremont and Boylston streets in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Street Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 9, 13, 15, 24. Closed.	March 23. H. (H. B. 1,002.)	April 4.	April 18.	April 20. S.	May 1. Am.			
45. H. B. 23, an Act to authorize the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of merchandise, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	March 22. H. (L. W.)							
46. H. B. 25, an Act to authorize the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	Jan. 24. S. (H. B. 25)	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 30. H.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
47. H. B. 31, an Act to repeal Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (L. W.)							
48. H. B. 38, an Act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Public Service. Jan. 11.	Jan. 27. Closed.	Jan. 27. H. (L. W.)							
49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30.	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (L. W.)							
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (H. B. 1018.)	April 12. Rej.						
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 6. H. (L. W.)							
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (N. P.)							

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (N. P.)							
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.	March 21, Closed.	March 30. S. (S.B. 272)	April 17.	April 21. Sub. H. B. 1121.	April 24. S.	April 28. Am.	May 2.		
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 13, 24. Closed.	(See No. 44.)							
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Mch. 16, 23. Closed.	March 24. H. (L.W.)							
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.	March 14. H. (H.R. 162)		March 15. Ad.	March 17. S.		March 20. Ad.		
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N.P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H.B. 176)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S. Feb. 21.	Feb. 23 App.
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17, Closed.	(See No. 55)							
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 1. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,013.)	April 4.	April 11.	April 13. S.	April 14.	April 17.	H. April 20. S. April 24.	April 25. App.
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.	April 25. H. (H.B. 1131)							
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H.B. 811)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.	March 24. Rej.			
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (H.B. 214)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16. App.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 1. Closed.								
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.	March 20. H. (N. P.)							
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.	March 21, Closed.	(See No. 55)							
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.	March 2. Closed.	March 7. H. (L.W.)							
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.	Mch 23, 29. Closed.	April 21. H. (N.G.C.)							
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N.G.C.)							
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (H.B. 833)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.	March 15.	H. Mch. 20. S. Mch. 22.	March 24. App.
75. H. B. 321, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (L.W.)							
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Joint Judiciary. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Mch. 21, 22. Closed.	March 24. H. (N. P.)							

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78. H. B. 332, an Act relative to the leasing of buildings and the granting of concessions by the Park Commissioners of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N.P.)							
79. H. B. 333, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 10. H. (N.P.)							
80. H. B. 350, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.	March 31. H. (L. W.)							
81. H. B. 353, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 8. Closed.								
82. H. B. 377, an Act relative to certain departments of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (N.G.C.)							
83. H. B. 383, an Act relative to the election of the Mayor of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 1. S. (N.G.C.)							
84. H. B. 386, an Act to further regulate the inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13, 24. Closed.	March 13. H. (N.P.)							
85. H. B. 387, an Act to change the method of electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
86. H. B. 396, an Act relative to playgrounds in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 30.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 22. H. (H.B. 996)	March 28.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 7.	H. Apr. 12. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
87. H. B. 407, an Act to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston to purchase certain lands on Chestnut Hill avenue, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 10. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,015.)	March 30.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 6.	H. Apr. 10. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
88. H. B. 463, an Act to authorize the proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate, p. 82.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 6. H. (H.B. 894)	March 7.	March 8.	March 10. S.	March 13.	March 14.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 20.	March 21. App.
89. H. B. 464, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to abate a portion of certain assessments for the construction of highways, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.								
90. H. B. 471, an Act relative to the construction of a tunnel from a point on or near Hanover street to a point at or near Maverick square in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
91. H. B. 476, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles Bulle, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 476)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
92. H. B. 494, an Act relative to the laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.								
93. H. B. 517, an Act relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.								
94. H. B. 528, an Act relative to the tabulation of statistics of parent nativity in Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (H.B. 923)	March 10.	March 13.	March 15. S.	March 20.	March 24.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
95. H. B. 529, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 relative to the municipal debt of and rate of taxation in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (L.W.)							
96. H. B. 531, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Mary A. Davis, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 531)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
97. H. B. 532, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward Melia, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 532)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
98. H. B. 533, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (N. P.)							
99. H. B. 551, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
100. H. B. 553, an Act to provide for the widening of Pine street in Boston, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (L.W.)							
101. H. B. 555, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John McGrath certain money, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 2. H. (H.B. 561)	March 17.	March 20. Am.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
102. H. B. 562, an Act to require poles for wires in the City of Boston to be made of iron, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (N.P.)							
103. H. B. 570, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of James F. Ryan, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 570)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			

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104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. March 8. Closed.	April 12. H. (2 bills).							
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.583)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 18. Rej.			
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 8 Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 9, 10. Closed.	March 21. H.(H.B.890)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 1.	April 10. Rej.		
109. H. B. 607, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. H.(N.G.C.)							
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H.(H.B.957)	March 16.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 24.	March 27.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	(See No.110)							
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N. P.)							
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2. (See No. 105.)									
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 9. H. (L. W.)							
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	April 25. S. (S.B.637)	April 27.	May 2.					
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (H. B. 1,129.)	May 2.						
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 21, Closed.								
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.665)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16, 24. Closed.	April 26. H. (H.B.)							
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.									
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.673)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.674)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	April 12. H. (H. B. 1092.)	April 20. T.						
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 14, 15. Closed	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.679)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 26.	April 27.	H. May 1. S. May 2.	
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15, 28. Closed.	April 3. H.(H.B.680)	April 14. Rej.						

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN PROGRESS OF PASSAGE, BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1899. — Concluded.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Date of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Sent to Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 17, 3, 30.A p.3. Closed.	April 26. H. (L.W.)							
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.	March 7. S.(N.G.C.)							
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 27. H. (H. B. 1,091.)	April 10. Am.	April 20.	April 21. S.	April 28. Am.	May 2.		
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2, 15. Closed.	April 10. S. (L.W.)							
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. H.(N.G.C.)							
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb.2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H.(H.B.728)							
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb.2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H.(L.W.)							
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church, of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Societies. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 2. H.(L.W.)							
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	April 7. Closed.	April 25. H. (H.B. 1,132.)	May 1.						
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17, March 7. Closed.	March 28. H. (N.P.)							
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. March 7.	March 16. Closed.	April 26. S.(N.G.C.)							
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.783)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 31. Rej.			
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17, March 7. Closed.	March 27. H.(N.G.C.)							
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H.(L.W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb.3.	Feb. 15, March 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.	May 2. S. (S.B.)							
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H.(L.W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 6. Closed.	March 9. S.(N.G.C.)							
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education. Feb. 20.	March 15. Closed.	April 4. H.(H.B.846)	April 12.	April 20. Rej.					
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Counties. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	March 20. S.(H.B.858.)							

Awards of Contracts.

Cambridge Bridge Commission.

Proposals for building draws and piers for a temporary pile bridge across the Charles river, near the West Boston bridge, were opened at the office of His Honor the Mayor on Tuesday, April 25, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
William L. Miller	\$27,945
W. H. Ellis & Co.	24,500
Benjamin Young	23,202
William L. Lawler	20,199

The contract was awarded to William L. Lawler.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN,
E. D. LEAVITT,
Cambridge Bridge Commission.

Street Department.

Proposals for macadam road work were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on April 27, 1899, as follows:

Macadam road, Idaho street:

Bidders.	Bids.
James McGovern	\$1,490 91
John Connors	1,711 40
Collins & Ham	1,853 90
D. E. Lynch	2,294 90
J. Driscoll & Son	2,398 00

The contract was awarded to James McGovern.

Macadam road, St. Stephens street:

J. Doherty & Co.	\$1,513 55
Collins & Ham	1,739 36
J. Driscoll & Son	1,757 00
D. E. Lynch	2,714 50

The contract was awarded to J. Doherty & Co.

Macadam road, Stanley street:

J. Doherty & Co.	\$785 75
Collins & Ham	979 41
James McGovern	994 00
J. Connors	1,055 20
J. Driscoll & Son	1,142 70
D. E. Lynch	1,310 00

The contract was awarded to J. Doherty & Co.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

April 24, 1899.

General Order No. 592.

I. Reserve Officer Michael J. McDonough, of Division 3, having been commended by his captain for meritorious service and general efficiency, he is hereby appointed a patrolman in the police force of the City of Boston and assigned to duty at the same division. He will report at the clerk's office,

headquarters, at 9.30 o'clock A.M., Tuesday, the twenty-fifth instant, to be sworn.

II. Reserve Officer Timothy A. McCarthy, of Division 4, having been commended by his captain for meritorious service in stopping a pair of runaway horses attached to a express wagon on Eliot street, March 6, current, is hereby commended in General Orders.

April 25, 1899.

General Order No. 593.

I. Reserve Officer Frank L. Merritt, of Division 3, having been commended by his captain for meritorious service and general efficiency, he is hereby appointed a patrolman in the police force of the City of Boston and assigned for duty at the same division.

II. Reserve Officer John H. Sweeney, of Division 9, having been commended by his captain for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse attached to a team on Dudley street, on March 19, current, he is hereby appointed a patrolman in the police force of the City of Boston and assigned for duty at the same division.

III. The above-named reserve-men will report at the clerk's office, headquarters, at 9.30 o'clock A.M., Wednesday, twenty-sixth instant, to be sworn.

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE COMMISSIONER.

The appointment by Governor Wolcott, on April 26, 1899, of Mr. Harry Franklin Adams, to be a member of the Board of Police of Boston, to succeed General A. P. Martin, was unanimously confirmed by the Governor's Council, at a meeting held Wednesday, May 3.

Mr. Adams was born in Boston in 1857, and is the son of the late Samuel G. Adams, for ten years Superintendent of Police of the City of Boston. He is a graduate of the public schools of the city, and for the past twenty-five years has been connected in various capacities with the Massachusetts National Bank.

General Martin, whom Mr. Adams succeeds, was appointed Police Commissioner and Chairman of the Board in 1895.

HOUSES ORDERED REMOVED AND VACATED.

Following is a list of houses ordered removed by the Board of Health during the month of April, 1899:

98 Warrenton street.
Rear of 77 Warrenton street.
14 Anderson street.
Rear of 14 Anderson street.
16 Anderson street.
6 Gilson court.

Following is a list of houses ordered vacated during the month of April, 1899:

34-36-38 Genesee street.
81 Carver street.
26 Piedmont street.
326 Harrison avenue.
328 Harrison avenue.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

Boston, April 12, 1899.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held on April 12, at 5 P.M., at the Hospital.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Rueter, Burnham and Keany; the President in the chair.

The regular monthly bills were approved, and the President was authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$23,178.34.

It was voted that there be paid to E. B. Townsend the sum of \$4,990.15, in full payment of 1,211 $\frac{4}{10}$ tons of coal delivered at the Boston City Hospital wharf, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to John S. Jacobs & Son the sum of \$2,500, as tenth payment on account of their contract of November 23, 1897, for the erection and completion of the Ann White Vose Building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$62.50, the same being 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. commission on \$2,500, paid to John S. Jacobs & Son, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Lynch & Woodward the sum of \$490, the same being the second and final payment in full settlement of their contract of August 24, 1898, for extension of piping in the boiler-house, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, extension of boiler-house, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent as follows:

(1.) Showing receipts from paying patients for the month of March. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

(2.) Recommending that diplomas be issued to the following-named nurses, provided that on the dates opposite their respective names they shall have passed all the examinations and fulfilled all the requirements necessary to receive such diploma:

Jennie May Draper, May 19, 1899; Ellen Minot Allen, May 19, 1899; Mary Agnes Healey, June 19, 1899; Edith Annie Newton, July 29, 1899.

It was voted that diplomas be issued as recommended.

Circular letter No. 60 of His Honor the Mayor was read and ordered to be placed on file.

It was voted that the time for the completion of the Vose House, under the contract of John S. Jacobs & Son, be extended to July 15, and that they be so notified.

A communication was received from Wheelwright & Haven, submitting drawings for connecting corridor and approach to the Ann White Vose Building, and an estimate that the same will cost \$9,000 for the corridor and \$450 for architect's commission. The matter was referred to Messrs. Shuman, Rueter and Sprague.

A communication was received from Dr. O. F. Wadsworth, resigning his position as ophthalmic surgeon to the Hospital, and the communication was referred to the Medical Committee.

The President reported that he had received a second check in the sum of \$50,000 from A. F. Estabrook and C. H. Watson, executors of the estate of Thomas T. Wyman, in addition to the \$65,000 received and recorded in the Trustees' records on November 10, 1898. It was voted that the gift be accepted, and the receipt of said check be acknowledged, and that the same should be added to the Wyman building fund, as appropriated under the terms of said will.

It was voted that the check for \$50,000 from A. F. Estabrook and C. H. Watson, executors of the estate of Thomas T. Wyman, late of Boston, deceased, second payment to the Hospital as residuary legatee, be deposited with the City Treasurer of the City of Boston, to be added by him to the Wyman building fund, to be appropriated by the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital under the terms of said will.

It was voted that Mr. A. Shuman, President of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, is hereby authorized to endorse, on behalf of the Boston City Hospital, the check for \$50,000 from A. F. Estabrook and C. H. Watson.

The President submitted a memorandum in regard to the financial condition of the Hospital appropriations, and a further detailed consideration of the matter was referred to a special meeting, to be called by the President.

Communications were received from the secretary of the senior staff as follows:

(1.) Notification of the appointment of a committee of the senior staff for the purpose of preparing a new formulary for the Boston City Hospital. The matter was referred to the Medical Committee.

(2.) Recommending a substitute for Rule 214. The substitute as requested having been previously voted by the Trustees, no further action thereon was deemed necessary.

(3.) Enclosing a circular letter, requesting that the same be printed and forwarded to each member of the medical staff of the Hospital. It was voted that said circular letter be printed and forwarded, as requested, under the direction of the Medical Committee.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners:

April 17, 1899.

A request from Moses Williams and John H. Storer, trustees, and Henry M. White, that the restrictions contained in the deed of the Boston Water Power Company to the city, dated December 9, 1891, be amended by substituting the word "seventy" for the word "sixty" in the clause relating to the maximum height of buildings, was received, and it was

Voted, By virtue of and in exercise of the power conferred upon this Board by an order of the City Council, approved by the

Mayor April 1, 1897, that the restrictions contained in the deed of George F. Richardson, Grenville T. W. Braman and James P. Farley, jr., trustees of the Boston Water Power Company, to the city, of land abutting upon the Back Bay Fens be amended by substituting the word "seventy" for the word "sixty" in the clause relating to the maximum height of buildings allowed on the restricted premises.

Instruments for amending the restrictions on the White and Water Power Company lands were received from the City Conveyancer and executed by the Board.

An agreement with Simon J. Donovan for modification of contract for building sea-wall and grading at the Strandway, prepared by the Law Department and signed by Donovan and his bondsmen, was received and executed and sent to the Mayor for his approval.

April 18, 1899.

The Superintendent submitted an agreement with Willie Campbell for the care of the golf links at Franklin Park for the season of 1899, which was approved.

Voted, That there be allowed and paid to Simon J. Donovan \$6,000, being a part of the sum of \$10,488.23 earned by him under his contract for building sea-wall and grading at the Strandway, dated July 26, 1897, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for public parks.

April 24, 1899.

A communication was received from the Metropolitan Park Commission, requesting concurrence in taking No. 183 for the Neponset river reservation, Crest avenue to Granite avenue, was received. The Board concurred in said taking, said concurrence being endorsed on the paper submitted by the Metropolitan Park Commission.

Voted, That Abbotswood be closed to picnic parties during this season, to permit of the completion of the loaming of the surface necessary for the welfare of the trees, and the men's sanitary building torn down.

Voted, That Leverett Park playground be closed for games for another season to permit the grass to become strong.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to purchase one team for the Back Bay District, and one team and two single horses for the Franklin Park District.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Laying-out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, April 17.

Votes were passed to pay the heirs of James Foster \$4,000 for damages occasioned their estate on Centre street, at Dorchester, by the relocation of Tenean Creek; and to pay Charles W. Sanderson \$2,250 for damages occasioned his estate on Faneuil street, at Brighton, by the relocation of Shepard brook.

Petitions were received for sewers in Rollins court and Seaver street, at Roxbury, and for catch-basins in Fairland street, at Roxbury, and Van Winkle street, at Dorchester.

Tuesday, April 18.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the widening of Albany street and Northampton street, at their junction.

Thursday, April 20.

A public hearing was given in the matter of locating anew and extending Lauriat avenue, at Dorchester.

Petitions were received for a catch-basin in Rutland street, and a sewer in Fessenden street.

Monday, April 24.

An order was passed, laying out Waldeck street, and sent to the Mayor for approval.

The Superintendent of Streets was authorized and requested to remove from within the lines of Charlestown street, as widened by the order of this Board of October 12, 1898, all old buildings and building material.

A report was made, through the Mayor, to the Common Council, in regard to land and streets taken by the Old Colony Railroad, under authority of the acts of the Legislature of 1893.

Tuesday, April 25.

A public hearing was given in the matter of relocating Washington street, at Dorchester, between Talbot avenue and Euclid street.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Public Alleys Nos. 702, 703, running from Worcester street to West Springfield street, and from Newland street, between Worcester and West Springfield streets.

Petitions were received for the relocation of a part of Salem street and a part of Bartlett place, and for the relocation of a catch-basin in Washington street.

Wednesday, April 26.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Allston terrace, and for catch-basins in Norfolk avenue, Louise park and Ruthven street.

Thursday, April 27.

Petitions were received for the laying-out of Province court and of Mackin street, and for a catch-basin in Van Winkle street.

An order was passed laying out and extending Lauriat avenue, and sent to the Mayor for his approval.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN APRIL.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of April, 1899, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 723; total number of mortgages, 648; total amount of mortgages, \$4,229,628.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	200
South Boston	50
East Boston	51
Roxbury	105
Dorchester	195
West Roxbury	47
Brighton	39
Charlestown	36
Total	723

Department Communications.

Baths Department.

Following is a summary showing the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of March, 1899, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

March.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount received.
1 . . .	263	121	41	52	477	\$7 27
2 . . .	153	62	31	22	268	3 05
3 . . .	248	105	81	43	477	5 38
4 . . .	563	197	683	401	1,844	10 10
5 . . .	605	215	97	89	1,006	12 38
6 . . .	302	197	75	43	617	7 61
7 . . .	175	80	51	97	403	4 32
8 . . .	181	93	65	42	381	4 20
9 . . .	159	73	68	41	341	3 87
10 . . .	321	103	72	59	555	7 27
11 . . .	532	207	631	415	1,785	11 63
12 . . .	705	205	104	95	1,109	15 78
13 . . .	309	194	79	65	647	7 46
14 . . .	178	64	35	22	299	3 57
15 . . .	181	68	61	23	333	3 65
16 . . .	258	105	73	52	488	6 38
17 . . .	241	115	83	68	507	5 40
18 . . .	403	165	522	201	1,291	9 04
19 . . .	409	74	95	41	619	8 78
20 . . .	173	62	49	31	315	3 23
21 . . .	213	51	52	35	351	4 33
22 . . .	151	80	35	26	292	3 12
23 . . .	150	61	39	23	273	2 88
24 . . .	401	235	95	73	804	9 89
25 . . .	547	203	643	429	1,822	11 58
26 . . .	509	123	98	65	795	11 41
27 . . .	307	102	82	63	554	7 00
28 . . .	268	73	42	51	434	4 76
29 . . .	231	58	61	43	393	4 44
30 . . .	273	107	97	74	551	5 14
31 . . .	387	193	101	82	763	9 79
Totals .	9,796	3,791	4,341	2,866	20,794	\$214 71

NOTE.—Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

The following table shows the number of baths taken at the East Boston Gymnasium during March, by weeks:

WEEK ENDING	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
March 4 .	875	91	1,005	210	2,181
March 11 .	1,221	100	1,000	261	2,582
March 18 .	1,090	50	999	130	2,269
March 25 .	1,027	35	1,220	50	2,332
Totals .	4,213	276	4,224	651	9,364

NOTE.—At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Building Department.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved

and disapproved, for the week ending April 15, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1 . . .	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	4
2 . . .	1	2	-	-	-	1	3	1	2	4	2
3 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	1
4 . . .	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	3	3
5 . . .	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
6 . . .	3	9	2	1	1	-	9	4	10	29	29
7 . . .	-	11	-	-	-	-	14	3	5	29	29
8 . . .	-	3	-	1	-	-	3	-	11	11	11
9 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	15	15
10 . . .	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	11	13	13
11 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	15	15
12 . . .	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	7	12	12
13 . . .	3	15	2	-	-	1	16	-	5	7	7
14 . . .	-	1	-	1	-	4	2	-	2	15	15
15 . . .	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	4	9	9
16 . . .	13	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	11	11
17 . . .	12	1	9	-	2	-	1	-	4	8	8
18 . . .	1	4	-	-	-	-	8	-	4	5	5
19 . . .	5	1	4	-	-	1	2	1	9	28	28
20 . . .	12	5	9	1	11	2	2	4	8	53	53
21 . . .	4	1	-	-	-	4	1	-	12	17	17
22 . . .	3	-	-	-	-	4	6	2	2	8	8
23 . . .	6	3	3	1	-	7	-	3	8	6	6
24 . . .	3	3	8	-	-	2	3	1	21	20	20
25 . . .	1	-	2	-	-	2	2	6	4	10	10
T'ls..	68	71	41	5	15	29	86	25	154	331	331

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, April 24, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending April 22, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	80
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	16
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	1
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	4
Number of attachments	1
Number of bills of sale	1
Number of assignments of wages	27
Number of married women's certificates .	6
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1
Number of ship liens	2

The following accident notices have been filed:

April 17—Alfred B. Cummins, damage to wagon caused by alleged defective condition of railroad crossing corner Causeway and Haverhill street.

April 19—Hannah Toohey, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in West Second street.

April 20—Minnie F. Withers, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Tremont street.

April 21—James A. Bradlee, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in machinery of ferry-boat "Revere."

City Hall, May 1, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending April 29, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	114
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	17
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	5
Number of bills of sale	9
Number of assignments of wages	57
Number of married women's certificates .	10
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of ship liens	1

Accident notices have been filed as follows:

April 26—By Patrick J. McCarthy, personal injuries, caused by improperly covered coal-hole at 53 Bradford street.

April 27—By John B. Young, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in Adams street, Dorchester.

April 28—By John W. Foster, personal injuries, caused by alleged defective covering to trench in Hancock street.

April 28—By Charles A. Foster, personal injuries, received from alleged defective covering to trench in Hancock street.

The following suits have been entered against the city: Margaret Daly, action of tort, damages \$10,000; Nellie M. Banks, action of tort, damages \$4,000; Jonathan H. Mann et al., action of contract, damages \$300; William H. Wilkinson has filed a petition for assessment of damages by jury for land taken by the Board of Street Commissioners in Dorchester.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, April 17, 1899.

Official action was taken by the Fire Commissioner during the week ending April 15, as follows:

Edward J. McIntyre has been appointed a permanent substitute, and J. H. Smith has been appointed a call substitute for Ladder Company 16.

George G. Crafts, jr., of Engine Company 8, has been sentenced to forfeit two weeks' pay and his days off for two months for assault on a fellow-member.

Michael J. Dacey, of Ladder Company 13, has been given a day off for presence of mind and prompt action in saving a child from probable serious injury on Hampden street, Saturday, April 8.

There has been purchased of Welch & Hall two bay horses at \$138 each.

There has been ordered of the American Cereal Company a supply of feed for Districts 1 to 9, inclusive, for the months of May, June and July.

George G. Crafts, jr., has been transferred from Engine Company 8 to Ladder Company 8.

Bristol Street, May 1, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending April 29, as follows:

A special draft has been drawn in favor of John A. Fox, architect, for \$400, on account of veterinary hospital.

Fire-alarm box 588 has been moved to the corner of Newburg and Beech streets.

Fire-alarm box 27 has been moved to the corner of Charles and Mt. Vernon streets.

William McCarthy, of Ladder Company 12, has been sentenced to forfeit two weeks' pay and days off for two months for sleeping on house patrol.

Assistant Engineer E. G. Allen, of Engine Company 20, has been sentenced to forfeit two weeks' pay and days off for two months for assigning his wages.

The following-named persons have been appointed permanent substitutes:

Dennis F. Courtney, Alfred D. Le Clair, Patrick J. Murphy, Michael J. Griffin, jr., Patrick T. Burke, John M. Sullivan, Dennis F. Quinlan, John J. Kelly, Daniel J. O'Brien, Thomas B. Higgins, James J. Burke, Warren C. Stevens, John F. McBride, William B. Jennings.

The following permanent substitutes have been appointed permanent members:

John J. Crowley, James Mahoney, Thomas H. Jackson, George E. Darragh, Francis E. Fitzgerald, Samuel Engler, Fred S. Young, Peter J. Corrigan, Walter Davey, Louis H. Boudreau.

The following transfers have been made:

W. F. Thompson, Chemical Company 3 to Engine Company 27; P. J. Doherty, Engine Company 7 to Engine Company 1; F. L. Dowd, Engine Company 23 to Combination Company 3; M. A. Kenealy, Engine Company 13 to Engine Company 7; M. E. Tennihan, Engine Company 10 to Engine Company 8; J. P. Olsen, Ladder Company 8 to Engine Company 42; Martin F. Mulligan, Engine Company 1 to Engine Company 13, and promoted to Lieutenant.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, April 22, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Carstensen Brothers, rear 166 Saratoga street, Ward 1, two additional horses; hearing April 27, at 11 o'clock. Frederick P. Jaques, 374 Ashmont street, Ward 24, eight horses; hearing May 4 at 11 o'clock. Pierce F. Lonergan, 37 Brunswick street, Ward 21, two horses; hearing May 18, at 11 o'clock. Michael Coneley, Partridge street, Ward 23, one horse and three cows; hearing May 4, at 11 o'clock. Mrs. S. L. Luce, 178 Walter street, Ward 23, one horse and one cow; hearing May 11, at 11 o'clock.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the week ending Saturday, April 22, 1899: Three hundred and ninety-seven pounds of immature veal, 243 bushels of turnips, two bushels of cranberries, nine crates of tomatoes and three bunches of bananas.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending April 21:

Steers	120
New England cows	35
New England bulls	9
Western cows	40
Western bulls	27
Calves	373
Swine	4
Total	608

During the week 395 pounds of diseased beef were condemned.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending April 22, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	13	5	18
Negative	47	24	71
No growth	1	—	1
Totals	61	29	90

Remarks—Typhoid examinations: Sixteen cases; eleven cases positive, four cases negative and one case unsatisfactory.

Old Court House, April 29, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Gilmore Electric Company, 625 First street, Ward 13, one horse; hearing May 11, at 11 o'clock. Pierce F. Lonergan, 37 Brunswick street, Ward 21, two horses; hearing May 18, at 11 o'clock. Daniel Mann, 25 Capen street, Ward 24, two horses; hearing May 11, at 11 o'clock. Mary S. F. Ayer, 518 Beacon street, Ward 11, one additional horse; hearing May 4, at 11 o'clock.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the week ending April 28:

Steers	208
New England cows	48
New England bulls	5
Western cows	40
Western bulls	22
Sheep	132
Calves	586
Swine	15
Total	1,056

During the week 440 pounds of diseased beef were condemned.

The following is a summary of work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during the month of April, 1899:

Number of samples of milk taken and examined:	
From milk wagons	635
From stores	420
Brought by citizens	34
	1,089
Number of samples of vinegar and cider vinegar	57
Number of samples of butter and oleomargarine	207
Number of samples of cheese	148
	412
Total samples	1,501
Number of examinations of premises of applicants for license to sell milk	173

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending April 29, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	8	5	13
Negative	54	21	75
No growth	2	—	2
Totals	64	26	90

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses, eight cases; three cases positive, five cases negative. Glanders, one case, negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, April 17, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending April 15, 1899.

Cases pending	2	
Number of applications	82	
	—	84
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	24	
Long Island Almshouse	11	
Charlestown Almshouse, Observation Hospital, Deer Island	7	
Boston Insane Hospital	6	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	7	
Worcester Insane Hospital	1	
Foxboro' Asylum	8	
	—	68
Number of applications refused, Number of applications withdrawn	12	
Cases pending	2	
	—	84
Settlements investigated		92
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children		10

28 Court Square, April 24, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending April 22, 1899:

Cases pending	2	
Number of applications	77	
	—	79
Number of Admissions:		
To State Almshouse	29	
Long Island Almshouse, Charlestown Almshouse, Observation Hospital, Deer Island	3	
Boston Insane Hospital, Westboro' Insane Hospital	10	
Foxboro' Asylum	6	
Epileptic Hospital	3	
	1	
	—	63
Number of applications refused		3
Number of applications withdrawn		13
Cases pending		—
	—	79
Settlements investigated		83
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children		6

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, April 17, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending April 15, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	145	28
Females	25	2
Totals	170	30
Offences:		
Against the person	11	3
Against property	10	22
Against public order and decency	153	5
Totals	* 174	30
Discharges:		
Males	152	10
Females	15	2
Totals	167	12

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence	101	9
Permit of Commissioner,	25	-
Payment of fine	40	-
Transferred to South Boston	1	-
Transferred to Concord Reformatory	-	3
Totals	167	12

Population:

April 8, 1899	1,091	463
Committed since April 8,	170	30
Totals	1,261	493
Discharged since April 8,	167	12
April 15, 1899	1,094	481

*One man committed charged with three offences, and two men committed charged with two offences each.

The following appointments have been made:

Frank J. Kane, to position of officer at House of Correction, Deer Island, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of William C. Ham.

Hugh Conway, to position of officer at House of Correction, Deer Island, to fill vacancy caused by the promotion of Henry Hodgkins.

The following promotion has been made:

Henry Hodgkins, to position of officer at House of Correction, Deer Island, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of John R. Gove.

The following resignations have been accepted:

John R. Gove, from position of officer at House of Correction, Deer Island.

William C. Ham, from position of officer at House of Correction, Deer Island.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, April 12, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending April 8:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	512
Defects reported	75
Defects corrected	15
Notices of new work received	7
Dead wire removed (feet)	13,500
Dead wire retained (feet)	200
Fixtures removed	9
Poles set	12

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	233
Notices of new work received	82

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections	14
Pole connections	2
Ground connections	4

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	7
Building connections	19
Repairs	9
Cable drawings	19
Installation of underground transformers,	2

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending April 22, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.2
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	21.5
Number of deaths:	
Males	106
Females	105
Total	211
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	219
Decrease	8

Of the 211 decedents, 208 were white and 3 colored; 122 were born in the United States, 85 in foreign countries, and the birth-place of 4 was unknown; 44 were of American parentage, 145 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 22 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	34	4
Scarlatina	27	2
Typhoid fever	25	2
Measles	132	2
Small-pox	1	-
Totals	219	10

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	22
Pneumonia	35
Heart disease	19
Bronchitis	11
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	7
Total from principal causes	100
Total from infectious diseases	10
Total from other causes	101
Total from all causes	211

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 1, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double curves at the corner of Massachusetts avenue and Boylston street, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated April 28, 1899, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 1, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-second day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard; said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 1, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Beach street, from a point on said street near South street, to and connecting with the company's existing location for double tracks on Atlantic avenue, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, connecting with the existing tracks on South street, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated April 28, 1899, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 1, 1899.

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Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF POLICE.

NOTICE TO OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS.

37 Pemberton Square, May 1, 1899.

Owners and keepers of dogs in the City of Boston are hereby notified that dog licenses expire annually on the first day of May, and that unless they are immediately renewed, prosecutions may be made as provided in the Public Statutes.

Applications must be made and licenses obtained at the several Police Stations throughout the city.

THOMAS RYAN, Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, April 10, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for the right to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Causeway street, from a point near Portland street to a point near Charlestown street, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Portland, Canal and Beverly streets, and the northerly entrance to the subway; also a cross connection on Beverly street, between Warren bridge and Causeway street, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated April 7, 1899, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 24, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the fifteenth day of May at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Boston Post and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

TO TAXPAYERS.

City Hall, May 1, 1899.

Your attention is called to our circular (now being distributed throughout the city), relative to making returns on property subject to taxation as early as possible before June 15 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Per order of the Board of Assessors,

GEORGE A. COMINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, April 17, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Washington street, from a point on said street, near Massachusetts avenue, to Northampton street, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections connecting with the existing tracks of said company on said Northampton street, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated April 8, 1899, and filed herewith as part of this petition.

West End Street Railway Company,

By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,

By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 24, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the fifteenth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Post and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, April 28, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building 496 to 500 Washington street, on north-east corner of Bedford and Washington streets, Ward 7, facades of the following description: To project from second, third, fourth and fifth stories over Washington and Bedford streets; on second story over Washington street, one bay-window, two feet projection, thirty-one feet wide, fifteen feet high; on second story over Bedford street, two bay-windows, two feet projection, nine feet wide, fifteen feet high; on second story over Bedford street, three bay-windows, two feet projection, fifteen feet wide, fifteen feet high; on third, fourth and fifth stories over Bedford street, three bay-windows, two feet projection, twelve feet wide, forty feet high; on third, fourth and fifth stories over Bedford street, two bay-windows, two feet projection, eleven feet wide, forty feet high.

Massachusetts General Hospital,

By F. HAVEN, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 1, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the fifteenth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, April 27, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 30-32 Washington street, Ward 5, two bay-windows of wood of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Washington street, also cornice two feet over same street. Dimensions: Each twenty-five feet high, twelve feet wide, and project three feet over line of street.

FRANCIS RAYNER,

Prospect, corner Edgeworth street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 1, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the fifteenth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned, being a majority of the Directors of the Waltham, Newton and Forest Hills Street Railway Company, respectfully petition your Honorable Board for the location of the tracks of said company in Boston over and upon the following public ways and streets:

Beginning on Baker street, at the boundary line between the City of Newton and the City of Boston; on Baker street to Weld street, on Weld street to Maple street, on Maple street to Centre street, on Centre street to South street, on South street to New South street or substitute way, on New South street or substitute way to Brandon street, on Brandon street to South street, on South street to Washington street, on Washington street to South street, on South street to Morton street, on Morton street to its intersection with Washington street, the terminus of the railway.

And they further petition that in granting such location, your Honorable Board will allow them to lay the tracks either upon the centre or upon the side of the streets or public ways mentioned in said route, as you may deem for the best interests of the public.

And the undersigned further petition that they may be allowed to operate the cars upon said tracks by electricity, and for that purpose may use the trolley system, with the right to erect such poles, trolley wires, feed wires, span wires and underground wires, upon, over and under the streets and public ways mentioned in said route as may be necessary for the proper operation of their road.

And they still further petition for the right to lay such turnouts and switches upon the roads and public ways mentioned in said route as may be necessary for the proper operation of said road.

WILLIAM M. BUTLER,

CHARLES H. WILSON,

FRED C. HINDS,

HENRY S. MILTON,

RICHARD ANDERS,

CHARLES F. AVERY,

A majority of the Directors of the Waltham, Newton and Forest Hills Street Railway Company.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 1, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-second day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Traveler, Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, March 7, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by its attorney, the Boston Elevated Railway Company, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track in place of the existing single track on Lexington street, from a point thereon near Putnam street to a point near Prescott street, connecting at either end with the existing tracks of said company, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated February 16, 1899, and filed herewith; also for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track on Lexington street, beginning at and connecting with the existing tracks on Meridian street, and thence extending through said Lexington street to a point near Putnam street, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated February 24, 1899, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,

By its Attorney, Boston Elevated Railway Company,

By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 24, 1899.

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Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Directors of the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company, a corporation whose tracks are located in said city, respectfully pray that said company may be granted an extension of its tracks and overhead system with the necessary curves, turn-outs and switches on and over the following streets in said city, viz.:

Commencing at and joining this company's tracks on Brandon street at or near Roberts street, through Brandon street, Roberts street, South Walter street, South street, Walter street, Hewlett street and Centre street to the tracks of this company on said Centre street at Beech street and joining with the same; also commencing at and joining said company's tracks on Centre street at Maple street, through Centre street, Maple street, Weld street and Arnold street to the dividing line between the cities of Newton and Boston; also commencing at and joining this company's proposed tracks on Weld street at Corey street, through Weld street, Corey street, Vermont street and Mt. Vernon street to Baker street; also commencing at and joining this company's proposed tracks on Mt. Vernon street at Baker street, through said Baker street to the dividing line between the cities of Boston and Newton on said Baker street.

THOMAS T. ROBINSON,

ROBERT BLEAKIE,

CLIFFORD DEVENS,

FREDERICK N. TIRRELL,

WILLARD P. WHITEMORE,

JOHN S. BLEAKIE,

ROBERT B. FAIRBAIRN,

Directors.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 24, 1899.

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Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

STEEL BRIDGE WORK.

Boston, April 27, 1899.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 o'clock M. of Wednesday, May 10, 1899, for building bridges on Summer-street extension over A street and C street, in accordance with plans, specifications and form of contract to be seen at said office. Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, City Hall, Boston, before 12 o'clock M. of Monday, May 8, 1899, for building Timber Bulkheads on Summer-street extension, Boston. Plans for the work may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Boston. Proposals are required to be in a gross sum for the whole work, and must be accompanied by a certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 1, 1899.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to locate poles for the support of its wires in streets of Boston, as follows:

Walnut avenue, Roxbury, between Townsend and Holworthy streets—four poles, thirty five feet by ten inches by ten inches; sidewalk, seven feet.

Parker street, Roxbury, north of Centre street—two poles, thirty-five feet by ten inches by ten inches; sidewalk, eight feet.

Washington street, Roxbury, between Vernon and Warren streets—two poles, forty feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, nine feet.

Washington street, city proper, between Dedham and Pelham streets—two poles, forty feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, thirteen feet.

Malden street, city proper, near Washington street—two poles, forty feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, seven feet.

Boston Electric Light Company,
SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 1, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eighth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Journal, Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, April 28, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Blackinton street, at East Boston, be relocated as a highway, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway, in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the thirteenth day of May, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 2, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that L street, at South Boston, be widened, on the west side, from East First street to low water mark, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the seventeenth day of May, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 2, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the passageway leading from Marshall street to Creek square, sometimes known as Hancock row, be laid out as a public alley, designated as Public Alley No. 102, in District No. 2, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said public alley in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the seventeenth day of May, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SEALING OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT.

ATTENTION.

Basement of Old Court House, May 2, 1899.

In compliance with the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 65 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts, I hereby give notice to all inhabitants or persons having a usual place of business in the City of Boston, who use scales, weights or measures, milk or oyster cans, or coal and charcoal baskets, for the purpose of buying or selling any goods, wares, merchandise or other commodities, or for public weighing, to bring them to this office to be adjusted and sealed. For any services performed under the provisions of the above section no fees shall be charged.

At any time after this notice the Sealer of Weights and Measures shall go to the houses, stores and shops of persons mentioned in the foregoing section, who have neglected to comply with the notice given thereunder, and having entered the same with the assent of the occupants thereof, shall adjust and seal their scales, weights and measures, and shall be entitled to receive for said service the compensation set forth in Section 22 of Chapter 65 of Public Statutes. The Sealer of Weights and Measures shall go once a year, and oftener, if necessary, to every hay and coal scale, dormant or other platform balance, in the City of Boston, that cannot be easily or conveniently removed, and test the accuracy of and adjust and seal the same, and shall receive therefor the compensation set forth in said Section 22.

All persons who neglect to comply with the above notice will be liable to the penalties provided by law.

DANIEL P. SULLIVAN,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

Contractors are invited to submit proposals to the Boston Transit Commission, at its office, 20 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., on or before 12 o'clock M. of Tuesday, May 9, 1899, for painting a part of the superstructure of Charlestown bridge, in accordance with specifications of the work to be seen at the office of the City Engineer, 50 City Hall, Boston. Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check for three hundred (300) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the Commission reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

GEORGE G. CROCKER, Chairman.
CHARLES H. DALTON,
THOMAS J. GARGAN,
GEORGE F. SWAIN,
HORACE G. ALLEN,

Boston Transit Commission.
B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD.

Boston, April 29, 1899.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, 3 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass., until 2.30 o'clock P.M. of Thursday, May 11, 1899, for constructing Filter-beds near Marlborough Junction, Mass., on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. The work to be done includes building a group of seventeen artificial filter-beds, having a total area of 5.36 acres; a storage bed having an area of 1.2 acres, and an adjoining group of eight natural filter-beds, having a total area of 8.63 acres. The artificial filter-beds are to be made of screened and washed gravel and sand taken from the site of the natural filter-beds. The work includes 94,000 cubic yards of earth excavation, of which 25,000 cubic yards are to be screened and washed; 660 cubic yards of concrete, 150 cubic yards of paving and 10,000 linear feet of vitrified pipes, from six to twenty-four inches in diameter. Sealed proposals will also be received at the office of the Board until 2.30 o'clock P.M. of Wednesday, May 17, 1899, for excavating soil from a part of Section 5 of the Wachusett Reservoir, and for excavating and refilling at the westerly portion of the North Dike at Clinton, Mass. The work to be done includes 100 acres to be cleared and grubbed, 225,000 cubic yards of soil excavation, 155,000 cubic yards of earth excavation, 43 cubic yards of stone masonry and 7,276 linear feet of vitrified pipes, from four to twenty-four inches in diameter. Pamphlets containing further information for bidders, forms of proposal, contract and specifications for both of the above contracts will be mailed to contractors who apply to the Chief Engineer, or may be obtained at his office, 3 Mt. Vernon street. Plans of all the work may be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer. Plans of the work at Clinton may also be seen, and pamphlets relating to the same may also be obtained at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board at Clinton, Mass. The printed forms must be used in making proposals. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to accept the proposals deemed best for the Commonwealth.

(Preliminary notice of letting of large contract for soil excavation.)

The main contract for excavating soil from the Wachusett Reservoir will be let on June 5, 1899, or soon afterward. Three million, two hundred and fifty thousand cubic yards of surface soil are to be stripped from 1,700 acres in the Wachusett Reservoir, loaded upon cars, hauled from one to six miles, and deposited in the easterly portion of the North Dike in Clinton, Mass. Eight hundred and fifty acres will require clearing and grubbing. In addition to the soil excavation, there is a comparatively small quantity of earth and gravel excavation. The whole work is to be completed in the autumn of 1902. The work will be staked out and plans may be seen at the offices in Boston and Clinton on and after May 8, 1899.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE, Chairman.

WILMOT R. EVANS,

HENRY P. WALCOTT,

Metropolitan Water Board.

FREDERIC P. STEARNS, Chief Engineer.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed bids for paving and regulating portions of Causeway, Commercial, Prince, Endicott and Medford streets, and Charles River bridge, in the vicinity of approach to the Charlestown bridge, will be received by the Boston Transit Commission, at its office, 20 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., until 12 o'clock M. of Tuesday, May 9, 1899, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read. No bid will be received and deposited unless accompanied by a properly certified check for the sum of \$1,000, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the City of Boston, which check will be returned to the bidder unless forfeited. A bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum of 20 per cent. of the amount of said contract, of an approved surety company, or with two or more sureties satisfactory to the Commission. The surety company must be one doing business in Massachusetts, and sureties must be residents of said State. The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and reserves the right to award the contract as it deems for the best interest of the City of Boston.

GEORGE G. CROCKER, Chairman.

CHARLES H. DALTON,

THOMAS J. GARGAN,

GEORGE F. SWAIN,

HORACE G. ALLEN,

Boston Transit Commission.

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting on the eighth instant voted to confirm the following appointments by His Honor the Mayor:

Thomas Dwight, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library, for the term ending April 30, 1903.

Joseph H. O'Neil and Edward H. Dunn, to be members of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for three years, beginning May 1, 1899.

Louise S. O'Brien, Michael A. Kerrigan, and Mrs. Annie E. Quinn, to be Overseers of the Poor, for the term of three years beginning May 1, 1899.

Charles E. Stratton, to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the term of three years, beginning May 1, 1899.

SUPERINTENDENT AT LONG ISLAND INSTITUTIONS.

At a meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, held on Friday, May 5, 1899, Mr. Arthur T. Hopkins was appointed to the

position of Superintendent of the Almshouse and Hospital on Long Island.

Mr. Hopkins is a graduate of the Institute of Technology, and is editor of the Technology Review. In the spring of 1898 he was selected as special assistant to the Trustees, and spent two months in making a study of the institutions on Long Island. On April 1, 1899, he was temporarily appointed Acting Superintendent of the institutions.

DEATH OF EX-ALDERMAN FERNALD.

The death of Oliver G. Fernald occurred at his home, 268 West Fifth street, South Boston, Monday morning, May 8, 1899.

Mr. Fernald was born in Tuftonboro', N. H., in 1843 and came to Boston when eighteen years of age. He became a member of the firm of Abbott & Fernald, teamsters, in 1868. In 1877 and 1878 he served as a member of the Common Council and in 1884 and 1885 as a member of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston. In 1882 and 1883 he represented the Sixth Suffolk District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and in 1887 he represented the District in the Senate.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments has been issued by His Honor the Mayor:

Circular No. 61.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, May 5, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: In view of the action of the City Council requesting me to "direct the heads of the several departments to allow a half-holiday, without loss of pay, on Saturdays between the first day of May and the first day of November to all city employees whose services can be dispensed with," you are hereby requested to take such action, so far as the work of your department will permit. Employees whose services cannot be dispensed with on Saturday afternoons are not, however, to be allowed extra pay.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

The Building Department has recently presented its annual report for the year ending January 31, 1899, to His Honor the Mayor.

The number of permits granted for first and second-class buildings during the year was 529; for third-class buildings, 1,409; for alterations, 2,489; for setting of steam-boilers, engines, etc., 1,032; for plumbing, 5,232; for gas-fitting, 15,358; making a total of 26,049 permits granted during the year.

The number of examinations made upon buildings in process of construction was 25,466; of alterations, 11,214; of boilers, engines, etc., (relative to setting) 1,326; plumbing work, 19,894; gas-fitting work, 15,523; of elevators, 3,040; egress, 1,526; plans, 5,412; specials, 425; fires and accidents, 1,947; making a total of 85,773 examinations during the year.

These examinations occasioned 613 reports relative to unsafe buildings, dangerous chimneys, etc.; 602 reports relative to fires and accidents; 1,491 reports relative to violations; 5,877 final reports; making a total of 8,583 reports made during the year.

The number of notices issued for violation of statutes, etc., 1,327; for unsafe buildings, walls, etc., 327; dangerous chimneys, 93; additional means of egress, 96; miscellaneous, 1,819; making a total of 3,662 notices issued during the year.

Of the 5,412 plans submitted during the year, 4,289 were approved, 1,123 were disapproved. The Department referred to the Board of Appeal for its approval 141 applications to restore premises to original condition (same being damaged by fire).

Four appeals referred to the Board were sustained and eight not sustained. The Board of Appeal also approved of the omission of fire-proofing in two cases, as provided for in Section 51, of Chapter 419, Acts of 1892 as amended.

Of the 529 permits issued for first and second-class buildings, 366 were for dwellings, 19 for dwellings and stores, 1 for brewery, 2 for churches, 2 for hospitals, 2 for hotels, 6 for manufactories, 1 for mechanical building, 16 for mercantile buildings, 4 for office buildings, 11 for school-houses, 36 for

tenement-houses, 2 for tenement-houses and stores, 10 for storage buildings, and the balance for miscellaneous purposes.

For third-class buildings, for which there were 1,409 permits granted and issued, 1,120 were for dwellings, 23 for dwellings and stores, 11 for office buildings, 3 for manufacturing buildings, 17 for mechanical buildings, 4 for school-houses, 45 for stables, 31 for storage, and the balance for miscellaneous purposes.

The number of first and second-class buildings completed, and upon which final reports have been rendered during the year was 416, at an estimated cost above the land of \$7,158,392. The number of third-class buildings completed, and upon which final reports have been rendered during the year was 1,343, at an estimated cost above the land of \$5,470,900. The number of completed alterations during the year was 2,365, at an estimated cost of \$3,059,108.

The plumbing jobs completed during the year (not including plumbing in new buildings), 3,026; estimated cost, \$678,546. Boilers, etc., set, 790, at an estimated cost of \$345,258; making a total estimated increase in tax valuation by construction and improvements of \$16,712,204.

Attention is called to the desirability of amending the present building laws. The Commissioner recommends a more comprehensive law regulating iron and steel construction work, and also the establishment of a board of experts, so that under its direction a liberal opportunity may be given for the use of improved methods of construction. It is recommended that all builders and architects be licensed, and that the Building Commissioner have authority to vacate buildings and to stop work on any building where violations of law exist. In the opinion of the Department the fire limits should be increased.

Legislation should be obtained for the better enforcement of the building laws than now exist.

The past year 151 new elevators have been installed. The Department suggests that the speed of passenger elevators be regulated by a proper governor, and that no elevator be permitted to be used without being provided with two or more hoisting cables.

On February 1, 1898, there were 24,593 brick, stone and iron buildings, and 53,813 frame buildings, in the City of Boston, making a total of 78,405. During the year there were 416 brick, stone and iron, and 1,343 frame buildings completed. Two brick and 34 frame buildings were totally destroyed by fire. Eighty-two brick and 28 frame buildings were totally demolished in various parts of the city, making a total at the end of the year of 24,925 brick, stone

and iron buildings, and 55,094 frame buildings; a grand total of 80,019 buildings.

An approximate percentage of increase of buildings in the City of Boston for the last twelve years is 40 per cent.

The report contains a list of the licensed and registered master and journeymen plumbers in the City of Boston; a list of master and journeymen gasfitters; a list showing maker of boilers examined; a list of gas and elevator accidents, and a list of fires which occurred during the year.

The total expenditures of the Department for the year amounted to \$91,946.64.

LAMP DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Lamp Department for the year ending January 31, 1899, constituting City Document 19, 1899, has been presented to His Honor the Mayor.

The appropriation of the Department for the year was \$645,000. The expenditures amounted to \$651,276.41 and to meet the deficit the sum of \$6,276.41 was transferred from other balances.

The comparative cost of maintenance between the electric lamps and the gas and naphtha lamps is shown as follows:

	1897.	1898.
Paid for gas and naphtha lamps, lighting and care of same . . .	\$256,005 30	\$266,087 39
Paid for electric lamps	322,305 11	343,627 14

By an extension of the present contract with the Boston Electric Light Company, the company is to furnish and set new insulated wooden lamp-poles, with ornamental iron tops and porcelain-lined reflectors, in place of the old iron poles now belonging to the city, and to substitute the new enclosed arc lamps for the open arcs now in use; also to set the new poles and lamps in any new location that may hereafter be decided upon. A sliding scale of rates is provided so that as the number of arc lamps are increased by 250, a reduction in the price is made of one-half a cent per lamp per night, until the sum of thirty cents per night is reached.

This new lamp has been tested thoroughly and is considered much superior to those now in use.

During the year experiments have been made with an incandescent naphtha lamp, and after satisfactory trial in the street lanterns an agreement with the Rising Sun Street Light Company was made whereby the existing naphtha lighting contract was annulled, and on the thirty-first of October a new contract for five years was agreed upon and signed. The rate of compensation is \$22.81 per lamp per annum for the ordinary naphtha burner, and when an incandescent

mantle burner is used the sum of three-quarters of one cent additional per lamp per night is paid.

The two severe snowstorms that occurred in February and November, 1898, caused considerable damage to the electric lamp-posts, hoods and wires.

The new electric lamps located during the year numbered 183.

During the year 1894 the Boston Electric Light Company began the work of laying their wires in underground conduits, and since that time a large number of city lamps furnished by that company have been connected with the underground system. There are also 311 lamps connected with the underground system in the parks and park-ways.

The following table shows the number of lamps of all kinds in use on January 15, 1899, as compared with January 15, 1898:

	January, 1898.	January, 1899.	Increase or Decrease.
Gas	8,103	8,151	48 +
Naphtha	2,646	2,615	31 —
Electric	2,735	2,893	158 +
Incandescent	28	28	
Fire Alarm	65	101	36 +
Totals	13,577	13,788	211 +

The following table shows the total cost of gas, lighting and care of gas-lamps at present rates:

COMPANY.	Number of Lamps.	Total cost.
Boston Gas Light Co. (city proper) .	662	\$16,687 03
Roxbury Gas Light Co. (Roxbury) .	157	3,870 52
Dorchester Gas Light Co. (Dorchester)	2,000	48,722 00
Jamaica Plain Gas Light Co. (Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury) .	1,132	31,885 04
South Boston Gas Light Co. (South Boston)	454	12,061 42
East Boston Gas Light Co. (East Boston)	394	13,253 76
Charlestown Gas and Electric Co. (Charlestown)	486	13,294 04
Brookline Gas Light Co. (Brighton) .	624	15,384 10
Brookline Gas Light Co. (city proper)	935	20,707 44
Brookline Gas Light Co. (Roxbury) .	1,406	28,205 77
Chelsea (Meridian-street bridge) . .	2	78 00
Totals	8,262	\$204,149 12

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Monday, May 15, at 3 P.M.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, May 8, Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to approval by the Board:

(1.) James M. Prendergast, to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners for the term ending April 30, 1901.

(2.) Daniel B. Carmody, to be a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1900, in connection with his duties as an employee of the Law Department.

(3.) Lyde W. Benjamin, to be a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of Paul C. Brooks, who was recently appointed a Constable and confirmed as such, but who has been found ineligible for the position.

(4.) Thomas E. Bates, Thomas H. Lawson, Frederick K. Vinal and Charles R. Williams to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(5.) Lawrence N. Hennessy, to be a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Severally laid over under the law.

The following messages were also received from His Honor the Mayor:

Veto—Sunday Evening Amusements.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 4, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval the regulation passed by the Board amending Chapter 3 of the Revised Regulations of 1896 so as to require a permit from the Board of Aldermen for the use of any licensed place of public amusement on Sunday evening, the Board having no authority, in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, to pass such regulation, as such matter is fully regulated by law under the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto—Stand at Old Court House.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 8, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I feel obliged to return without my approval the vote of your Board granting permission to John Leonard to maintain a stand

for the sale of temperance drinks in front of the Old Court House, on Court street, for the reason that nine persons already hold permits for stands in front of the Old Court House, and that there is obviously no additional room available at the north end of the Court House, which is the only place where such stands can be erected.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The Board voted to reconsider the vote whereby the permit was granted. On the question of granting the permit, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding, the Board refused to grant permission by a vote of yeas, 0; nays, 11.

Free Municipal Lectures.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 8, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith the report of the Advisory Committee on Free Municipal Lectures, giving a summary of the work of the past winter season, and I suggest that the same be printed as a public document.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Accompanying the above was the detailed report of the Advisory Committee).

Ordered printed and sent down.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following examinations:

On May 16, 1899, an examination will be held at any city in the United States where the Commission has a board of examiners, for the position of artist and draftsman. From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill the position of artist and draftsman, division of publications, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$720 per annum.

On May 16, 1899, an examination will be held for the position of field assistant (male), division of forestry, Department of Agriculture. From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to the position of field assistant (male), division of forestry, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

On May 16, 17, 1899, an examination will be held for the position of computer, division of forestry, Department of Agriculture. From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill the position of computer, division of forestry, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to Mr. Edward E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office Building, Boston, Mass., or to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for copies of the Manual of Examinations, revised to January 1, 1899, and for application blanks (Form 304), which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the Commission, at Washington, D.C.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved May 2:

Permit to John C. Talbot to keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 1157 Washington street, Dorchester.

License to Annie B. Bates to maintain a lying-in hospital, at 115-117 Warren avenue. The constables' bonds of 58 persons.

Permits to project signs, etc.:

Isaac Shurnick at 1206 Columbus avenue, Ward 19.

William Thibodeau at 1659 Washington street, Ward 12.

Francis Thomas at 981 Boylston street, Ward 11.

Fayerweather & Ladew at 226-228 Franklin street, Ward 7.

James D. Rusco at 657 Atlantic avenue, Ward 17.

Rosenauer & Miller at 38 Causeway street, Ward 8.

Wyman & Co. at 637 Atlantic avenue, Ward 7.

A. W. Isele & Son at 53 Pitts street, Ward 8.

Morris Salis at 2028B Washington street, Ward 17.

Henry M. Flynn & Co. at 11 Elm street, Ward 6.

J. Edward Bauer at 32 Boylston street, Ward 7.

Rocco Sarni at 198 Endicott street, Ward 6.

Emil Heusser at 340 Blue Hill avenue.

John Coasta at 261 North street, Ward 6.

Frank O. Newton at 13 Franklin avenue, Ward 6.

D. H. Posner at 25 School street, Ward 6.

Joseph Seminara at 517 Tremont street, Ward 10.

J. H. Emery at 33 Dearborn street, Ward 17.

Permit to James Fitzgerald to project two bay-windows from building 375-381 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Permits to run passenger barges, viz.:

Cary F. Johnson, one or two passenger barges between Forest Hills station and the cemeteries on Memorial Day; also between West Roxbury station and grounds of the Caledonian Club on special occasions.

Alvin Spear, barges between Highland Station and Mt. Benedict Cemetery, and between West Roxbury and the Newton and Dedham lines.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to McNeil Brothers to place, maintain and use one guy-post on Bowdoin street, opposite the State House, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to David A. Hollis the sum of \$3.75, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs March 21, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Mrs. A. R. Peters the sum of \$5 in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs

February 26, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Ellen W. Smith the sum of \$8 in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs February 4, 1899, said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

The following was approved May 3, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Charles E. Cotting et al., trustees of Essex street Trust, to construct, maintain, and use areas with sidewalk light covers and one coal-hole opening not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with sidewalk light covers under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on the corner of Chauncy and Essex streets, Ward 7, in accordance with dimensions as shown on plan dated April 24, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

The following were approved May 4, 1899:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use an additional track beginning at and joining with the present tracks of said company on Washington street about 1500 feet south of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad bridge at Forest Hills, thence through said Washington street to a point about 400 feet south of Ashland street; also a single track beginning at and joining with the present tracks of said company on South street, thence across South street and through Ashland street, Oakland street and Blue Hill avenue, to the dividing line between the City of Boston and the town of Milton, with all necessary curves, switches, turn-outs and connections.

This location is granted upon the condition that necessary changes in the tracks and overhead system of any existing street railway shall be made at the expense of said West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company; said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by Hodges and Harrington, dated January 21, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the consent of the Board of Aldermen be hereby granted to the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company, to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system, so called, as follows:

On Washington street, from a point about 1500 feet south of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad bridge at Forest Hills to a point about 400 feet south of Ashland street, and beginning at the present overhead system of said company on South street, thence across South street, and through Ashland street, Oakland street and Blue Hill avenue to the dividing line between the City of Boston and the Town of Milton.

And permission is hereby granted to the said West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company, to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, dated January 21, 1899, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof, otherwise it shall be null and void.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company, to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Charlestown street, from a point where the company's tracks now end in Haymarket square to Causeway street, thence on Causeway street, from a point on said street where the existing tracks of said company now end, to Commercial street, and thence on Commercial street to a point near Hull street; also a single track, connecting with the above located tracks on Charlestown street, to and connecting with the existing tracks on Haverhill street, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated March 28, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order, otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use a single track in City square, Park street and Warren street, Charlestown; said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated March 15, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order, otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use additional tracks, curves, switches, cross-overs and connections, connecting the Grove Hall car-house of said company with existing tracks on Blue Hill avenue, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated March 15, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order, otherwise it shall be null and void. The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use additional curves at the junctions of Northampton street with Harrison avenue, Washington street and Shawmut avenue, and at the junction of Dover street with Harrison avenue, Washington street and Shawmut avenue, with necessary cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated February 20, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order, otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That this Board establish the revised grade of Copeland street, at Roxbury, in accordance with plan and profile of said street made by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated April 5, 1869, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

ORDERS PASSED — NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to report to the Board whether or not any action has been taken towards the repayment to the members of the Fire Department of the amount of wages lost by the $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. cut down, between the time of the said reduction and the restoration to the old rate, and if not, whether it is his intention to take such action.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to direct the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to remove the stumps of their poles from Hanover street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to construct a cross-walk on Washington street, opposite Rose-dale street, Ward 20.

Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested to accept Lucas street.

Ordered, That a committee to consist of the five members of this Board who are on the Committee on Public Lands be appointed to make an investigation into the condition of all the remaining land known as the Christopher Gibson School Fund Land, held in trust by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, located on Dorchester avenue and Gibson street, in Dorchester, and report to this Board its findings and recommendations as to what disposal should be made of this property.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The four following orders were presented to the Mayor April 25, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing on Bellevue street, directly opposite Rutledge street, West Roxbury; said tree being in a dangerous condition; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove six trees standing in front of the premises of W. H. Elliot on Kendrick street, Brighton; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to remove a tree standing in front of 322-324 West Broadway; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light opposite 348 Holiday street, in Ward 20, Dorchester.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending April 29, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	23.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898	19.4
Number of deaths:	
Males	130
Females	113
Total	243
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	198
Increase	45

Of the 243 decedents, 240 were white and 3 colored; 150 were born in the United States, 90 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 44 were of American parentage, 178 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 21 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	45	4
Scarlatina	38	—
Typhoid fever	9	2
Measles	120	2
Totals	212	8

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	37
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	31
Bronchitis	12
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	8

Total from principal causes	119
Total from infectious diseases	8
Total from other causes	116

Total from all causes	243
Deaths of children under 1 year	31
Deaths of children under 5 years	61
Deaths of persons over 60 years	57
Deaths in public institutions	70

There were three cases of small-pox reported during the week.

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13. S. B. 59, an Act relative to the registration of voters, the appointment of election and caucus officers, and the establishment of election districts in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 21. H.(L.W.)							
14. S. B. 67, an Act to cede certain land in Boston Harbor, and jurisdiction over the same, to the United States, for the purpose of extending the present limits of the United States Navy Yard, p. 75.	Harbors and Public Lands, and Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 31. S. (S.B.67)	Feb. 1.	Feb. 1.	Feb. 2. H.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 2.	H. Feb.3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
15. S. B. 72, an Act to provide that a person applying to vote in the City of Boston, shall not be required to write his name on the voting list, p. 75.	Election Laws. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.	March 29. S.(S.B. 267)	March 31.	April 3.	April 5. H.	April 14.	April 21.	H. Apr.25. S. Apr. 27.	May 1. App.
16. S. B. 76, an Act to abolish the Board of Apportionment of the City of Boston, p. 75.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.	April 5, 10.	April 24. S. (L.W.)							
17. S. B. 90, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 75.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 7, 16. Closed.	March 16. H. (H. B. 1037.)	April 1.	April 7.	April 11. S.				
18. S. B. 97, an Act relative to the inspection of steam-boilers, and to regulate steam engineering, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (N.P.)							
19. S. B. 100, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of Bennington street and other highways in the City of Boston p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 2. S.(S.B.324)	May 4.						
20. S. B. 108, an Act to provide for a Normal School-house in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	Mch 2, 8. Closed.	March 17. S.(S.B.108)	March 20.	March 21.	March 23. H.	March 28.	March 31.	H. Apr. 4. S. Apr. 5.	April 10. App.
21. S. B. 109, an Act to authorize the establishment of vacation schools in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 16. S.(S.B.241)	March 17.	March 17.	March 22. H.	March 23.	March 30.	H. Apr. 4. S. Apr. 7.	April 10. App.
22. S. B. 118, an Act to provide for the use of automatic ventilators in sleeping-rooms where gas is used in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. S. (L.W.)							
23. S. B. 119, an Act relative to salaries paid by the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
24. S. B. 121, an Act relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
25. S. B. 122, an Act relative to the construction of subways in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	April 10. S.(N.G.C.)							

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26. S. B. 123, an Act to provide for grammar and primary school-houses in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 28. H. (L.W.)							
27. S. B. 124, an Act relative to the Riverway Park of the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 7. H.(N.G.C.)							
28. S. B. 125, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 16.	March 16. Closed.	March 16. H. (N. P.)							
29. S. B. 126, an Act relative to contracts with the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2, 3. Closed.	March 10. H. (L. W.)							
30. S. B. 127, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
31. S. B. 142, an Act relative to the granting of leave of absence to police officers in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
32. S. B. 143, an Act relative to tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
33. S. B. 148, an Act relative to the height of buildings in Copley square in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16. Closed.								
34. S. B. 149, an Act to amend the charter of the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
35. S. B. 150, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the children of Frederick B. Bogan, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.987)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 18.	April 26.	H. Apr. 28. S. May 2.	May 4. App.
36. S. B. 151, an Act relative to additions, alterations and repairs on school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 21.	March 9. Closed.	March 28. S. (S.B.151) T. April 5.	April 25.	April 27.	May 1. H.	May 3.	May 5.	H. May 9. S.	
37. S. B. 157, an Act to establish a Department of Architecture in Boston, p. 125.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 6. S.(N.G.C.)							
38. S. B. 158, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
39. S. B. 159, an Act relative to the Boston Transit Commission, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	April 10. H. (H. B. 1136.)	May 2.	May 5.	May 8. S.	May 9. Am.			
40. S. B. 175, an Act relative to the new Cambridge Bridge, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
41. S. B. 190, an Act to provide for a State Highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, p. 126.	Roads and Bridges. March 6.	March 20. Closed.	March 27. S. (L.W.)							
42. S. B. 193, an Act relative to the Erection and Alteration of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Cities. Feb. 27.	March 6. Closed.	March 6. S.(S.B. 193)	March 7.	March 8.	March 9. H.	March 13.	March 13.	H. Mch. 15. S. Mch. 16.	March 17. App.
IN HOUSE.										
43. H. B. 20, an Act relative to Malden Bridge, so called, in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.936)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 4.	April 5.	H. April 7. S. April 11.	April 17. App.
44. H. B. 21, an Act to authorize the West End Street Railway Company to replace its tracks on Tremont and Boylston streets in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Street Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 31. Feb. 2, 9, 13, 15, 24. Closed.	March 23. H. (H. B. 1,002.)	April 4.	April 18.	April 20. S.	May 1. Am.	May 8. Am.		
45. H. B. 23, an Act to authorize the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of merchandise, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	March 22. H.(L.W.)							
46. H. B. 25, an Act to authorize the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	Jan. 24. S. (H. B. 25)	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 30. H.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
47. H. B. 31, an Act to repeal Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (L.W.)							
48. H. B. 38, an Act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Public Service. Jan. 11.	Jan. 27. Closed.	Jan. 27. H.(L.W.)							
49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30.	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (L.W.)							
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (H. B. 1018.)	April 12. Ref.						
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 6. H. (L. W.)							
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (N. P.)							

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (N. P.)							
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 3. S. (N. P.)							
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.	March 21. Closed.	March 30. S. (S. B. 272)	April 17.	April 21. Sub. H. B. 1121.	April 24. S.	April 26. Am.	April 27.	H. May 2. S. May 3.	May 9. App.
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 13, 24. Closed.	(See No. 44.)							
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Mch. 16, 23. Closed.	March 24. H. (L. W.)							
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.	March 14. H. (H. R. 162)		March 15. Ad.	March 17. S.		March 20. Ad.		
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N. P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H. B. 176)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S. Feb. 21.	Feb. 23. App.
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 1. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,013.)	April 4.	April 11.	April 13. S.	April 14.	April 17.	H. April 20. S. April 24.	April 25. App.
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.	April 25. H. (H. B. 1169) Sub.							
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H. B. 811)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.	March 24. Rej.			
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (H. B. 214)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16. App.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 1. Closed.	May 2. S. (S. B. 324.)	May 4.						
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.	March 20. H. (N. P.)							
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.	March 2. Closed.	March 7. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.	Mch 23, 29. Closed.	April 21. H. (N. G. C.)							
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N. G. C.)							
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (H. B. 833)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.	March 15.	H. Mch. 20. S. Mch. 22.	March 24. App.
75. H. B. 331, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (L. W.)							
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Joint Judiciary. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	May 5. H. (L. W.)							
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Mch. 21, 22. Closed.	March 24. H. (N. P.)							

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78. H. B. 332, an Act relative to the leasing of buildings and the granting of concessions by the Park Commissioners of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N.P.)							
79. H. B. 333, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 10. H. (N.P.)							
80. H. B. 350, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13.	March 31. H. (L. W.)							
81. H. B. 353, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 3. S. (S. B. 327)							
82. H. B. 377, an Act relative to certain departments of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (N. G. C.)							
83. H. B. 383, an Act relative to the election of the Mayor of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 1. S. (N. G. C.)							
84. H. B. 386, an Act to further regulate the inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13, 24. Closed.	March 13. H. (N.P.)							
85. H. B. 387, an Act to change the method of electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
86. H. B. 396, an Act relative to playgrounds in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 30.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 22. H. (H. B. 996)	March 28.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 7.	H. Apr. 12. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
87. H. B. 407, an Act to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston to purchase certain lands on Chestnut Hill avenue, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 10. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,015.)	March 30.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 6.	H. Apr. 10. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
88. H. B. 463, an Act to authorize the proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate, p. 82.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 6. H. (H. B. 894)	March 7.	March 8.	March 10. S.	March 13.	March 14.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 20.	March 21. App.
89. H. B. 464, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to abate a portion of certain assessments for the construction of highways, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L. W.)							
90. H. B. 471, an Act relative to the construction of a tunnel from a point on or near Hanover street to a point at or near Maverick square in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
91. H. B. 476, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles Bulle, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 476)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
92. H. B. 494, an Act relative to the laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L. W.)							
93. H. B. 517, an Act relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L. W.)							
94. H. B. 528, an Act relative to the tabulation of statistics of parent nativity in Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3.	March 3. H. (H. B. 923)	March 10.	March 13.	March 15. S.	March 20.	March 24.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
95. H. B. 529, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 relative to the municipal debt of and rate of taxation in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (L. W.)							
96. H. B. 531, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Mary A. Davis, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 531)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
97. H. B. 532, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward Melia, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 532)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
98. H. B. 533, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (N. P.)							
99. H. B. 551, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N. G. C.)							
100. H. B. 553, an Act to provide for the widening of Pine street in Boston, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (L. W.)							
101. H. B. 555, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John McGrath certain money, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 2.	March 2. H. (H. B. 561)	March 17.	March 20. Am.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
102. H. B. 562, an Act to require poles for wires in the City of Boston to be made of iron, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (N.P.)							
103. H. B. 570, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of James F. Ryan, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 570)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			

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104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. March 8. Closed.	April 12. H. (2 bills).							
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.583)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 18. Rej.			
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 9, 10. Closed.	March 21. H.(H.B.890)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 1.	April 10. Rej.		
109. H. B. 607, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. H.(N.G.C.)							
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H.(H.B.957)	March 16.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 24.	March 27.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	(See No.110)							
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N. P.)							
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2. (See No. 105.)									
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 9. H. (L. W.)							
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	April 25. S. (S.B.637)	April 27.	May 2.					
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (H. B. 1,168.)	May 2. Am.	May 8.					
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.665)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16, 24. Closed.	April 26. H. (H.B.)							
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.									
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.673)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.674)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	April 12. H. (H. B. 1092.)	April 20. T.						
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 14, 15. Closed	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.679)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 26.	April 27.	H. May 1. S. May 2.	May 1. App.
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15, 28. Closed.	April 3. H.(H.B.680)	April 14. Rej.						

**BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN PROGRESS OF PASSAGE, BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS
LEGISLATURE, 1899. — Concluded.**

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Date of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Sent to Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 17, 3, 30. Ap. 3. Closed.	April 26. H. (L.W.)							
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.	March 7. S. (N.G.C.)							
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 27. H. (H. B. 1,091.)	April 10. Am.	April 20.	April 21. S.	April 28. Am.	May 2.	H. May 9. S.	
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. March 17. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2, 15. Closed.	April 10. S. (L.W.)							
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. H. (N.G.C.)							
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H. (H.B. 728)							
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H. (L.W.)							
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church, of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Societies. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 2. H. (L.W.)							
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	April 7 Closed	April 25. H. (H.B. 1,132.)	May 1.	May 3.	May 4. S.	May 8.			
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17. March 7. Closed.	March 28. H. (N.P.)							
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. March 7.	March 16. Closed.	April 26. S. (N.G.C.)							
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 783)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 31. Rej.			
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17. March 7. Closed.	March 27. H. (N.G.C.)							
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H. (L.W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15, March 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.	May 2. S. (S.B.)							
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 6. Closed.	March 9. S. (N.G.C.)							
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education. Feb. 20.	March 15. Closed.	April 4. H. (H.B. 846)	April 12.	April 20. Rej.					
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Counties. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	March 20. S. (H.B. 858.)							

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.) Ought not to Pass; (L. W.) Leave to Withdraw; Am., Amended; (N. G. C.) Next General Court; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted; Sub., Substituted; Rej., Rejected; Rec., Recommended; T., Tabled.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 1899.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	189	13	202	86	99	17	101	31	31	197	5
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	57	—	57	22	25	10	15	12	36	57	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	169	50	219	69	139	11	92	65	63	216	3
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	14	—	14	7	2	5	1	3	7	14	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	4	1	5	4	1	—	2	2	2	5	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	25	5	30	8	17	5	21	1	2	30	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	28	35	63	16	45	2	26	9	7	63	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,234	246	2,480	163	2,291	26	1,186	902	225	2,267	213
Totals	2,720	350	3,070	375	2,619	76	1,444	1,025	373	2,849	221

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	1	—	4	—	14	2	53	—	40	3	33	3	19	3	9	—	3	1	9	1	1	—	3	—
No. 2.	—	—	24	—	9	—	7	—	6	—	5	—	3	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
No. 3.	2	—	18	—	34	5	27	8	23	13	16	4	21	7	10	7	9	2	3	2	3	1	3	1
No. 4.	—	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6.	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	7	1	2	1	8	1	1	—	2	1	1	—	1	—	1	1
No. 7.	—	—	—	—	1	3	7	15	4	9	5	5	8	1	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	—
No. 8.	9	1	51	4	115	11	291	33	388	46	344	37	330	39	232	25	197	20	108	11	74	6	95	13
Totals	12	1	102	4	177	21	386	57	471	72	408	50	389	51	256	32	214	26	122	14	80	7	103	15

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	22	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	11	Males	24
Missing persons reported	21	Females	1
Missing persons found	5	Americans	19
Lost children restored	282	Foreigners	6
Sick and injured persons assisted	259	Non-residents	24

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,626	19	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,023	25
British Provinces	268	1	Finland	2	—
Ireland	722	4	Denmark	2	—
England	99	1	Holland	1	—
France	7	—	Wales	4	—
Germany	36	—	East Indies	—	—
Italy	84	—	West Indies	7	—
Russia	48	—	Turkey	25	—
China	25	—	South America	—	—
Greece	8	—	Switzerland	2	—
Sweden	36	—	Belgium	—	—
Scotland	44	—	Africa	—	—
Spain	1	—	Hungary	—	—
Norway	9	—	Asia	—	—
Poland	5	—	Arabia	3	—
Austria	2	—	Mexico	—	—
Portugal	3	—	Armenia	1	—
Roumania	—	—			
<i>Carried forward</i>	3,023	25	Totals	3,070	25

Award of Contract.

Art Department.

The Art Commissioners have awarded the contract for designing and erecting the statue of the late William Ellery Channing to Mr. Herbert Adams of New York City in the sum of \$30,000. The statue is to be erected on a site in the Public Garden to be selected by the Art Commissioners, and is to be completed within three years.

The money for this statue was left to the City of Boston under the will of the late John B. Foster, and the contract for its erection is the first important work to be accomplished by the new Board of Art Commissioners established under Chapter 410 of the Acts of 1898.

DEATH OF EX-COUNCILMAN HAYES.

The death of John W. Hayes occurred at his home, 500 Sumner street, East Boston, on Wednesday, May 3, 1899.

Mr. Hayes was born in East Boston thirty-seven years ago, and for the past fifteen years had been connected with the Boston Herald. He was a member of the Common Council in 1894 from Ward 2.

CHAIRMAN OF POLICE BOARD.

The following communication from Governor Wolcott, relative to the chairmanship of the Board of Police, has been promulgated by the Board as General Order No. 596.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Boston, May 6, 1899.

ROBERT F. CLARK, ESQ., Board of Police of Boston.

MY DEAR SIR: Acting under the authority conferred upon me by Section 1, Chapter 323, Acts of 1885, it gives me pleasure hereby to designate you as Chairman of the Board of Police of the City of Boston.

Very truly yours,

ROGER WOLCOTT.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

April 29, 1899.

General Order No. 594.

I. Reserve Officer Edwin L. Montgomery of Division 3, having been commended by his captain for prompt and efficient service in arresting a man for highway robbery on Howard street at 12.10 o'clock this A.M., he is hereby appointed a patrolman in the police force of the City of Boston, and assigned for duty at the same division.

II. Reserve Officer Peter J. Sheehan of Division 3, having been commended by his captain for prompt and efficient service in aiding to arrest two men for highway robbery on South Margin street, at 1.05 o'clock this A.M., he is hereby appointed a patrolman in the police force of the City of Boston, and assigned for duty at the same division.

III. Patrolman Frank P. Critchett of Division 3, having been commended by his captain for prompt and efficient service in aiding to arrest two men for highway robbery on South Margin street, at 1.05 o'clock this A.M., he is hereby commended in general orders.

IV. The above-named reserve men will report at the clerk's office, headquarters, at 9.30 o'clock A.M. Monday, May 1, current, to be sworn.

May 3, 1899.

General Order No. 595.

I. Patrolman Patrick J. Bench, of the special street squad, having been commended by his captain for meritorious service in stopping a runaway horse on Hanover street on the thirteenth of April, current, he is hereby commended in general orders.

II. Reserve Officer John Lane, of Division 5, having been commended by his captain for courage and prompt action in assisting several persons from a burning building on Dover street, on the thirtieth of April, current, he is hereby appointed a patrolman in the police force of the City of Boston and assigned to duty in the same division. He will report at the clerk's office, headquarters, on Thursday, the fourth instant, at 9.30 o'clock A.M., to be sworn.

III. Reserve Officer Cornelius J. Rear-don, of Division 5, having been commended by his captain for meritorious service in making several important arrests since his appointment on the reserve force, he is hereby commended in general orders and allowed an additional week's vacation with full pay.

May 4, 1899.

General Order No. 595½.

Harry F. Adams, having been duly appointed and qualified a member of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, has this day assumed the duties of his office of Police Commissioner. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The total value of imports to the Hawaiian Islands in 1898 amounted to \$11,651,890, an increase of nearly \$3,000,000 over 1897. Of the total imports to the islands in 1898 the United States sent \$8,695,591, an increase of nearly \$2,000,000 over those of the preceding year. The exports for the year amounted to \$17,346,744.

It is anticipated that a Department of Commerce will be established in Great Britain. The proposed Department will be conducted by a committee drawn from the India Office, the Foreign Office, the Colonial Office with the addition of certain commercial men.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at Mt. Hope Cemetery on Wednesday, May 3, 1899, at 3 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Fallon, Hersey and Atteaux.

Chairman Brackett called the meeting to order and notified the Board of the appointment of Mr. Albert W. Hersey as a Trustee of the Cemetery Department for the term of five years, commencing May 1, 1899.

The Chairman then read a communication from His Honor the Mayor, calling attention to Section 1 of Chapter 129 of the Acts of 1899, as amended by Chapter 170 of the Acts of 1899, and stated that the organization of the Board should be in accordance therewith.

Mr. Brackett was elected Chairman of the Board and Mr. Smith was elected Secretary.

Mr. Smith was then sworn to the faithful performance of his duties as Secretary.

The following appointments were made:

(1.) Mr. James H. Morton, to be General Superintendent.

(2.) Mr. Charles P. Harding, to be custodian of Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton.

(3.) Mr. Edward McDonald, to be custodian of Copp's Hill Burial-ground.

(4.) Mr. Frank L. Turner, to be custodian of the Bennington-street Cemetery, East Boston.

(5.) Mr. A. M. Lydston, to be custodian of the Phipps-street and Bunker Hill Burial-grounds.

A communication from the Board of Aldermen, requesting that the railing surrounding Copp's Hill Burial-ground be painted as soon as possible, was read and laid on the table.

An order from the Common Council requesting the Board to furnish a list of the bidders and contracts awarded, if any, for the construction of the fence at Evergreen Cemetery, and a statement of the material to be used in said construction, was received through His Honor the Mayor.

The order was read and the Chairman reported that he had conferred with Councilman Gibbons of Ward 5, who had introduced the order, and had supplied him with the information required.

Voted, That His Honor the Mayor be asked to petition for an ordinance prohibiting the use by undertakers of certain old cemeteries within the city limits, to wit: Central Burial-ground on the Common and Phipps street Burial-ground in the Charles-town District, as receiving tombs. The tombs not being air-tight and being of faulty construction, their use for the placing of bodies therein, in the opinion of the Board, is a menace to public health.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street, on Thursday, April 13, 1899.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Goddard and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The records of the Institutions Conference were presented.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$6,908.97, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$3,611.22, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The Superintendent's report was accepted and placed on file.

Letters were read from the State Board of Insanity, Mr. Wrightington and Mr. Gilman, relative to the bills against the State for patients who had become State charges.

It was voted that a special committee of two be appointed to confer with the State Board of Charities in regard to these bills.

The committee appointed to consider the question of sending the patients in the C and E buildings to the congregate dining-room and using the dining-rooms in these buildings for dormitories; and concerning using the day-room in the B building as a dormitory and the A building as a day-room for patients in the B building, reported that it was not feasible to send the patients in the C and E buildings to the congregate dining-room, and that it would be unwise to use the A building for patients for any purpose.

Mr. Sanderson presented a minority report in favor of using the A building as a day-room. The majority report was accepted.

It was voted that the Visiting Committee for the month inquire whether the former attendants' rooms in the B building could be used for patients, and if not, that they be permitted to recommend the transfer of twelve women patients to State hospitals.

The question of the employment of former attendants at the rate of wages to which they were entitled on leaving the institution was referred to the Committee on Service, with full powers; and they were asked also to reconsider their decision as to the rate of wages of attendants who had had experience in other institutions.

It was voted that 500 copies of the annual report be printed, twenty-five of which should be bound in cloth, and that six unbound copies be sent to each member of the Board of Trustees.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds were given full power to purchase new hoppers for the water-closets in the B building.

The Committee on Supplies were given authority to purchase new matting for the Associate Superintendent's house, new tires for buggy, and settees.

A letter was read from the Mayor, regarding the hearing in the Governor's office on Friday morning, April 14, on the bill providing for the expenditure by the City of Boston of \$200,000 within the debt limit for the rebuilding of Malden Bridge; and another letter asking whether any members of the Board would accept an appointment and would attend the National Conference on Charities and Correction, at Cincinnati.

A letter was read from the Civil Service Commission refusing permission to employ Mr. George Harris as a clerk at the Boston Insane Hospital at a salary of \$12 per month and board.

The Secretary was authorized to write the Commission and ask if Mr. Harris could be employed at a salary of \$6 per month and board.

A letter from the Electrical Construction Division, relative to electric light plant at Boston Insane Hospital, was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

The action of the Chairman in answering a letter from Dr. Quinby, granting permission for the burial of Mrs. Hayden in Worcester Hospital lot in case of her death, was approved.

The Visiting Committee's report and the report of the Committee on Supplies were accepted and placed on file.

The Committee on Supplies were given full power to purchase a cart with steel body and an additional steel body; and the Secretary was authorized to communicate with the Superintendent in regard to the sanitariums and the care of the floors in the men's department.

The Committee on Rules reported that Chapter 1, Section 3, of the by-laws be amended by inserting the word "annual" before "estimates." The amendment was adopted.

The Committee on Service reported advising the employment of a woman nurse in the infirmary ward of the men's department, and that the matron should make daily visits to the men's department.

The rules for the Training School were accepted.

It was voted that the Superintendent be instructed to ask the marketman to bring the working male patients from the men's department to the women's department in the morning before his trip to town, and to take them back to the men's department in the evening.

The question of the bills against Mr. Blake was postponed until the next meeting.

The following requests for transfers were presented and referred to the Committee on Insane in other hospitals, with full powers:

Joseph Cook, from Medfield to the men's department; John J. Ryan, from Medfield to the men's department; W. J. Maguire, jr., from men's department to Westboro'; Richard McMahon, from Medfield to the men's department; Mrs. Annie Williams, from Medfield to the women's department.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported progress in regard to fire-escapes. The question of alterations in the A building was referred to the committee with instructions to report at the next meeting.

The Secretary said that he had asked the Park Department for certain shrubs and trees, as recommended by Mr. Curtis, and his action was approved by the Board.

The population on April 12, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	247	243	490
On visit	8	9	17
Totals	255	252	507

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at the Women's Department on April 27, 1899.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Goddard and Sanderson, and Dr. Knapp. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Sanderson was elected Chairman pro tempore.

It was voted that the Chairman be authorized to sign a special draft in payment of the bill of H. A. Hanscom & Co. amounting to \$63.07.

A letter was read from the Civil Service Commission authorizing the appointment of George Harris as clerk, at a salary of \$6 a month. It was voted that he be so employed.

The Committee on Supplies reported that a steel cart and body had been ordered, and would be ready in about a week.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported in favor of installing an electric-light plant, with two direct connected 600-light engines and dynamos, at an estimated cost of \$7,865. The report was accepted. The committee were authorized to make provision for installing the plant and to see if the estimate could not be reduced.

Plans were presented showing the changes to be made in the A building to render it suitable for office purposes, at an estimated cost of possibly \$1,500 or \$2,000; and a report was made as to fire-stops in corridors in the men's department.

The committee were authorized to make the changes in the A building and to construct the fire-stops in the men's department.

The question of the printing bill was referred to the Chairman and Secretary with full powers.

The question of the bills for State cases was referred to the committee appointed at the last meeting.

Dr. Lane reported that there were ten attendants prepared to enter the training school on May 1.

The Committee on Service recommended that old attendants might be re-engaged at the wages paid at the time they left the hospital, but they still recommended that no allowance be made for time spent in other hospitals. The report was adopted.

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, April 14, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch and DeNormandie.

Received: Circular No. 60 from the Mayor; the Acting Librarian's report.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$9,987.88; to trust funds, \$809.39; to the Broadway extension improvements appropriation, \$38.48; to the Library building appropriation, \$155.67; to the Library building furnishing appropriation, \$606.91.

Salaries fixed as follows: Periodical room, Mary A. E. Ford, \$8, beginning April 14; Frederika Wendte, \$11 per week, beginning April 14; Dorchester Branch, Mary G. Donovan, \$7.50 per week, beginning April 21; Jamaica Plain Branch, Kate F. Albert, \$7.50 per week, beginning April 21; South End Branch, Emma F. Lynch, \$7.50 per week, beginning April 21.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$262.03; to trust funds, \$153.45; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$5.33; miscellaneous articles, \$1,152.13.

May 1, 1899

The adjourned weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Bowditch, DeNormandie and Lincoln.

Received: A petition, submitted by the Jamaica Plain News, and others, for the establishment of a delivery station of the Library on Green street, Jamaica Plain; from Mme. A. Beugnot; the Acting Librarian's report.

Employed: Grace M. Cutting, statistical department, as stenographer and typewriter, \$10 per week, beginning May 1; Annie M. Donovan, grade D, Charlestown branch, \$5 per week, beginning April 28.

Salaries fixed as follows: Shelf department, John F. Lucid, \$7 per week, beginning May 2; issue department, Nellie L. Connolly, Joseph A. Lucid, Alphild Olson, Bertha Olson, Grace Williams, \$7 per week each, beginning May 2; Paul J. Schnabel, \$5 per week, beginning May 2; Nina E. Stetson, \$6 per week, beginning May 3, Henry A. C. Schulz, \$7 per week, beginning May 7.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, amounting to \$573.51; to trust funds, \$278.18; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$17.66; to Station "P," \$4.53; miscellaneous articles, \$712.61.

The Vice-President was authorized to receive from the City Treasurer and receipt for the interest due April 1 on various trust funds, the same to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Various applications for special privileges were received, considered and disposed of.

JAMES DENORMANDIE,

Clerk pro tempore.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held on May 1, 1899:

A proposition was received from D. F. O'Connell, in writing, to furnish seam-faced granite for that part of the wall on Seaver street between Blue Hill avenue and Humboldt avenue, for the contract price of seam-faced Roxbury stone. The proposition was accepted, provided the bondsmen would consent to the change in the contract.

An order was given to D. F. O'Connell, instructing him to make the height of the wall on Jamaica Park at Prince street, southerly from a point marked on a plan of said wall dated November 17, 1898, three feet, six inches above surface instead of four feet.

Voted, That the Superintendent prepare plans and specifications and advertise for bids for walls at Forest Hills street, Pond street, Perkins street, Centre street and Dorchester Park.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, April 17, 1899.

The fifty-first regular meeting of the Trustees of Pauper Institutions was held at 28 Court square on Monday, April 17, at 10 A.M., the full Board being present.

Voted, That in view of the urgent need of a matron to have charge of the women and sick persons who are sent to Long Island on the steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee," that the Penal Institutions Commissioner be requested to make some provision for a matron on the boat.

The report of the Finance Committee was read. The principal items of the report were as follows:

(1.) That the Chairman be requested to make application to the Mayor for a special appropriation to cover the expense of a new telephone cable between Long Island and the mainland.

(2.) That a special appropriation should be applied for, to cover the damage caused by the storm of November, 1898.

(3.) Concerning the need of fire-escapes for the Charlestown Almshouse, the outside fire-escapes will cost about \$1,500, and inside staircases about \$3,500. The Chairman was requested to apply for a special appropriation for the same.

(4.) A report of the Engineering Department concerning drainage of the men's building at Long Island was read, and a vote authorizing the repair of the same was passed.

(5.) That certain alterations in the plumbing should be made in the male ward of the hospital at Long Island.

(6.) That an additional tub should be provided in the hospital building at Long Island for the use of nurses.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee submitted a detailed statement in regard to the financial condition of the Pauper Department for the first four months of the current year.

The Committee on Registration and Special Cases, presented a report giving a statistical analysis of admissions to the Long Island and Charlestown Almshouses during the year.

Voted, That the question of legislation relating to vagrant and intemperate persons be referred to a committee, to report before January 1, 1900.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported that a sketch for the power-house and laundry at Long Island had been submitted to them, and that further plans would soon be laid before the Board.

The Acting Superintendent of Long Island came before the Board and brought forward the following business:

(1.) Recommendation that there should be a silo for cows at Long Island; referred to Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

(2.) Request for increase of salary on the part of certain officers on Long Island; referred to Committee on Finance.

The question of using one of the wards in the men's building as an infirmary ward for forty men who might possibly be removed from the hospital was referred to the Committee on Medical Department and Dietary.

The question of the proper housing of night nurses was referred to the same committee, to confer with the Finance Committee.

Miss Morse spoke of a concert which has been voluntarily offered for the benefit of the inmates at Long Island; and permission was given to use the chapel for this purpose, provided the hours did not conflict with those of any religious service.

The authorization of an expenditure of \$5 for the purchase of flowers for the decoration of the chapel at Easter was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Superintendent reported that all the officers at Long Island are now in uniform, with the exception of the matrons in the dormitory and the internes in the hospital.

The Superintendent of Charlestown came before the Board.

Rules for the Charlestown Almshouse were read, and it was

Voted, That these rules be adopted as the rules of the Charlestown Almshouse.

The following appointments were confirmed:

Lizzie Wilbur, probationer, \$10 per month; Mary E. McCarthy, probationer, \$10 per month; William Bowdoin, farmer, \$25 per month.

Voted, That Mr. Parker B. Field, agent of the Board, have authority to receive the balance of salary due Mr. George E. Foss, ward-tender at the Long Island Hospital, deceased April 2, 1899, as well as such personal effects belonging to Mr. Foss as may have been left at Long Island.

Voted, That Mr. Field be authorized to pay from these funds such expenses as are incident to the burial of Mr. Foss, and that the balance of the funds and property of the deceased in his possession be surrendered by him to Dr. A. I. Noble, of Worcester, the nearest relative of Mr. Foss who can be reached at this time.

Voted, That Mr. Eugene L. Bryant be appointed a special police officer for Long Island.

The question concerning the payment for patients at the Rutland Hospital for Consumptives was referred to Mr. A. J. Bailey, Corporation Counsel, through Mr. Field, agent of the Board.

A letter from the Mayor was read, stating that he would be glad to appoint as delegates to the National Conference of Charities to be held in May, in Cincinnati, members of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees if they wished to serve in that capacity. No one present was able to attend the conference.

A communication from the City Engineer concerning the defective condition of the sea-wall at Long Island was read, and the subject, with two letters, was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

The question of boat-service was discussed, and it was

Voted, That the Secretary be instructed to write to the Penal Institutions Commissioner, requesting that special boat-service be furnished for the use of Long Island for the period during which the "John Howard" is undergoing repairs.

Following is the census for Long Island, on April 15, 1899:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	82	140	222
Children	6	9	15
Dormitory	-	215	215
Institution	256	-	256
Totals	344	364	708

28 Court Square, May 1, 1899.

The fifty-second regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, May 1, at 10 A.M. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Grainger, and the Board organized by the election of Mr. Sedgwick as Chairman of the Board, and Mrs. Lincoln as Secretary for the ensuing year.

Voted, That all standing and special committees be reappointed for the ensuing year.

The reports of committees were read, accepted and adopted.

Voted, That the sum of \$100 be appropriated for the extermination of water-bugs in the Long Island institutions.

Voted, That the salary of the engineer at Long Island be increased to \$1,000 per annum, on condition that he remove his family to the mainland, thus leaving free for use the cottage now occupied by him, which is greatly needed for the night nurses in the hospital, who require rest by day.

Voted, That Dr. Paul Thorndike be appointed to the position of assistant surgeon of the visiting staff of the Long Island Hospital, in accordance with the recommendation of the visiting staff.

A communication was received through His Honor the Mayor, stating that the United States intends to establish a permanent garrison on Long Island, and that additional land will be required for this purpose. The communication was referred, with power, to the Chairman of the Board.

Voted, That the use of a piano for the men's building be referred to the Committee on Finance, with power.

Voted, That the Acting Superintendent receive the salary of Superintendent at Long Island.

A letter from the Deputy at Long Island was read tendering his resignation from that position.

Voted, That this resignation be accepted.

The number of admissions to the Long Island and Charlestown almshouses was discussed, and it was stated that of 369 persons admitted for the first time during the year from February 1, 1898 to January 31, 1899, about 50 per cent. remain in the institution.

A report of the Engineering Department concerning the expenditure of \$60,000 for the new power-house at Long Island, was submitted to the Board by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Voted, That this report be accepted, and that the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized, on behalf of the Board, to proceed to obtain bids and estimates, and to advertise for proposals for doing the work.

Mr. Field, agent, reported that it is the intention of the Mayor to place the sum of \$4,000, granted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for laying a new telephone cable between the islands and the mainland, in the hands of this Board.

The Chairman reported a request of the Common Council, that the salaries of employees at Long Island be raised to the same amounts as those now received by officers holding similar positions at Deer Island. The request was placed on file.

Voted, That the Acting Superintendent have authority to engage two men to assist in the work of the farm, one for one month, and one for the summer, according to his recommendation.

Voted, That the Acting Superintendent have authority to engage a cook for the Long Island institution.

A letter from Mr. Marshall was read, stating that he agreed with this Board that it would be desirable to have a matron on the boat "J. Putnam Bradlee," but that his appropriation for the year would not warrant the expense; so soon as possible he would endeavor to provide a matron.

May 5, 1889.

A special meeting of the Board was held at 28 Court square, on Friday, May 5, at 12.30 P.M., to hear a report of the Committee on Superintendent, and to consider the annual report.

At this meeting His Honor Mayor Quincy was present and introduced the new member of the Board, Mr. Henry Dobbins.

Dr. Grainger presented the report of the Committee on Superintendent.

The full Board being present, it was

Voted, That the Acting Superintendent of the Almshouse and Hospital on Long Island, Mr. Arthur T. Hopkins, be appointed to the position of Superintendent, at a salary of \$3,000 per annum, in accordance with the recommendation of the report of the Committee.

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Friday, April 28.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out and extension of Gainsborough street.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Breed street, at East Boston.

The Commissioners received an order from the School Committee, requesting them to take land in the rear of Prince street for an addition to the Hancock School estate.

Tuesday, May 2.

Authority was given to open Acadia street, at South Boston, from East First street to East Second street.

It was voted to award James H. McInerney \$120 for damages occasioned his estate on Crossman street by the taking of land for a sewer and surface-drain outlet; to pay Elizabeth S. Whitten \$1,886 for damages occasioned her estates on King and Centre streets, by the relocation of Tenean Creek, and to pay Mary L. Coffin \$50 for damages occasioned her estate by the relocation of Forest Hills street—the Mayor having approved their several agreements to accept said sums.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Public alley No. 102, in District No. 2, from Marshall street to Creek square; and to lay out L street.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Argyle street, at West Roxbury; and of Public Alley No. 801 in District No. 9, from St. Stephen street to Gainsborough street; and for a sewer in Grafton street.

Wednesday, May 3.

A petition was received for change in the Board of Survey lines on plans N 82, N 83, and it was voted to give a public hearing in the matter, in Room 25 of the Old Court House, at 11.30 o'clock A.M.; and also to give a public hearing in the matter of changes on Board of Survey plans T 81, 82, 99, 100, U 90, 91, W 10, X 1, 2, at 11 o'clock, in the same place.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Baths Department.

Following is a summary showing the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of April, 1899, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

April.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount received.
1 . .	573	198	654	433	1,858	\$10 40
2 . .	483	167	95	73	818	10 41
3 . .	281	108	102	93	584	6 39
4 . .	297	133	104	96	630	6 96
5 . .	309	126	94	81	610	6 83
6 . .	297	135	123	102	657	7 52
7 . .	395	122	93	77	687	9 58
8 . .	507	198	754	551	2,010	11 94
9 . .	571	134	85	62	852	14 69
10 . .	253	87	64	51	455	6 57
11 . .	236	93	62	43	434	5 83
12 . .	201	55	52	37	345	4 88
13 . .	305	103	62	47	517	6 95
14 . .	425	178	96	83	782	10 60
15 . .	623	231	693	398	1,945	12 97
16 . .	562	143	82	65	852	13 78
17 . .	304	126	65	42	537	7 68
18 . .	402	136	78	53	669	10 73
19 . .	301	121	78	132	632	7 99
20 . .	205	78	87	64	434	4 98
21 . .	401	147	68	45	661	8 58
22 . .	621	229	714	402	1,966	13 03
23 . .	711	212	93	89	1,105	17 40
24 . .	371	174	72	59	676	8 90
25 . .	503	162	83	96	844	11 91
26 . .	398	97	84	71	650	8 59
27 . .	294	143	82	61	580	6 67
28 . .	523	182	104	96	905	11 95
29 . .	655	210	752	428	2,045	13 33
30 . .	528	186	62	87	863	14 09
Totals,	12,535	4,414	5,637	4,017	26,603	\$292 13

NOTE. — Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

The following table shows the number of baths taken at the East Boston Gymnasium during April, by weeks:

WEEK ENDING	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
April 1 .	803	46	700	130	1,679
April 8 .	827	38	600	84	1,549
April 15 .	752	16	270	25	1,063
April 22 .	722	56	270	103	1,151
April 29 .	639	117	108	135	999
Totals .	3,743	273	1,948	477	6,441

NOTE. — At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Building Department.

Old Court House, April 24, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending April 22, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	3	-	-	-	1	3	2	5	1	
2...	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	2	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4...	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	
5...	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
6...	-	4	-	1	2	-	7	-	7	24	
7...	-	4	-	-	-	-	14	-	8	36	
8...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	
9...	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	9	
10...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	11	
11...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	11	
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	21	
13...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	2	
14...	-	3	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	7	
15...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	7	
16...	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	5	9	
17...	-	3	1	-	9	1	2	-	-	2	
18...	-	1	2	2	-	5	4	-	1	3	
19...	3	1	1	1	-	2	-	1	6	3	
20...	5	4	1	-	1	7	6	7	5	21	
21...	-	1	-	-	-	2	5	4	-	8	
22...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	
23...	1	2	-	1	-	3	2	1	5	10	
24...	5	6	-	-	-	4	2	2	12	6	
25...	-	2	-	-	3	1	3	-	1	16	
T'ls..	17	43	7	5	17	30	60	18	88	216	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, May 8, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending May 6, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	113
Number of discharges of mortgages	22
Number of assignments of mortgages	4
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of attachments	1
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of assignments of wages	34
Number of married women's certificates,	7
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of ship liens	2

The following notices of personal injuries received from alleged defect in sidewalks were filed:

May 1—William S. Harding, on Boylston street, and Mary Jackson, corner Bennington and Byron streets, East Boston.

May 3—Leontine Noury, on Commonwealth avenue.

Following is a list of the suits brought against the city during the week:

Annie T. Mahoney, action of tort, damages \$4,000; William S. Harding, action of tort, damages \$5,000; both plaintiffs claim trial by jury; Nellie A. Gillis, action of tort, damages \$2,000; Thomas O'Leary, action of contract, damages \$10,000.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, May 6, 1899.

The following petitions have been received for the occupancy of stables:

John Cantwell, 139 Hillside street, Ward 19; hearing May 11 at 11 o'clock. Albert E. Leon, 37 Wales street, Ward 20, two horses; hearing May 25 at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

John Mahan, 35 Fuller street, Ward 24, one cow; Eubert M. Laws, Athens street, Ward 13, twelve horses; Albert J. Robinson, Rexhame street, Ward 23, two horses.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the month of April, 1899:

Three hundred and eight pounds of immatured veal, 243 bushels of turnips, five bunches of bananas, two bushels of cranberries.

The total number of interments in the cemeteries of Boston for the month of April was 539.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending May 6, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	9	9	18
Negative	86	25	111
No growth	4	-	4
Totals	99	34	133

Remarks: Typhoid examinations, four cases; two cases positive, one case negative and one case unsatisfactory.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, May 1, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending April 29, 1899:

Cases pending	-	
Number of applications	71	
Number of admissions:		71
To State Almshouse	33	
Long Island Almshouse	11	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	6	
Boston Insane Hospital	5	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	3	
Foxboro' Asylum	1	
Number of applications refused,	4	
Number of applications withdrawn	8	
Settlements investigated	82	
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	8	

Statistics for the week ending May 6, 1899:

Cases pending	-	
Number of applications	104	104
Number of Admissions:		
To State Almshouse	52	
Long Island Almshouse,	16	
Charlestown Almshouse,	1	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	9	
Boston Insane Hospital,	6	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	8	
Foxboro' Asylum	2	
Number of applications refused	5	
Number of applications withdrawn	5	
Cases pending	-	104
Settlements investigated	114	
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	6	

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting-Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, April 24, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending April 22:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	158	6
Females	20	3
Total	178	9
Offences:		
Against the person	8	-
Against property	14	3
Against public order and decency	156	6
Total	178	9
Discharges:		
Males	137	8
Females	27	4
Total	164	12
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	92	9
Permit of Commissioner,	42	1
Payment of fine	30	-
Transferred to Deer Island	-	2
Total	164	12
Population:		
April 15, 1899	1,094	481
Committed since April 15, 1899	178	9
Total	1,272	490
Discharged since April 15, 1899	164	12
April 22, 1899	1,108	478
Statistics for the week ending April 29:		
Commitments:		
Males	130	16
Females	27	3
Totals	157	19
Offences:		
Against the person	17	3
Against property	7	12
Against public order and decency	138	4
Totals	* 162	19

Discharges:		
Males	125	14
Females	18	5
Totals	143	19

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence,	79	18
Permit of Commis-		
sioner	40	-
Payment of fine	23	1
Died	1	-
Totals	143	19

Population:		
April 22, 1899	1,108	478
Committed since April		
22, 1899	157	19
Totals	1,265	497

Discharged since April		
22, 1899	143	19

May 1, 1899	1,122	478
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* Five committed on two charges each.

Statistics for week ending May 6, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	141	4
Females	26	5
Totals	167	9

Offences:		
Against the person . .	11	2
Against property . . .	13	4
Against public order and decency	147	3
Totals	* 171	9

Discharges:		
Males	128	19
Females	22	1
Totals	150	20

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence .	92	17
Permit of Commissioner,	33	1
Payment of fine	24	-
Bailed	1	-
Transferred to Concord,	-	1
Transferred to Deer Island	-	1
Totals	150	20

Population:		
April 29, 1899	1,122	478
Committed since April 29,	167	9
Totals	1,289	487
Discharged since April 29,	150	20
May 6, 1899	1,139	467

* Four committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, April 18, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending April 15, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	409
Defects reported	67
Defects corrected	15

Notices of new work received	15
Feet of dead wire removed	10,100
Feet of dead wire retained	500
Fixtures removed	6
Poles set	46

Employees of the Department responded to a second alarm of fire from Box 285, at 10.20 A.M., April 10, on account of fire at 103 Calumet street; to a second alarm from Box 41, on April 11, at 8.05 A.M., for fire at 307 Washington street; and on April 13 to a third alarm from Box 717, at 5 A.M., on account of a fire at the Boston Museum.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	269
Notices of new work received	126

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been examined.

Investigations were made in reference to fires at the Boston Museum, April 13, and at 853 Washington street, April 15. The first mentioned was in no way due to electrical causes; that at 853 Washington street was due to a short circuit in a show window on temporary wiring installed for electrical effects. The wiring had not been inspected by the Wire Department, and was installed without its knowledge.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	1
Building connections	6
Lamp connections	2
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	24
Building connections	6
Lamp connections	1
Pole connections	1
Repairs	4
Cable drawings	21

Old Court House, April 25, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending April 22:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	342
Defects reported	88
Defects corrected	24
Dead wire removed (feet)	8,500
Fixtures removed	3
Notices of new work received	15
Poles set	12

The Department employees responded to a second alarm of fire from Box 126 at 4.30 P.M., April 19, at 340 Athens street; also to a second alarm of fire from Box 14, at 2.50 P.M., April 20, at 16 Atlantic avenue.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	228
Notices of new work received	73

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

Investigations have been made in reference to fires at the Atlantic Yacht Club quarters, Commercial wharf, April 18; at 568 Washington street, April 19, and at 20 Summer street, April 19. The first and last mentioned were not due to electrical causes. The reported fire at 568 Washington street

was caused by the grounding of current of an arc-light cable on lead sheath of same at a point where the lead sheath had been cut back from cut-out box in which the cable entered.

Investigation has also been made of a reported electrical trouble at 183 Commonwealth avenue. It was found that a hole had been corroded by electrolytic action through a brass water-pipe, passing through the wood frame of a basement window to a sill cock on the outside of the house and window frame.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	9
Building connections	9
Lamp connections	1
Repairs	2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	25
Building connections	10
Pole connections	2
Lamp connections	1
Repairs	6
Cable drawings	24

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending May 6, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.7
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	20.4

Number of deaths:	
Males	126
Females	100

Total	226
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	208

Increase	18
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Of the 226 decedents, 217 were white and 9 colored; 129 were born in the United States, 94 in foreign countries, and the birth-place of 3 was unknown; 40 were of American parentage, 168 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 18 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	27	3
Scarlatina	37	2
Typhoid fever	5	5
Measles	91	1

Totals	160	11
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PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	29
Pneumonia	23
Heart disease	18
Bronchitis	10
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	9

Total from principal causes	93
Total from infectious diseases	11
Total from other causes	122

Total from all causes	226
Deaths of children under 1 year	32
Deaths of children under 5 years	50
Deaths of persons over 60 years	42
Deaths in public institutions	66

ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURT.

At a meeting of the Executive Council, held Wednesday, May 10, 1899, Governor Wolcott nominated Henry S. Dewey of Boston and George L. Wentworth of Weymouth to be Associate Justices of the Municipal Court of Boston. Both gentlemen, at the present time, are Special Justices of the Court, and the appointments are in accordance with a recent act of the Legislature.

The Connecticut House of Representatives recently rejected three bills designed to reduce State expenditures.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

The Cemetery Trustees of the City of Boston will receive proposals at the office of the Cemetery Department, City Hall, Boston, Mass., for erecting a chapel, administration building and gateway at Mt. Hope Cemetery, and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$10,000 for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal, and leave it at said office before 12 o'clock M. of May 24, 1899, with a certified check for \$2,500, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

J. ALBERT BRACKETT,
Chairman of the Cemetery Trustees.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

Proposals for building two walls at Franklin Park, one at Jamaica Park, and one at Dorchester Park, of seam-faced granite or seam-faced Roxbury stone, will be received at the office of the Boston Park Commissioners, 64 Pemberton square, before 4 o'clock P.M., of Friday, May 12, 1899; the bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the Engineer's Office, Pine Bank, Jamaica Park, fill out and sign the same, and leave with it at said time and place a certified check for \$100, payable to the City of Boston, the check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal; all proposals so filled out and left with check, and no other, will at said time and place be publicly opened and read; a bond of not more than one-half of the amount of the contract for faithfully doing the work will be required. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,
LABAN PRATT,
Park Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive proposals for furnishing and installing a plumbing system in the Mechanic Arts High School and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$750 for faithfully doing the work. The office copy of the plans and specifications may be seen at the office of Wheelwright & Haven, 1129 Tremont building, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of May 22, 1899, with a certified check for \$500, payable to the City of Boston, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,
Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 8, 1899.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to erect poles for the support of its wires, as follows:

Mt. Pleasant avenue, Roxbury, four poles, forty feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, eight feet.

Boston Electric Light Company,

SAMUEL S. STAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 8, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the fifteenth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Journal and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

Boston, May 4, 1899.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company respectfully petitions for permit to erect and maintain poles, wires, cables and fixtures upon West Cottage street, between Blue Hill avenue and Dudley street, and upon East Cottage street, between the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad tracks and Edward Everett square.

Postal Telegraph-Cable Company,

BY H. J. PETTENGILL, Superintendent.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 8, 1899.

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Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 2, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 10 Tremont street, Ward 3, one bay-window of the following description: To project from first, second and third stories over Tremont street. Dimensions: Thirty-four feet high, thirteen feet six inches wide, and two feet six inches over line of street.

JAMES H. LIBBY,
34 School street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 8, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-second day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, May 5, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 of the Old Court House, at 11.30 A.M., on Friday, May 12, 1899, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways, in the territory shown on plans numbered N 82 and N 83, made by the Board of Survey and filed, respectively, January 7, 1895, and January 3, 1894, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is bounded, approximately, by Huntington avenue, Francis street and the Riverway.

JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
Street Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

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Boston, May 5, 1899.

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JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
Street Commissioners.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 8, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building corner of Quincy and Magnolia streets, Ward 20, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, one over the corner of Quincy and Magnolia streets and the other over Magnolia street. Dimensions: Each twenty-five feet high, one twelve feet wide, one thirteen feet wide, and each two feet six inches over line of street.

B. A. DYER,
By SAMUEL RANTIN & SON, Architects.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

TO TAXPAYERS.

City Hall, May 1, 1899.

Your attention is called to our circular (now being distributed throughout the city), relative to making returns on property subject to taxation as early as possible before June 15 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Per order of the Board of Assessors,

GEORGE A. COMINS, Secretary



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume II.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1899.

Number 20.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

SPECIAL JUSTICES OF THE BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURT.

At a meeting of the Executive Council, held on May 17, Governor Wolcott nominated Messrs. John A. Bennett and William Sullivan of Boston to be Special Justices of the Municipal Court of Boston, in place of Messrs. Dewey and Wentworth, recently appointed Associate Justices of the same court.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting, held on the fifteenth instant, voted to confirm the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor:

Lyde W. Benjamin, to be a Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1900, vice Paul C. Brooks, ineligible.

Daniel B. Carmody, to be a Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Lawrence N. Hennessy, to be a Measurer of Grain, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Thomas E. Bates, Frederick K. Vinal, Charles R. Williams and Thomas H. Lawton, to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

MAYOR'S CIRCULARS.

The following circulars to heads of departments have been issued by His Honor the Mayor:

Circular No. 62.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 12, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby advised that the amendment to Section 12 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, passed by the City Council over my veto on April 3, 1899, which provides that officers in charge of departments shall not employ in any capacity any persons but citizens of the United States, "and, if male subordinates, legal voters of Boston," has been pronounced by the Corporation Counsel to be illegal and inoperative, upon the ground that it is an attempt to exercise powers which, under the City Charter, belong exclusively to the Executive. While citizens of Boston should in all cases be given the preference, other things being equal, in filling all offices and employments under the city, and while none but citizens should be employed in any capacity, heads of departments are not called upon to give any effect to the attempt to confine municipal service to legal voters in cases where the interests of the city, in their opinion, render such a restriction of the field of selection inadvisable.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Circular No. 63.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 15, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: In view of the fact that certain departments not under the control of the Mayor have not put in force the reduction of salaries and wages directed by my circular No. 55; that two departments, headed by boards specially incorporated by statutes, have claimed that they were authorized by law to fix the salaries of their subordinates; that the Fire Department was specially excepted from the reduction, in response to what seemed to be the general

demand of public sentiment, and that the total amount of the remaining saving through such reduction for the balance of the year has now been brought down to a comparatively small sum, I have concluded to authorize any heads of departments who are able to assure me that they can close the financial year without a deficit on the basis of the old scale of salaries and wages, to restore such scale, for service rendered after June 1. Please inform me whether you can undertake, barring extraordinary emergencies, to conduct the regular work of your department upon such basis for the balance of the financial year, or make such statement of the financial calculations upon which you are conducting your department as may seem to you proper for the above purpose.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The thirty-fifth annual report of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, which constitutes City Document 23, 1899, has recently been presented to His Honor the Mayor. The report which covers the year ending January 31, 1899, may be summarized as follows:

The number of families, representing about 10,182 persons, assisted in the year was 3,394, a decrease of four families from the previous year. Of these, 358 families resided in other cities and towns, but had retained their settlement in this city. The Board received payment for aid rendered to 239 families residing in Boston, whose legal settlement was elsewhere. The largest number of families aided in any one month was 1,783, in February; the smallest number aided being 1,140 families, in August. The monthly average for the year was 1,324.

The number of new cases aided during the year was 842, an increase of ten over the year previous. The total number of cases dealt with since 1864 is 34,706.

The number of official visits made by visitors of the Board during the year was 21,016.

The following table shows the number of families aided and the amount of aid given by districts:

DISTRICTS.	Number of families aided.	Amount of aid given.	Population by Census of 1885.
East Boston . .	168	\$3,417 27	42,595
Charlestown . .	427	8,396 70	40,304
City Proper . .	1,048	21,950 79	160,349
South Boston . .	458	10,821 74	67,913
Roxbury	688	20,366 10	92,088
Dorchester . . .	70	2,878 95	45,909
West Roxbury . .	70	3,086 63	32,761
Brighton	80	1,982 41	15,001
Living out of city, but aided by Department	27	1,434 83	—
Living out of city, aided through officers of other cities and towns,	358	11,339 36	—
Totals	3,394	\$85,674 78	496,920

To the sum of \$85,674, given directly to the poor, should be added the sum of \$3,600.98, paid for burials, the sum of \$6,133, paid for support of the Temporary Home, and the further sum of \$7,917, paid for support of the Lodge for Wayfarers; making a total of \$103,327 actually paid out by the Overseers of the Poor from the tax levy for the direct relief of the poor. The Board has also disbursed, as trustees, the further sum of \$29,633 to various pensioners and beneficiaries adjudged worthy and falling within the provisions of the trusts.

The trust funds held by the Board as a corporation increased, during the year, from \$716,860 to \$720,061. The income derived from trust funds amounted to \$43,972. But such income is diminishing, owing to the fact that most of the trust funds are invested in notes of the city, on which lower rates of interest are now paid than formerly. Therefore the Board has found it necessary to reduce the number of its pensioners and beneficiaries.

The Board continues to demand work of all able-bodied male applicants in return for groceries and coal furnished their families.

The number of men who worked for aid given in 1898 was 562; the number of days' work actually performed amounted to 4,521; while the number of men receiving work-cards who did not present them for work was 113.

At the Wayfarers' Lodge, 22,353 tramps, to whom 53,219 meals were furnished, were

cared for over night, in the course of the year. The largest number cared for in a month was 2,425, in December, and the least number, 1,545, in February. The birthplaces of these lodgers were as follows:

America, 11,718; Ireland, 6,373; England, 1,322; British Provinces, 1,317; Scotland, 566; other countries, 1,057; total 22,353.

The records of the Temporary Home for Women and Children show that, out of a total of 980 women admitted, 473 came for the first time in 1898, and that 90 came in each of the five years 1894-1898. The Industrial Aid Society secured 114 places for women at domestic services, and the Temporary Home 158 places. Meals to the number of 2,224 were given in outside relief to 1,091 women and 86 children.

The number of women who use the Home as a temporary shelter has increased, while the number of "repeaters" has decreased.

The number of children admitted to the Temporary Home in 1898 was 726, of whom 281 came with mothers, 33 were lost children, 21 were foundlings, 114 came in various ways, 196 were sent by the State, and 81 were sent by the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

A change in the care of the sick poor in Charlestown was instituted last fall, whereby the salary of Dr. Sprague, who had faithfully served the Board for many years as its physician in that district was discontinued. The arrangement now in force provides for calling in a physician (preferably Dr. Sprague) to attend the wants of any sick under the charge of the Board, by the overseer or visitor in the district, after due investigation. It is held that this new departure, which worked well the past winter, will greatly reduce the expenses of the medical department of the Board's work, and ultimately tend to decrease the number of paupers in its charge.

Appropriate mention is made of the death of Hon. Frederic W. Lincoln, ex-Mayor of Boston, who was Chairman of the Board from June, 1867, to April, 1878, and for more than twenty years its Treasurer.

The Board also notes with regret the death, in November, 1898, of Mr. Martin J. Connolly, who had been the engineer in charge of the steam-heating for the Charity Building and the Temporary Home for more than thirteen years.

Attention is called to Chapter 425 of the Acts of 1898 (the text of which is found in the appendix to the report), which makes important changes in the pauper laws of the State. Its main provisions are:

(1.) Settlements not fully gained since May 1, 1860, are by this act defeated and lost, except where an existing settlement prevented the acquisition of a subsequent one. (2.) Absence from the State for ten

years defeats a settlement previously acquired. (3.) Mothers are made legally liable for the support of their children.

The following is a summary statement of the expenses of the Department:

Drafts upon the City Treasury during the year ending January 31, 1899	\$132,042 23
Sundry receipts paid to City Collector	17,199 61

Net charge to the city for the Department for the year \$114,842 62

Amount collected for care in City Hospital of State paupers, and those belonging elsewhere than in Boston, and paid to the City Hospital \$78,667 69

The largest items of expenditure during the year were: (1) paid for groceries and expense of delivery, \$38,505; (2) pensions and grants paid at office, \$22,103; (3) salaries of visitors and agents, \$13,132; (4) payments to cities and towns for relief of Boston poor, \$11,339; and (5) cost of fuel furnished, \$8,529.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Soldiers' Relief Department for the year ending January 31, 1899, constituting Document 33, 1899, has been submitted to his Honor the Mayor.

The expenditures of the Department have been as follows:

Under the provisions of the different acts of the Legislature, aid to soldiers and sailors who served in the War of the Rebellion and in the war with Spain, and to the families of the same	\$211,076 15
Salaries	12,174 96
Office expenses	622 95

Total expenditures \$223,874 06

The total appropriation, including a transfer of \$2,000 on account of the Spanish war, amounted to \$227,000.

There was received from the State, in accordance with various acts of the Legislature, the sum of \$153,710.12.

EAST BOSTON FERRY-BOAT.

The new ferry-boat, "Noddle Island," had her official trial on Wednesday, May 10, 1899. The trip was satisfactory in every particular, and the boat was placed in commission on Monday, May 15.

The "Noddle Island" is of the double-screw type. Her length over all is 164 feet 3 inches; extreme beam, 57 feet, and depth of hold, 14 feet 3 inches.

Minnesota municipalities are permitted by law to frame their own charters through charter commissions; but the approval of four-sevenths of the voters is required to give effect to such charters.

COLLECTING DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Collecting Department for the year ending January 31, 1899, has been issued and constitutes Document 10, 1899.

The report shows that the total receipts of the City of Boston amounted to \$26,606.-035.93 and of the County of Suffolk, \$263.-642.12.

The assessment of taxes to defray the expenses of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk for the year ending January 31, 1899, less the revenue to be received from other sources; also to pay the State tax levied on the City of Boston, 1898, was:

Tax assessments, 1898, including supplementary bills . . .	\$14,262,754 00
Bank tax, 1898	157,209 09

Total assessments	\$14,419,963 09
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The collections on the above to January 31, 1899, amounted to \$12,475,273.58. The balance is made up of abatements amounting to \$89,829.16, or 63 per cent., and outstanding collections amounting to \$1,854,860.35, or 12.86 per cent.

The total amount of outstanding taxes, the bulk of which are uncollectable owing to death, poverty, insolvency, emigration and other causes, dating from the establishment of the city in 1822 to January 31, 1899, was \$2,992,678.83.

The amount received from licenses of all kinds was \$1,527,019.15, of which \$1,480,668 was for liquor licenses.

Following is a summary of the leases owned by the city in the custody of the Department:

Department.	Annual rent.
Street Department	\$250
Street Laying-out Department	250
Market Department	84,999
Public Buildings Department	4,700
Total	\$90,199

The report contains also a statement of the notes, bonds and deeds of property belonging to the city, together with tables showing in detail the amount of collections of the Department since its establishment in 1875.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Tuesday, May 9, 1899, at 7.30 P.M.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Huggan, McDonald and Strange.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by Mrs. Emily A. Fifield, the senior member of the Board present. Mrs. Fifield was elected President *pro tempore*.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Mr. Coolidge offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The appointments and confirmations were approved.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to approve the payment of \$137.50 to W. S. Sampson & Son for extra concreting at the Mary Hemenway School.

Passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read:

Ordered, That the new primary school-house on Webster avenue, Brighton, be named the Frederick A. Whitney School, in honor of the late Frederick A. Whitney.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, the order was recommitted to the Committee on New Buildings.

The Chair read the following:

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

March 31, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be authorized to expend, in providing additional primary and grammar-school accommodations, the following amounts, and the said amounts are hereby appropriated for the purposes specified; and that to meet said appropriations, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the amount of four hundred and seventy-five thousand (475,000) dollars, viz.:

Grammar school-house, East Boston (fourteen-room building) . . .	\$95,000 00
Primary school-house site, Warren District, Charlestown, additional	10,000 00
Primary school-house, Roxbury (six-room building)	40,000 00
Grammar school-house, South Boston (fourteen-room building), Primary school-house, Brighton (twelve-room building)	70,000 00
Grammar school-house, Dorchester (fourteen-room building)	100,000 00
Primary school-house, Ward 20, site	5,000 00
Completing and furnishing school buildings, now in course of construction, exclusive of high schools	55,000 00
Total	\$475,000 00

Passed, and we certify that none of the appropriations above made are to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

JOHN H. SULLIVAN,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was submitted to the City Council April 3, 1899, and was not altered by it within the period of thirty days prescribed by law.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Placed on file.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the rules and regulations:

The appointments of five special assistants, which were laid over under the rule; the reappointments of three temporary teachers, which were laid over under the rule; the appointments of two teachers on probation, which were laid over under the rule, and the confirmation of appointments of ten teachers, which were laid over under the rule.

On the report of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to thirteen teachers, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board.

The Superintendent presented the following appointment and recommendation for leave of absence, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the regulations thereto:

Appointment of one teacher, which was approved under a suspension of the rule; leave of absence to one teacher, which was granted under a suspension of the rule.

On the recommendation of the Committee on New Buildings, it was

Ordered, That a clause be inserted in future school-house contracts requiring contractors to pay the men employed on such work not less than the prevailing scale of wages, and to also observe the standard hours of labor established in the several trades.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That a session of the Mechanic Arts High School be held on Saturday, May 27, as a special public day, and that the school be closed on the following Monday, May 29.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment for the school year 1899-1900, of not more than four graduates of the Mechanic Arts High School, the salary of each graduate employed not to exceed \$2 per day of actual service, as special assistants in the mechanical department of that school, these special assistants to be in place of one additional instructor, to which said school is entitled under the rules.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the June admission examinations to the Latin Schools be held this year on Saturday, June 10, and that applicants for admission to the High Schools be examined on Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, reported that they find it impracticable to hold a prize drill on May 29, and therefore recommend that the order passed April 25, fixing the dates of the annual parade and prize drills be rescinded, and the following order passed in place thereof:

Ordered, That the annual parade of the Boston School Cadets take place on Friday, May 12, 1899, and that the annual prize drills take place on May 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1899.

The report was accepted, the order referred to therein passed at the last meeting (see THE CITY RECORD, page 333) rescinded, and the order appended to the report of the committee passed.

Mr. Calderwood, for the same committee, to whom was referred, April 25, the matter relative to the advisability of recommending that leave of absence be granted the head-master of the English High School from September 1, 1899, until September 1, 1900, reported that your committee have carefully considered the matter, and are of the opinion that said leave of absence should be granted. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That leave of absence on half-pay, from September 1, 1899, until September 1, 1900, be granted to Robert E. Babson, head-master of the English High School.

Accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the rule.

It was ordered that the salary of the matron of the Paul Revere School be fixed at the rate of \$540 per annum, to date from April 1, 1899.

The appointment of the janitress of the Savin Hill Schools was approved.

Mr. Davison offered the following:

The School Committee has appropriated the sum of \$3,000 for expenses connected with the opening of certain school-house yards during the summer vacation, and for continuing the work which has been carried on to a limited extent for quite a number of years at private expense, by the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association.

This association is desirous of supervising the work during the present year, as they thoroughly understand the best methods of administration, provided that it is decided to inaugurate out-of-doors vacation schools in different sections of the city, and the following order is therefore offered:

Ordered, That in order to carry on the vacation work the present year, for which the School Board appropriated the sum of \$3,000, there be granted the use of such yards and basements of school-houses, as, in the opinion of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, may be needed.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Fleischer, for the Committee on the Annual School Festival, to whom was referred, March 28, a communication from the Superintendent transmitting a recommendation from the Boston Masters' Association, that the festival be omitted this year, reported that they have given a hearing on the subject, and have very carefully considered the views expressed by their associates and by masters of the schools, who were present. Your committee are unanimously of the opinion that the festival should be continued, subject, however, to certain modifications, which have been suggested, the adoption of which they believe will remove the more serious objections raised, and result in rendering the festival an event of still greater interest to the graduates of our schools, and to their parents and friends. Your committee recommend the passage of the following orders:

(1.) Ordered, That the Annual School Festival be held on Saturday, July 1, 1899.

(2.) Ordered, That the graduates of the Normal, Latin and High Schools be excused from attending the Annual School Festival this year.

Accepted, and the orders were passed.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, January 24, an order requesting them to report such changes in the Rules as will result in abolishing Division Committees, report that they have given the matter careful consideration, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to recommend the change suggested in the order referred. Your committee therefore recommend that no further action be taken on the matter.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, to whom was referred, April 25, an order that Section 207 of the Regulations, which provides that no school building or part of a school building shall be used for other purposes than the work of the school, unless the consent of the committee in charge shall have been first obtained, be amended by inserting the word "division" before the word "committee," reported that in their judgment it is inexpedient to make the change suggested. The term "committee in charge" is defined in the rules as follows: "Applied in a general sense to the Committee on the Normal School, the Committee on High Schools, a Division Committee, or to any other committee in charge of one or more schools." To insert the word "division" in this section would result in restricting and narrowing the operation of the section, and thus raise a doubt whether the committees on the High, Normal and Horace Mann Schools have the same control over the use of those schools that the Division Committee possesses with regard to the schools in the grammar districts. Three years ago a proposition was made to amend this same rule by substituting the Committee on School Houses for the committee in charge, but after full discussion the Board declined, at the meeting of June 9, 1896, to take from the hands of the Division Committees the power in this direction that had always been exercised by them. Thus there seems to be no possible ground in the history of legislation on this matter, upon which to base a doubt, of the meaning of the term "committee in charge," and your committee therefore recommend that no change be made in the rule as it now stands.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows:

Section 36. Add the following to paragraph 4 of the section: "Such nominations of architects shall be laid over for two weeks before being acted upon by the Board," so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

"4. Shall nominate to the Board an architect or architects to design plans and supervise the construction of buildings to be erected, or upon which additions are to be made; but the services of the School-house Agent shall, so far as practicable, be availed of in such work. Such nominations of

architects shall be laid over for two weeks, before being acted upon by the Board."

Passed to a second reading.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Nichols, the rules were suspended, the order read twice, and passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Davison, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners be requested to remove the temporary voting booth now in the yard of the Adams-street Primary School entirely, or else to place it in an inconspicuous position on the rear of the same lot.

Mr. Davison offered the following:

Ordered, That the afternoon sessions of the Grammar and Primary Schools be suspended on Friday, May 12, 1899, the day of the annual parade of the Boston School Cadets.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Bennett presented the following:

Whereas, The Board of Estimate and Apportionment have signified their intention of making an appropriation for the use of the School Committee of \$500,000; and whereas, but \$475,000 have been apportioned up to the present time, and the Lowell School District in Jamaica Plain is in such a congested condition, that immediate relief is imperatively demanded; now, therefore, it is

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be respectfully requested to apportion the remaining sum of \$25,000 for the relief of said school of Ward 22.

The resolution was adopted — Yeas, 12; nays 6; absent or not voting, 6.

Mrs. Keller presented the following:

PETER FANEUIL CHAPTER, BRIGHTON AND ALLSTON.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

We, the undersigned, respectfully petition your honorable body, that the new school building on Webster avenue be named the Thomas Gardner School.

As Colonel Gardner was the only prominent man from our district to give his life in defence of our rights, and the fact that the school will stand upon ground formerly a part of his farm, we think it particularly appropriate that the school bear his name. Other names proposed belonging to a later period in the history of Allston, why not let them wait until some later date for commemoration?

GEORGE W. YEATON

(and fifty others).

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

Mr. Merritt presented the following:

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE DORCHESTER SCHOOLS.

Owing to the short time between sessions, and the long distance many pupils have to go, we, the undersigned, parents of children attending the Christopher Gibson School, respectfully request that during the winter the schools hold but one session a day.

CLARA MAY RIPLEY

(and one hundred and eighty-five others).

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.
Adjourned.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following is a record of the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held on Wednesday, May 10, 1899:

Wednesday, May 10, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on Wednesday, May 10, at 4 P.M., at the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present: All the members except Mr. Barry.

The records of the last three meetings were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Kiley.

On motion of Mr. Minot, the Board voted to give a hearing on the following past assignment:

Communication from Mayor Quincy (received March 15), transmitting a communication from the Fire Commissioner, requesting that provision be speedily made for providing a new engine-house for Engine 22.

Fire Commissioner Henry S. Russell appeared before the Board, and, in accordance with the request contained in a vote of the Board passed at its last meeting, submitted a statement of the sites that he would recommend as being proper locations for a new engine-house for Engine 22, together with the estimated cost of said sites, as follows:

LOCATION.	Size, Square Feet.	Estimated Cost.
Church, corner of Dartmouth and Harwich streets	4,465	\$75,000
Estate, corner of Buckingham and Dartmouth streets	3,825	56,000
Estates, 1 and 3 Yarmouth street,	3,640	23,000
Two adjoining estates, north side of Dartmouth street, about midway between the railroad and Columbus avenue	3,600	50,000
Two adjoining estates, south side of Dartmouth street, about midway between the railroad and Columbus avenue	4,200	56,000
Two adjoining estates, further along on same side of Dartmouth street	4,200	59,000

The Board also voted to give a hearing in regard to the following:

(1.) Communication from Committee on New Buildings, of the School Committee (received at the last meeting), requesting that the sum of \$25,000, formerly requested by the School Committee for "Miscellaneous School-house Sites," and for which no appropriation was made by the Board, be appropriated for the following purposes:

New grammar school-house, Tileston District, Dorchester, site for . \$10,000 00
New primary school-house, Sherwin District, Roxbury, site for . 15,000 00

Total \$25,000 00

(2.) Communication from Francis L. Coolidge, member of the School Committee, (received to-day), urging that the above appropriation of \$10,000 for a site in the Tileston District, Dorchester, be granted.

(3.) Resolution passed by the School Committee May 9 (received to-day), requesting that the amount of \$25,000 remaining from proposed appropriation of \$500,000 be appropriated for the "relief" of the Lowell School-house, Ward 22.

Mr. Edward I. Aldrich, Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings, and Messrs. Francis L. Coolidge and Francis A. Campbell, members of the said committee, were heard by the Board in favor of the appropriation for sites in the Tileston and Sherwin Districts, and Frederick S. Bennett of the School Committee was heard in favor of the appropriation for increased accommodations in the Lowell District.

The following was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 10, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT:

I believe that it would be very desirable for the city to continue during the coming summer the Municipal Camp for Boys, which was established as an experiment last year, and through the agency of which about 800 boys were given a week's outing, at an average maintenance expense of \$1.83 per week for each boy.

As there is no department within the scope of whose regular duties, as defined by statute or ordinance, the maintenance of such a camp would fall, it seems necessary to make the appropriation through the Mayor's office, and I accordingly recommend the approval by the Board of the accompanying transfer, with the assurance on my part that this sum will be applied solely to this purpose, and that no part of it will be used for the general expenses of the Mayor's office.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Accompanying the above was a communication from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of four thousand (4,000) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor.

Mr. Ernest C. Marshall, Penal Institutions Commissioner, Executive Director of the Municipal Camp for Boys, maintained at Long Island during the summer of 1898, was heard by the Board as to the advisability of providing for the maintenance of a similar camp this year by making the proposed transfer of \$4,000, being the estimated cost of maintaining a camp twice the size of that maintained last year.

Mr. Thomas J. Lane, Chairman of the Bath Trustees, was also heard by the Board, and requested that an appropriation be made for furnishing and equipping the building at the corner of Harrison avenue and Plympton street, purchased with the \$15,000

formerly appropriated by the Board for a gymnasium in Ward 9.

The Board then went into executive session.

Mr. Kiley moved that, owing to the absence of Mr. Barry, action in regard to the matter of making provision for a new engine-house for Engine 22 be postponed until the next meeting, and that the next meeting be held on Tuesday, May 16, 1899.

The motion was put, and the Chairman being in doubt, the yeas and nays were called, and the motion was lost — Yeas, 2; nays, 2.

Yeas — Messrs. Dore and Kiley — 2.

Nays — Mr. Minot and Mayor Quincy — 2.

Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be authorized to expend for the purchase of land and the erection of a new engine-house thereon, the amount received by the city for the engine-house on Dartmouth street, formerly used by Engine 22, which amount is hereby appropriated for said purpose.

Mr. Kiley called for the yeas and nays on the passage of the order, and it was not passed, the vote being — yeas, 2; nays, 2.

Yeas — Mr. Minot and Mayor Quincy — 2.

Nays — Messrs. Dore and Kiley — 2.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That the attention of the School Committee be called to the fact that the resolution passed by the said committee on May 9, requesting that the amount of \$25,000 remaining from proposed appropriation of \$500,000, be appropriated for the "relief" of the Lowell school-house, Ward 22, is inconsistent with the appropriations already made by this Board, on the recommendation of the School Committee, in that it makes no provision for sites for buildings for which \$140,000 have been appropriated, and that it is also inconsistent with the communication received by this Board on April 27, 1899, from the Committee on New Buildings, requesting that \$10,000 of said amount be appropriated for a site for the proposed new grammar school-house in the Tileston District, Dorchester, and that the remaining \$15,000 be appropriated for a site for the proposed new primary building in the Sherwin District, Roxbury.

On motion of Mr. Dore, further consideration of the matter was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dore, consideration of the matter of making an appropriation for furnishing and equipping the gymnasium in Ward 9 was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Dore, consideration of the approval of the transfer of \$4,000 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor, to be used for maintaining a Municipal Camp for Boys during the summer of 1899, was also assigned to the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to approve the following bills:

W. J. McGraw & Co., \$2.75; J. L. Fairbanks & Co., \$2; W. J. McGraw & Co., \$5; Thomas F. Galvin, \$25.

Adjourned at 5.50 P.M., to meet on Tuesday, May 16, 1899, at 3.30 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

Boston, May 9, 1899.

General Order No. 597.

Patrolman Edward J. Drew, of Division 12, having been commended by his captain for courage shown in stopping a runaway horse on Boston street, on the second instant, he is hereby commended in General Orders.

May 12, 1899.

General Order No. 598.

By vote of the Board of Police, it is hereby Ordered, That the police officers of the City of Boston be, and they are hereby, severally specially appointed and authorized to enter at any time upon the premises of any person licensed to sell intoxicating liquors for the year beginning May 1, 1899, under the provisions of Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes, and all acts in addition to and amendments thereof, to ascertain the manner in which such person conducts his business and to preserve order, and also to do all other acts which officers so appointed are authorized by said statutes to do or perform.

May 13, 1899.

General Order No. 599.

Ordered, That on and after Monday, May 15, A.D. 1899, all requisitions on the property clerk made by the commanding officer of any division shall be examined and passed upon by the District Deputy Superintendent in whose district such division is, and shall be forwarded by him, through the Superintendent, to Commissioner Adams, with his approval or disapproval endorsed thereon, together with his reason for such approval or disapproval. Such District Deputy Superintendent shall, by personal examination and inspection, carefully investigate and consider the necessity for the purchase, repairs, or other outlay to which any such requisition relates before approving or disapproving the same.

All other requisitions made upon the said property clerk, except requisitions for supplies needed at the Superintendent's office and at the office of the Board of Police, shall be approved or disapproved in like manner by the Superintendent, or, in his absence, by the senior Deputy Superintendent, and forwarded by him to Commissioner Adams.

STATEMENT OF PAUPER TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees of the Pauper Institutions have issued, on May 11, the following statement in regard to certain rumors recently published in certain papers:

1. The former deputy, Mr. Thomas J. Condon, resigned voluntarily, and his resignation was unanimously accepted by the Trustees.

2. There was no interference by the Board, or by any member of it, with the discipline of Long Island under Mr. Condon's management, nor was any order given by Mr. Condon countermanded.

3. No baby, ill in the hospital, was removed to another part of the island, and no baby has died in consequence of any removal.

4. In the case of William Munroe, a consumptive man, who was asked (on the testimony of the physician that he was physically able to do light work) to polish the floors in the hospital for half an hour daily, the facts are as follows:

The man was not seriously ill, his disease being in a state where it had made no noticeable progress for one year. He was not asked to clean floors, but to polish them. This work is frequently done by both patients and nurses, and consists in pushing a long-handled polisher over the floors.

The man refused to do it because he wished to be discharged from the hospital. On the ground of insubordination, he was placed in solitary confinement, and while there attempted to assault an officer, and refused to eat the hospital diet which was furnished him. He was therefore taken into court, but was discharged, mainly because the doctor's certificate did not state the precise kind of "light work" which was required of him.

5. The Trustees deny that no vegetables are to be raised at Long Island. On the contrary, they are considered necessary and desirable for the benefit of the inmates.

6. The Trustees deny that they should under any circumstances restore the former method of employing prison labor for the cultivation of the farm.

7. The Trustees make the statement that Mr. Arthur T. Hopkins, recently appointed by them to the position of Superintendent of Long Island, is a man well qualified to hold the position, and that he is probably a citizen of Boston, since he was residing on Long Island, Boston harbor, on the first day of May, both this year and last year, and this year expressed his intention of remaining there if appointed to the position of Superintendent.

8. The statement having been made that a former Superintendent of Long Island received a salary of but \$1,800, the Trustees wish to call attention to the fact that the salary of Superintendent has been \$2,500 under all administrations since the removal of both men and women paupers to Long Island, and that the present salary has been increased to \$3,000, because of the importance and variety of the work required.

9. The Trustees stand ready to accept just criticism for any errors in judgment or policy which they have made, but they believe that in the interest of fairness and justness they should deny false statements which reflect unfavorably upon the management of the Pauper Institutions, and which tend to discredit with the public the many improvements which have been made and others which are contemplated.

The London County Council has accepted a bid of £109,500 for the construction of a tunnel under the Thames, between Greenwich and the Isle of Dogs, for the use of foot passengers only. The tunnel will be 1,217 feet from shore to shore. The sides of the tunnel will be formed of concrete one foot in thickness and faced with white glazed tiles. The outside diameter will be twelve feet nine inches, the finished width for the foot-path will be eight feet six inches, and the finished height at the centre eight feet nine inches.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1899.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of April, 1899, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	541,827
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	21.53
Death rate for corresponding month, 1898	21.09

Number of deaths:	
Males	510
Females	462
	972

Condition:	
Married	327
Single	468
Widows	114
Widowers	58
Unknown	5

Color:	
White	956
Colored	16

Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	152
Under 2 years	215
Under 5 years	271

Deaths by diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	2
Under 2 years	3
Under 5 years	3
All ages	3

Nativity:	
United States	600
Ireland	198
England	19
Scotland	6
Germany	13
British America	60
Italy	18
Russia	14
Other countries	28
Unknown	16

Parentage:	
American	188
Irish	342
English	23
Scotch	13
German	24
British American	58
Italian	47
Russian	27
Other countries	70
Mixed	76
Unknown	104

Still-births during the month	43
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Causes of Death.

I. ZYMOTICS.

Alcoholism	7
Croup	1
Cholera infantum	1
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	8
Diarrhoea	2
Diphtheria	20
Erysipelas	5
Influenza	3
Measles	7
Pyæmia	2
Rheumatism	1
Scarlatina	7
Syphilis (congenital)	1
Septicæmia	6
Typhoid fever	8
Whooping-cough	4

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	40	
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	15	
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	22	
Phthisis pulmonalis	116	
Other Constitutional diseases	24	217

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	35	
Bright's disease	11	
Bronchitis	42	
Heart disease	87	
Meningitis	33	
Nephritis	34	
Pleurisy	2	
Pneumonia	151	
Other Local diseases	152	547

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Inanition	19	
Old age	17	
Premature birth	13	
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	5	
Other Developmental diseases	16	70

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	35	
Homicidal	1	
Suicidal	10	
Other Violent causes	2	48
Unknown causes	—	7

EMPLOYMENT OF CITIZENS AT DRY DOCK.

The following communications were presented to the Common Council at its meeting on the eleventh instant:

EXECUTIVE MANSION.

Washington, April 8, 1899.

MY DEAR SIR: I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the sixth instant, submitting a resolution adopted by the Common Council of your city, and to state that by direction of the President it has been forwarded for the consideration of the Secretary of the Navy.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE B. CORTELYOU,

Assistant Secretary to the President.

HON. DANIEL J. KILEY, President Common Council, Boston, Mass.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Washington, April 13, 1899.

SIR: The Department is in receipt of your letter of the sixth instant, addressed to the President, containing a copy of a resolution passed by the Common Council of the City of Boston, protesting against the importation of alien labor for employment on the Boston dry dock.

In reply I have to inform you that the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, to whom your letter was referred, reports that the Bureau has transmitted a copy of the resolution referred to to the contractors for the construction of the dry dock at the Navy Yard, Boston, inviting their attention to the provisions of law relating to the importation of aliens under contract to perform labor in the United States.

Very respectfully,

JOHN D. LONG, Secretary.

MR. DANIEL J. KILEY, President Common Council, Boston Mass.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Washington, April 22, 1899.

SIR: Referring to your letter of the sixth instant, containing a copy of a resolution passed by the Common Council of the City of Boston, protesting against the importation of alien labor for employment on the Boston dry dock, and to the Department's reply thereto, stating that the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks of this Department had transmitted a copy of said resolution to the contractors for the construction of the dry dock referred to, inviting their attention to the provisions of law relating to the importation of aliens under contract to perform labor in the United States, I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received from Messrs. O'Brien & Sheehan, the contractors for the Boston dry dock, in which they state that they have taken no steps to import labor for the construction of the dock, nor have they any intention of doing so.

Very respectfully,

JOHN D. LONG, Secretary.

MR. DANIEL J. KILEY, President Common Council, Boston, Mass.

New York, April 17, 1899.

MORDECAI T. ENDICOTT, Chief of Bureau Yards and Docks, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: We are in receipt of your favor of April 12, enclosing copy of communication addressed to the President of the United States by the President of the Common Council of the City of Boston, with reference to the employment of certain labor in connection with the work of construction of the dry dock for the navy at the Navy Yard at Boston, Mass.

In reply thereto we beg leave to say that there is not the shadow of foundation for the adoption of the resolution referred to by the Common Council of the City of Boston, and the Council is very much in error in saying that it was the intention of the contractors to import a large number of employees from other places to the detriment of the citizens of the City of Boston.

The fact is we have carried on a great deal of public work in and around Boston for the last four or five years, and all our employees are residents and citizens of the City of Boston. This applies to work under contract to us, and work in which we are interested, and especially applies to contracts for the Moon Island reservoir, in the City of Boston, new State dock, at South Boston, also work at Readville and Jamaica Plain.

It will not be necessary to increase our force in order to carry on the construction of the new dry dock, as the force now employed by us on other work in and around Boston, and nearing completion, will be transferred to the dry dock.

Respectfully yours,

O'BRIEN & SHEEHAN.

Lloyd's returns give the addition of steam tonnage to British registry during 1898 as 1,111,768 tons gross, and of sailing tonnage, 29,053 tons; total, 1,140,821 tons. So large an addition of steam tonnage has not been recorded for any previous year. Compared with steam, sailing tonnage decreased from 25 per cent. of the total tonnage in 1891 to 2 per cent. in 1898.

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, May 15, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The following message was received from His Honor the Mayor:

Appointments by the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 11, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby notified, in order that it may be placed upon your records, that I have this day made the following appointments, to date from May 11, 1899:

Miss Helen Cheever, to be a member of the Board of Trustees for Children, for the term ending April 30, 1904 (reappointment).

Miss Helen H. Bailey, to be a member of said Board for the term ending April 30, 1904, in place of Mrs. Davis R. Dewey, whose term has expired.

Mrs. George F. H. Murray, to be a member of said Board for the term ending April 30, 1901, in place of Mrs. Annie E. Quinn, resigned.

John A. Bruen, to be a member of said Board for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of Mr. Charles V. Dasey, resigned.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, May 11, 1899, President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Closing of Broadway Bridge.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 20, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order requesting information as to "the reason why the bridge on Broadway, between Dorchester avenue and Harrison avenue, is closed, and also the length of time it is proposed to keep said bridge closed."

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, April 18, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I beg to submit the following report, in accordance with the request contained

in the inclosed order of the Common Council.

Broadway bridge (between Dorchester avenue and Harrison avenue) was closed under authority of an order of the Board of Aldermen, passed April 12, 1899, during the construction of the widened bridge, in connection with the new tracks of the Boston and Providence Railroad, making connections with the terminal station. The railroad officials report that this work will be completed by the first of June. One sidewalk will be kept open on Broadway, but it is not possible to maintain a roadway during this construction.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.
Placed on file.

Employment of Non-Residents.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 11, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

In reply to the accompanying order, referred to me, I can only state that in vetoing, under date of March 17, the amendment of Section 12 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances, providing that none but legal voters of Boston shall be employed in any capacity as male subordinates in any department, I distinctly stated that, under the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 266 of the Acts of 1885, it was, in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, "entirely outside of the powers of the City Council to undertake to define by ordinance the qualifications of officials or employees, or to impose limitations upon their selection by the executive departments." It follows that such amendment to the ordinances cannot be recognized by the executive as having any legal force or effect, and until a court decides otherwise the heads of departments will not consider themselves called upon to pay any attention to the amendment. I should consider that a recognition of this amendment as having any legal effect was a surrender by the Mayor of powers lodged in his hands by the Charter Amendment Act of 1885, and it will only be regarded, therefore, as an expression of opinion as to the proper executive policy on the part of the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Trustees for Children, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council what justification they had for appointing on April 5, 1899, John C. Davis of Vermont as Assistant Superintendent at Rainsford Island, after the passage of the ordinance requiring male employees of the city to be citizens and legal voters of Boston.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Streets for South Union Station.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 27, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Street Commissioners in reply to your order requesting "a list of the streets given by the City of Boston to the Old Colony Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in said city, etc."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, April 24, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Board of Street Commissioners respectfully report, in reply to the order of the Common Council of March 30, 1899, requesting a list of the streets given by the City of Boston to the Old Colony Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities at South Boston, in 1893, and the amounts given by the railroad company in return, that no streets were given by the City of Boston to the railroad company, but that Swan, Colony and Ontario streets, and a part of Foundry street were taken by the Old Colony Railroad Company and discontinued under authority of Chapter 127 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1893, empowering the company to take, for an increase of its terminal facilities at South Boston, all the territory bounded by Dorchester avenue, West Fourth street and the line of the railway.

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

The communication was placed on file.

Wall—Evergreen Cemetery.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 4, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Cemetery Trustees in reply to your order requesting "a list of the bidders and contracts awarded, if any, for the construction of the fence at Evergreen Cemetery, and a statement of the material to be used in said construction."

In accordance with their suggestion, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order, rescinding the appropriation for a wall at the Evergreen Cemetery, so that a new appropriation of the same amount may be made for a fence.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

Boston, May 2, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In Common Council, September 15, 1898, it was ordered that the Cemetery Trustees be hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$1,500 for the construction of a wall at Evergreen Cemetery, and that the

City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount.

This was approved by Your Honor September 21, 1898.

The frontage of Evergreen Cemetery requires a wall about 800 feet long. This wall should be at least four feet high, of solid construction, with iron pickets on top to protect the grounds from trespassers. Such a wall would require an expenditure at least double the sum appropriated.

After investigation, this Department recommends, as in accord with the appropriation, the construction of an iron fence. One suitable in design and strength can be built for \$1,635, which is the lowest figure received on estimates furnished by iron fence builders.

In the opinion of the Board, the Trustees do not feel authorized to expend the sum of \$1,500 for the construction of a fence, inasmuch as the phraseology of the original order reads "for the construction of a wall."

Inasmuch as a wall cannot possibly be constructed for the sum appropriated, and as some protection is urgently necessary in the front of Evergreen Cemetery, we desire to have the original order rescinded and the amount of \$1,500 made available for the construction of an iron fence.

Yours respectfully,

J. ALBERT BRACKETT,

Chairman Cemetery Department.

Ordered, That so much of the order approved September 21, 1898, as authorized the Cemetery Trustees to expend the sum of \$1,500 for the construction of a wall at Evergreen Cemetery, be and hereby is rescinded.

The communication was sent up, and the order assigned to the next meeting.

Veterans in Bath Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 27, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of the Bath Commission in reply to your order requesting "a complete list of the names of veterans of the Civil War employed in the Bath Department who have been suspended or discharged without a hearing since the date of the organization of said Department."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF BATHS.

April 22, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I am requested by the Bath Trustees to reply to the order of Councilman Bordman of Ward 10, dated April 6, 1899.

After considerable inquiry, we find that no veterans have ever been certified to the Bath Commission from the Civil Service, and as no hearing has ever been asked for by any of the employees who have been suspended temporarily, we have no "list of the names of veterans of the Civil War employed in the Bath Department who have

been suspended or discharged without a hearing since the date of the organization of the said Department," to send to the City Council, and know of no veterans in the Department.

Yours respectfully,

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Bath Department Expenses.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, April 27, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of the Bath Commission in reply to your order requesting information as to the expenditures of the Bath Department during the current financial year.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF BATHS.

April 22, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I have prepared the following data which will show the expenditure of money in the Bath Department for the fiscal year of 1899:

February draft	\$8,531 76
In preparation for bathing season the following articles were purchased:	
Suits	\$2,662 24
Towels	682 34
Soap	355 35
Rent of bathing places for the year:	
Dorchester	400 00
East Boston, dry dock,	450 00
East Boston (wharf) December, January, February	150 00
Boston Electric Light: (Light at various beaches and houses from August 1, 1899, to January 1, 1899)	682 63
Towing bath-houses and floats—1898 (August 25 to October 19)	495 00
	<u>5,877 56</u>

Balance \$2,654 20

The balance was expended for small items such as: Ropes, chains, oars, machinery supplies, laundry and gymnasium supplies, tools, locks and keys; all of which articles are for permanent use during the coming season of 1899:

March draft	\$2,533 73
Pay-rolls for February	\$1,725 24
East Boston, rent of wharf (March, April, May, 1899)	150 00
Coal for January at different places	102 80
Boston Electric Light: (Light at Dover street and East Boston Gymnasium, January)	168 42
	<u>2,146 46</u>

Balance \$387 27

The balance was expended for small items such as: Teaming, rent of piano, laundry supplies, etc.

April draft	\$6,923 26
North End Park, bills for 1898:	
Lighting	\$638 09
Reconstruction of machinery	247 00
New shelter tent	165 00
New laundry machinery,	95 92
Pay-rolls, Bath Department for March	1,873 92
Bills, Public Buildings Department, Repair Division	2,887 06
	<u>5,906 99</u>

Balance \$1,016 27

The balance was expended for small items such as: Coal, telephones, ice, teaming, stoves, etc.

The bills for the Repair Division on the April draft were for repairs on various places during 1898, properly charged to the maintenance account. These repairs were necessitated by the increase in patronage at all places during the bathing season.

The order of Councilman Chamberlain states that but one bath is at present opened to the public. This is an error, as at the present time, beside Dover-street Bath, the East Boston Gymnasium, five convenience stations and twelve urinals are maintained. We also have a force of three men employed at the wharf, repairing houses; two watchmen are also employed and the office force is maintained. Pay-rolls for each month, at present, amount to \$1,800.

Concerning the expenditure of money on loan account for summer baths, permanent improvements, the following is a list, as taken from the Auditor's books. All these permanent improvements were necessitated last year by the increased demand for bathing and are in good order for this year's summer bathing:

Harvard Bridge bath-house	\$1,051 12
Harvard Bridge bath-house	2,425 44
Harvard Bridge landing	1,910 68
Permanent work, North End Park	918 19
Permanent work, North End Park	1,278 26
New houses at L-street beach and new rafts	2,416 31
	<u>\$10,000</u>

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Senate Resolve 323 relates to the representation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the Pan-American Exhibition, to be held on the Niagara frontier, near Buffalo, in 1901. It provides for the appointment of five citizens, who shall have charge of the preparation and exhibition of objects, illustrating the progress and development of the State. The sum of \$5,000 is appropriated by the resolve.

During the nine months ending with March, 1899, the exports of manufactures from the United States amounted to \$242,883,645, against \$208,788,036 in the corresponding months of last year.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved May 9, 1899:

The constables' bonds of nineteen persons. Charles H. Cole, William P. Cook, Henry H. Dewey, Robert J. Dooley, Charley A. Glover, John J. Henry, George M. Hosmer, Gustavus B. Hutchinson, Edward W. Kelly, Russell R. Knapp, Clarence H. Knowlton, Joseph A. Langone, James F. Larkin, William A. Mason, James Needham, Thomas D. Roberts, David Schafers, John J. Sullivan, Frank Yennaco.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Henry W. Hubbard, illuminated sign, 117 Clifton street, Ward 16.

Charles A. Raymond, illuminated sign, 2-8 Tremont street, Ward 6.

George Burwell & Sons, sign, 569-573 Washington street, Ward 7.

J. H. Gannon, illuminated sign, 2 Whitmore street, Ward 7.

H. Cohen, sign, 79 Paris street, Ward 2.

Muraine & Small, two barber poles, 65 Norway street, Ward 10.

Thomas J. Renwick, sign, 196 Dartmouth street, Ward 10.

Charles Tsing, sign, 170 Marion street, Ward 1.

Francis W. Reid, illuminated sign, 2807 Washington street, Ward 21.

Permit to Edwin R. Flint to store and keep for use oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 62 Western avenue, Ward 25.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

John Mahan, 51-57 Dewey street, Ward 16.

Louis Henlein, 10 Morse street, Ward 20.

Anne M. Badger, 144 Ruthven street, Ward 21.

M. H. Cobe, 29 Howland street, Ward 21.

J. Goldinger, 51 Morris street, Ward 1.

B. M. Schwartz, 136 Paris street, Ward 2.

James Hogan and others, 1-3-5 Victor street, Ward 16.

Arthur McArthur and another, 56-58 Sawyer avenue, Ward 20.

Catherine Lombard, 101 Bowdoin avenue, Ward 20.

First Parish in Brighton, Chestnut Hill avenue, Ward 25.

J. Goldinger, 106-116 Everett street, Ward 2.

Catherine F. Erb, 9 Fenelon street, Ward 20.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons to move a wooden building, hip roof, thirty-six feet in length, by twenty-eight feet in width, by thirty-three feet in height, from 521-523 Western avenue, through Western avenue and Mackin street, to lot on Mackin street, opposite the Warren School, Ward 25, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

The following were approved May 11, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits, work under same to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto as follows:

(1.) John C. Inches and another to place, maintain and use sidewalk light covers over the present area in the sidewalk in front of estate 33-35 Court street, Ward 6.

(2.) Estate of John L. Gardner to construct, maintain and use an area fifteen feet by ten feet, with covers of solid granite, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 561 Tremont street, Ward 9, as shown on plan dated April 26, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Hodges & Harrington, dated January 21, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Canterbury street, five poles, twenty-eight feet in height, eight inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to allow the attachment of, and to the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Company to attach, the wires of said Fire Alarm Company to poles of said Telephone Company on Hampden and Dudley streets.

Ordered, That the time allowed the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts in which to relocate poles on Rockland street, Ward 25, under the order passed by this Board June 14, 1898, be, and the same is, hereby extended to July 1, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on plans deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:

Geneva avenue, two, thirty-five feet by eleven inches, sidewalk eight feet wide; plan dated November, 1889; Park street, one, thirty feet by ten inches, sidewalk seven feet wide; plan dated 1891.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove two poles from Geneva avenue and one pole from Park street, said poles being shown by red dots marked "removed" on plans made by C. A. Perkins, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in

Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Sigourney street, Ward 22, four, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, sidewalk seven feet wide; Beethoven street, Ward 22, five, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, sidewalk seven feet wide; Landseer street, Ward 23, four, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, sidewalk six feet wide; date of plan, March 23, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said pole to be located as follows:

Brookside avenue, Ward 22, one, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches; width of sidewalk, seven feet; plan dated April 23, 1892.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from Brookside avenue, Ward 22, said pole being shown by a red dot on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated April 23, 1892, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:

Ashmont street, Ward 24, one, thirty-five feet by twelve inches; sidewalk, seven feet wide; plan dated March 9, 1897.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove one pole from Ashmont street, said pole being shown by a red dot marked "removed" on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated March 9, 1897, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and

occupying street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

E street, twenty-four, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches; sidewalk, ten feet wide; plan dated March 1, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Munroe street, Ward 21, three, twenty-five feet by thirteen inches; sidewalk, eight feet wide; plan dated March 2, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

The following was approved May 12, 1899:
Permits to David Rubinovz to project one bay-window from building on the easterly corner of Huntington avenue and Heath street, Ward 19.

ORDERS PASSED — NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow the veterans of the Civil War to attend the Grand Army Encampment in September, without loss of pay.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to extend the courtesies of the city to the National Order of Railway Conductors on the occasion of their convention in this city May 26, 1899.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to take for park and playground purposes the land bounded by Charlestown, Thacher, Lynn and Cooper streets.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow the employees of the Paving Division a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation of their services, on July 26, 1899, the day of their annual picnic.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow the employees of the Sewer Division a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on June 27, 1899, the day of their annual picnic.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have Silver street, South Boston, reopened to public travel.

Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be requested to inform this Board:

(1.) Why the drinking-fountain, understood to be a gift to the city, was removed from Central square.

(2.) What arrangements he has made or intends to make in regard to giving East Boston a share of the benefits to be derived from ice-water fountains.

(3.) The location of all drinking fountains at present maintained in East Boston.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to have a flag-pole erected on boulevard "Columbia road," at a point indicated on plan herewith submitted, and to give a hearing on same to John A. Fowle, Boston street, Upham's Corner.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to inform this Board at its next meeting how many school-rooms are used at present in the Chapman District, and also how many rooms will be available in the school buildings in the district after the completion of the proposed Chapman School.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The three following matters were presented to the Mayor May 2, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Permit to S. T. Fletcher & Co. to project a permanent awning over sidewalk, at 38-40 Clinton street, and 1-3-5 Fulton street, Ward 6.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove tree standing in front of estate of Gerard Bement, on Blue Hill avenue, between Elmo and Glenway streets, as the said tree is in a dangerous condition; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree on Westerly street, Ward 22, the same being in a dangerous condition; also to remove a tree, which is partly decayed, in front of estate 1965 Washington street; the expense tending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

During the eight months ending February, 1899, Porto Rico imported \$9,397 worth of books and \$2,735 worth of typewriters, as compared with \$1,096 worth of books and \$65 worth of typewriters during the corresponding period in 1898.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending May 13, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	18.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	19.6
Number of deaths:	
Males	111
Females	82
Total	193
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	200
Decrease	7

Of the 193 decedents, 190 were white and 3 colored; 119 were born in the United States, 72 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 2 was unknown; 49 were of American parentage, 124 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 20 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	45	5
Scarlatina	31	—
Typhoid fever	8	4
Measles	123	2
Totals	207	11

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	22
Pneumonia	42
Heart disease	19
Bronchitis	4
Marasmus	2
Violent causes	9

Total from principal causes	98
Total from infectious diseases	11
Total from other causes	84

Total from all causes	193
Deaths of children under 1 year	27
Deaths of children under 5 years	50
Deaths of persons over 60 years	49
Deaths in public institutions	52

For the year ending June 30, 1898, the gross passenger and freight earnings on the 720 lines of railways in the United States were \$1,238,523,380, an increase of \$16,433,607 over 1897. The operating expenses were \$811,241,458. The net earnings, as profits, from operation and miscellaneous sources were \$466,790,116.

In the period 1790-1890, Boston's increase in population amounted to 430,157, and its increase in valuation to \$817,271,925. In respect to estimated population, Boston increased 528,912 in the period 1800-1898, while its increase in valuation during the same period was \$1,029,007,068.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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IN SENATE.										
1. S. B. 8, an Act to establish two polling-places for caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 44.	Election Laws. Jan. 12.	March 23. Closed.	April 6. S.(S.B. 287)	April 7.	April 10. Am.	April 12. H.	April 21. Rej.			
2. S. B. 14, an Act relative to the Bank Officers' Association of the City of Boston, p. 44.	Insurance. Jan. 16.	Jan. 27. Feb. 23. Closed.	April 20. H. (H. B. 118.)	April 21.	April 28. Am.	May 1. S.	May 8.	May 10.		
3. S. B. 15, an Act to authorize the use of type-writing machines in making official records of papers and documents, p. 44.	Judiciary. Jan. 16.	Jan. 24. Closed.		April 25.	April 26.	April 28. H.	May 1.	May 3.	H. May 4. S. May 8.	May 9. App.
4. S. B. 20, an Act to provide for the formation and disbursement of a Public School Teachers' Retirement Fund in the City of Boston, p. 44.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Feb. 1. Closed.	March 9. S.(S.B. 20)	March 23. Am.	March 24. Rej.					
5. S. B. 25 an Act relating to the selling of articles in the streets and from house to house, in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary. Jan. 19.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 14. S.(N.G.C.)							
6. S. B. 27, an Act to provide clerical assistance for the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Public Service. Jan. 20.	Feb. 3. Closed.	April 14. S.(S.B. 300)	April 18.	April 20.	April 24. H.	May 1.	May 3.	H. May 4. S. May 8.	May 9. App.
7. S. B. 29, Resolution relative to the construction of a tunnel to East Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N.P.)							
8. S. B. 30, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 2. S.(S.B. 324)	May 4.	May 16. Am.					
9. S. B. 35, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (H. B. 1,010) Rec. March 13. H.(S.B. 36)	April 25. Rej.						
10. S. B. 36, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Sarah E. Leavitt, p. 74.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 3. Closed.		March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
11. S. B. 42, an Act to authorize the Cambridge Bridge Commission, with the consent of the United States Government, to construct the bridge to be built between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, without a draw, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 26.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 20. S.(S.B. 42.) March 10. Sub. H. (H.B. 917)	March 10.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 14.	March 14.	H. Mch. 15. S. Mch. 17.	March 23. App.
12. S.B. 49, an Act relative to the bequest of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library, p. 74.	Libraries and Judiciary. Jan. 27.	March 3. April 12.	April 12. S.(N.G.C.)							
13. S. B. 59, an Act relative to the registration of voters, the appointment of election and caucus officers, and the establishment of election districts in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 21. H.(L.W.)							
14. S. B. 67, an Act to cede certain land in Boston Harbor, and jurisdiction over the same, to the United States, for the purpose of extending the present limits of the United States Navy Yard, p. 75.	Harbors and Public Lands, and Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 31. S. (S.B. 67)	Feb. 1.	Feb. 1.	Feb. 2. H.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 2.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
15. S. B. 72, an Act to provide that a person applying to vote in the City of Boston, shall not be required to write his name on the voting list, p. 75.	Election Laws. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.	March 29. S.(S.B. 267)	March 31.	April 3.	April 5. H.	April 14.	April 21.	H. Apr. 25. S. Apr. 27.	May 1. App.
16. S. B. 76, an Act to abolish the Board of Apportionment of the City of Boston, p. 75.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.	April 5, 10.	April 24. S. (L.W.)	(See No. 65.)						
17. S. B. 90, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 75.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 7, 16. Closed.	March 16. H. (H. B. 1037.)	April 1.	April 7.	April 11. S.				
18. S. B. 97, an Act relative to the inspection of steam-boilers, and to regulate steam engineering, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (N.P.)							
19. S. B. 100, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of Bennington street and other highways in the City of Boston p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 2. S.(S.B. 324)	May 4.	May 16. Am.					
20. S. B. 108, an Act to provide for a Normal School-house in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	Mch 2, 8. Closed.	March 17. S.(S.B. 108)	March 20.	March 21.	March 23. H.	March 28.	March 31.	H. Apr. 4. S. Apr. 5.	April 10. App.
21. S. B. 109, an Act to authorize the establishment of vacation schools in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 16. S.(S.B. 241)	March 17.	March 17.	March 22. H.	March 23.	March 30.	H. Apr. 4. S. Apr. 7.	April 10. App.
22. S. B. 118, an Act to provide for the use of automatic ventilators in sleeping-rooms where gas is used in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. S. (L.W.)							
23. S. B. 119, an Act relative to salaries paid by the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
24. S. B. 121, an Act relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
25. S. B. 122, an Act relative to the construction of subways in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	April 10. S.(N.G.C.)							

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26. S. B. 123, an Act to provide for grammar and primary school-houses in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 28. H. (L.W.)							
27. S. B. 124, an Act relative to the Riverway Park of the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 7. H. (N.G.C.)							
28. S. B. 125, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 16.	March 16. Closed.	March 16. H. (N. P.)							
29. S. B. 126, an Act relative to contracts with the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2, 3. Closed.	March 10. H. (L. W.)							
30. S. B. 127, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
31. S. B. 142, an Act relative to the granting of leave of absence to police officers in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
32. S. B. 143, an Act relative to tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
33. S. B. 148, an Act relative to the height of buildings in Copley square in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N.G.C.)							
34. S. B. 149, an Act to amend the charter of the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
35. S. B. 150, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the children of Frederick B. Bogan, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 937)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 18.	April 26.	H. Apr. 28. S. May 2.	May 4. App.
36. S. B. 151, an Act relative to additions, alterations and repairs on school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 21.	March 9. Closed.	March 28. S. (S.B. 151) T. April 5.	April 25.	April 27.	May 1. H.	May 3.	May 5.	H. May 9. S. May 10.	May 12. App.
37. S. B. 157, an Act to establish a Department of Architecture in Boston, p. 125.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 6. S. (N.G.C.)							
38. S. B. 158, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
39. S. B. 159, an Act relative to the Boston Transit Commission, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	April 10. H. (H. B. 1136.)	May 2.	May 5.	May 8. S.	May 9.	May 11.	H. May 15. S.	
40. S. B. 175, an Act relative to the new Cambridge Bridge, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
41. S. B. 190, an Act to provide for a State Highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, p. 126.	Roads and Bridges. March 6.	March 20. Closed.	March 27. S. (L.W.)							
42. S. B. 193, an Act relative to the Erection and Alteration of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Cities. Feb. 27.	March 6. Closed.	March 6. S. (S.B. 193)	March 7.	March 8.	March 9. H.	March 13.	March 13.	H. Mch. 15. S. Mch. 16.	March 17. App.
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43. H. B. 20, an Act relative to Malden Bridge, so called, in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 936)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 4.	April 5.	H. April 7. S. April 11.	April 17. App.
44. H. B. 21, an Act to authorize the West End Street Railway Company to replace its tracks on Tremont and Boylston streets in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Street Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 9, 13, 15, 24. Closed.	March 23. H. (H. B. 1,002.)	April 4.	April 18.	April 20. S.	May 1. Am.	May 8. Am.	H. May 16. S.	
45. H. B. 23, an Act to authorize the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of merchandise, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	March 22. H. (L.W.)							
46. H. B. 25, an Act to authorize the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	Jan. 24. S. (H. B. 25)	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 30. H.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
47. H. B. 31, an Act to repeal Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (L.W.)							
48. H. B. 38, an Act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Public Service. Jan. 11.	Jan. 27. Closed.	Jan. 27. H. (L.W.)							
49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30.	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (L.W.)							
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (H. B. 1018.)	April 12. Rej.						
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 6. H. (L.W.)							
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (N. P.)							

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (N. P.)							
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 3. S. (N. P.)							
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.	March 21. Closed.	March 30. S. (S. B. 272)	April 17.	April 21. Sub. H. B. 1121.	April 24. S.	April 26. Am.	April 27.	H. May 2. S. May 3.	May 9. App.
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 13, 24. Closed.	(See No. 44.)							
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Mch. 16, 23. Closed.	March 24. H. (L. W.)							
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.	March 14. H. (H. R. 162)		March 15. Ad.	March 17. S.		March 20. Ad.		
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N. P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H. B. 176)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S. Feb. 21.	Feb. 23. App.
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (H. B. 1018.)	April 12. Rej.						
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 1. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,013.)	April 4.	April 11.	April 13. S.	April 14.	April 17.	H. April 20. S. April 24.	April 25. App.
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.	April 25. H. (H. B. 1169) Sub.	May 15.	May 16.					
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H. B. 811)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.	March 24. Rej.			
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (H. B. 214)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16. App.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 1. Closed.	May 2. S. (S. B. 324.)	May 4.	May 16. Am.					
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.	March 20. H. (N. P.)							
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.	March 2. Closed.	March 7. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.	Mch. 23, 29. Closed.	April 21. H. (N. G. C.)							
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N. G. C.)							
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (H. B. 833)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.	March 15.	H. Mch. 20. S. Mch. 22.	March 24. App.
75. H. B. 321, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (L. W.)							
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Joint Judiciary. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	May 15. H. (H. B. 1189)	May 16.	May 16.					
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Mch. 21, 22. Closed.	March 24. H. (N. P.)							

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78. H. B. 332, an Act relative to the leasing of buildings and the granting of concessions by the Park Commissioners of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N.P.)							
79. H. B. 333, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 10. H. (N.P.)							
80. H. B. 350, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13.	March 31. H. (L. W.)							
81. H. B. 353, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 3. S. (S.B.327)							
82. H. B. 377, an Act relative to certain departments of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (N.G.C.)							
83. H. B. 383, an Act relative to the election of the Mayor of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 1. S. (N.G.C.)							
84. H. B. 386, an Act to further regulate the inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13, 24. Closed.	March 13. H. (N.P.)							
85. H. B. 387, an Act to change the method of electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
86. H. B. 396, an Act relative to playgrounds in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 30.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 22. H. (H.B.996)	March 28.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 7.	H. Apr. 12. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
87. H. B. 407, an Act to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston to purchase certain lands on Chestnut Hill avenue, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 10. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,015.)	March 30.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 6.	H. Apr. 10. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
88. H. B. 463, an Act to authorize the proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate, p. 82.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 6. H. (H.B.894)	March 7.	March 8.	March 10. S.	March 13.	March 14.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 20.	March 21. App.
89. H. B. 464, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to abate a portion of certain assessments for the construction of highways, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L. W.)							
90. H. B. 471, an Act relative to the construction of a tunnel from a point on or near Hanover street to a point at or near Maverick square in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
91. H. B. 476, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles Bulle, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.476)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
92. H. B. 494, an Act relative to the laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L. W.)							
93. H. B. 517, an Act relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L. W.)							
94. H. B. 528, an Act relative to the tabulation of statistics of parent nativity in Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3.	March 3. H. (H.B.923)	March 10.	March 13.	March 15. S.	March 20.	March 24.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
95. H. B. 529, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 relative to the municipal debt of and rate of taxation in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (L.W.)							
96. H. B. 531, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Mary A. Davis, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.531)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
97. H. B. 532, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward Mella, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.532)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
98. H. B. 533, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (N. P.)							
99. H. B. 551, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
100. H. B. 553, an Act to provide for the widening of Pine street in Boston, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (L.W.)							
101. H. B. 555, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John McGrath certain money, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 2.	March 2. H. (H.B.561)	March 17.	March 20. Am.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
102. H. B. 562, an Act to require poles for wires in the City of Boston to be made of iron, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (N.P.)							
103. H. B. 570, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of James F. Ryan, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.570)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			

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TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Date of Hearing.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Sent to Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. March 8. Closed.	April 12. H.(HB1186) H.(HB1187)	May 15.	May 16.					
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.583)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 18. Rej.			
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 9, 10. Closed.	March 21. H.(H.B.890)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 1.	April 10. Rej.		
109. H. B. 607, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. H.(N.G.C.)							
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H.(H.B.957)	March 16.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 24.	March 27.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	(See No.110)							
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N. P.)							
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2. (See No. 105.)									
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 9. H. (L. W.)							
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	April 25. S. (S.B.637)	April 27.	May 2.	May 4. H.	May 9.	May 15.		
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H.(HB1168)	May 2. Am.	May 8. Sub.	May 9. S.	May 11. Am.			
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.665)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16, 24. Closed.	April 26. H.(HB1137)	May 3. Rej.						
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.	(See No. 81)								
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.673)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.674)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	April 12. H.(HB1092)	April 20. T.						
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 14. 15. Closed	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.679)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 26.	April 27.	H. May 1. S. May 2.	May 4. App.
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15, 28. Closed.	April 3. H.(H.B.680)	April 14. Rej.						

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128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 17, 3, 30. Ap. 3. Closed.	April 26. H.(HB1197)							
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.	March 7. S.(N.G.C.)							
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 27. H. (H. B. 1,091.)	April 10. Am.	April 20.	April 21. S.	April 28. Am.	May 2.	H. May 9. S. May 10.	May 11. App.
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2, 15. Closed.	April 10. S. (L.W.)							
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. H.(N.G.C.)							
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H.(HB1174)	May 10.	May 10.	May 10. S.				
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H.(L.W.)							
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Societies. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 2. H.(L.W.)							
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	April 7. Closed.	April 25. H. (H.B. 1,132.)	May 1.	May 3.	May 4. S.	May 8.	May 11.	H. May 11. S. May 12.	May 12. App.
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17, March 7. Closed.	March 28. H. (N.P.)							
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. March 7.	March 16. Closed.	April 26. S.(N.G.C.)							
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.783)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 31. Rej.			
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17, March 7. Closed.	March 27. H.(N.G.C.)							
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H. (L.W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15, March 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.	May 2. S.(S.B.324)	May 4.	May 16.					
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 6. Closed.	March 9. S.(N.G.C.)							
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education. Feb. 20.	March 15. Closed.	April 4. H.(H.B.846)	April 12.	April 20. Rej.					
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Counties. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	March 20. S.(H.B.858.)	May 12.	May 15.					

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.) Ought not to Pass; (L. W.) Leave to Withdraw; Am., Amended; (N. G. C.) Next General Court; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted; Sub., Substituted; Rej., Rejected; Rec., Recommended; T., Tabled.

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building bridges on Summer-street extension, over A and C streets, were opened at the office of the City Engineer on Wednesday, May 10, 1899, as follows:

BIDDERS.	Item 1. A street.	Item 2. C street.	Totals.
New England Structural Company, Boston	\$11,894	\$9,908	\$21,800
Youngstown Bridge Company, New York	12,200	10,120	22,320
Toledo Bridge Company, Toledo	10,155	12,230	22,385
Groton Bridge and Manufacturing Company, Groton,	12,365	10,230	22,595
New Jersey Steel and Iron Company, Boston	12,486	10,346	22,832
Boston Steel and Iron Company, Boston	12,700	10,200	22,900
Mace Moulton, Springfield,	12,810	10,426	23,236
Canton Bridge Company, Canton	12,140	11,688	23,828
King Bridge Company, Cleveland	13,450	11,200	24,650
H. W. Hayes & Co., Boston	12,821	11,976	24,797
F. R. Long Company, New York	12,836	11,990	24,826
New Columbus Bridge Company, New York	14,000	12,805	26,805
R. F. Hawkins Iron Works, Springfield	13,200	14,440	27,640

The contract was awarded to the New England Structural Company.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Metropolitan Water Board.

Proposals for constructing filter-beds near Marlboro' Junction, on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on May 11, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
A. Saucier, South Framingham	\$39,918 40
Baker & Judson, Gloversville	40,670 50
C. E. Trumbull & Co., Boston, and Charles G. Craib, Winthrop	41,422 80
Newell Snowling Construction Co., E. W. Everson, Providence, and J. J. Everson, Newtonville	44,472 00
Lang & Little, Leominster	47,280 10
Cenedella Brothers, Milford	51,529 35
The United Company, New York	60,492 85
	66,350 10

NOTE.—The contract calls for earth and rock excavations, concrete and brick masonry, and quantities of pipe of various sizes.

The contract was awarded to A. Saucier of South Framingham.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

Park Department.

64 Pemberton Square, May 15, 1899.

Proposals for building four walls of seam-faced Roxbury stone or seam-faced granite,

were received by the Park Department on May 12, 1899, as follows:

BIDDERS.	FRANKLIN PARK.		JAMAICA PARK.	DORCHESTER PARK.
	Forest Hills street, linear foot.	Blue Hill ave., linear foot.	Pond street, linear foot.	Dorchester avenue, linear foot.
D. F. O'Connell	\$2 67	\$2 67	\$2 67	\$2 67
J. A. Whittemore's Sons	2 24	—	—	2 35
F. B. Gilbreth	4 14	4 14	4 14	4 65
P. J. Lyons	—	—	—	2 40
James McGuinn	2 10	—	—	—
* James McGuinn	3 50	—	—	—

* This bid was for furnishing seam-faced Roxbury stone; the other bids were for furnishing seam-faced granite.

The contracts were awarded as follows: Franklin Park, Forest Hills street, to James McGuinn; Franklin Park, Blue Hill avenue, to D. F. O'Connell; Jamaica Park, Pond street, to D. F. O'Connell; Dorchester Park, Dorchester avenue, to J. A. Whittemore's Sons.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Water Department.

City Hall, May 13, 1899.

Proposals for furnishing sixty tons of pig lead and thirty-nine tons of lead pipe were opened at the Water Commissioner's office on Thursday, May 11, as follows:

BIDDERS.	BIDS.	
	Pig Lead.	Lead Pipe.
Richards & Co.	\$5,370 00	—
Chadwick Lead Works	5,394 00	\$3,607 50
Fitz, Dana & Co.	5,487 00	3,819 00
Mowry & Phillips	5,550 00	—
National Lead Company,	—	3,817 00

The contract for the pig lead was awarded to Richards & Co., and that for the lead pipe to the Chadwick Lead Works.

W. E. SWAN, Secretary.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber on Monday, May 22, at 3 P.M.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, May 1, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings,

and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending April 29, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1 . . .	3	1	—	—	4	—	3	—	5	3
2 . . .	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	—	5	5
3 . . .	—	2	—	—	—	—	7	—	1	—
4 . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	1	—
5 . . .	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6 . . .	3	8	—	2	3	—	12	—	16	15
7 . . .	3	7	—	4	2	—	9	1	10	24
8 . . .	—	9	1	—	—	—	12	—	5	5
9 . . .	4	4	5	—	—	—	1	1	20	17
10 . . .	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	8	14
11 . . .	1	3	4	—	—	—	3	—	5	6
12 . . .	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	25	14
13 . . .	1	5	4	—	—	—	2	—	2	7
14 . . .	1	5	1	—	—	1	6	—	7	8
15 . . .	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	6
16 . . .	1	1	—	—	1	12	1	1	8	11
17 . . .	1	2	1	—	—	—	2	1	5	6
18 . . .	2	3	2	2	2	—	2	—	3	8
19 . . .	19	1	7	—	7	3	4	8	8	5
20 . . .	18	5	14	—	2	29	8	4	13	54
21 . . .	—	4	—	1	1	—	6	1	4	13
22 . . .	—	1	—	1	2	—	1	3	6	8
23 . . .	6	3	2	—	—	2	8	1	22	11
24 . . .	3	3	—	—	1	5	—	19	21	21
25 . . .	6	5	3	1	—	1	4	1	6	11
T'ls.	74	74	47	12	21	54	107	25	206	272

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 16, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Montague street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Ashmont street to Roslin street, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the thirty-first day of May, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 5, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Salem street be relocated as a highway, from Bartlett place to Cooper street, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway, in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the nineteenth day of May, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Boston, May 18, 1899.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive sealed proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in Dorchester, containing about twenty thousand (20,000) square feet, for a site for a new primary school-house, within the territory bounded approximately by the New England Railroad, Washington, Bowdoin and Adams streets, Dorchester avenue, Centre street and Talbot avenue, at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, until 12 M., on the fourteenth day after the date of this notice. Said proposals will at that time be publicly opened and read, and thereafter a public hearing will be given by the Committee on New Buildings of said School Committee at said office on June 12, 1899, at 4.30 P.M., at which hearing the proposals and the suitability of the lands offered therein will be considered.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Boston, May 10, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 179 and 181 Bunker Hill street, Ward 3, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Bunker Hill street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, eleven feet wide and two feet six inches over line of street.

CHARLES W. ALDEN.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 15, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the *Charlestown Enterprise* and *THE CITY RECORD*, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 12, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Congress street, at West Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from South street to Centre street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-sixth day of May, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 5, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Bartlett place be relocated as a highway, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the nineteenth day of May, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Boston, May 11, 1899.

The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital will receive sealed proposals for supplying the Hospital Department with a cargo of 300 tons—2,240 lbs. to the ton, more or less—of hard, white ash egg size, or hard white ash pea coal, to be delivered alongside of the coal-pocket at the City Hospital wharf, Roxbury canal, on or before June 3.

Bidders must specify the kind or kinds of coal they propose to furnish, and the names of the mines from which the coal is taken. Delivery must be made two weeks after award of contract. The relative value of the different kinds of coal offered will be considered in connection with the price. Proposals to be addressed to "The Boston City Hospital, Proposals for Coal," and left at the Superintendent's office at the Hospital not later than Wednesday, May 17, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The right is reserved by the Trustees to reject any and all bids.

Per order of the Trustees,

G. H. M. ROWE, Superintendent.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 12, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building 496 to 500 Washington street, on north-east corner of Bedford and Washington streets, Ward 7, facades of the following description: To project from second, third, fourth and fifth stories, over Washington and Bedford streets. Dimensions: On second story over Washington street, one bay-window, two feet projection, thirty-one feet wide, fifteen feet high; on second story over Bedford street, two bay-windows, two feet projection, nine feet wide, fifteen feet high; on second story over Bedford street, three bay-windows, two feet projection, fifteen feet wide, fifteen feet high; on third, fourth and fifth stories over Bedford street, three bay-windows, two feet projection, twelve feet wide, forty feet high; on third, fourth and fifth stories over Washington street, two bay-windows, two feet projection, eleven feet wide, forty feet high.

The Massachusetts General Hospital,

F. HAVEN, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 15, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the *Republic* and *THE CITY RECORD*, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

Proposals for building a boat landing and shelter on the Strandway wharf, South Boston, will be received at the office of the Park Commission, 64 Pemberton square, before 4 o'clock P.M. of Friday, May 26, 1899, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the Engineer's Office, Pine Bank, Jamaica Park, fill out and sign the same, and leave with it at said 64 Pemberton square a certified check for \$200, payable to the City of Boston, the check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal; proposals so filled out and left with check, and no others, will be considered. A certified check for \$2,500, for faithfully doing the work, will be required, instead of a bond. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,

LABAN PRATT,

Park Commissioners.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, May 8, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following named streets and highways of said city, locations to be shown on the map or plan filed, dated March 9, May 5 and May 2, 1899.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Oak street, Ward 4, one pole; also to remove one pole from Oak street, Ward 4; La Grange street, between Weld and Centre streets, Ward 23; Carruth street, between Codman street and Van Winkle street, Ward 24; Eaton square, near Hancock street, Ward 20; Eaton square, near corner of Adams and Church streets, Ward 20.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 15, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-second day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in *THE CITY RECORD*, *Boston Globe*, *Jamaica Plain News*, *Boston Post*, *Dorchester Beacon*, *Charlestown Enterprise* and *Boston Traveler*.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 9, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 647 East Broadway, Ward 14, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over East Broadway. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, eleven feet six inches wide, and three feet over line of street.

SOPHIA M. HANK,

659 Broadway, South Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 15, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the *South Boston News* and *THE CITY RECORD*, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

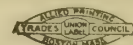
TO TAXPAYERS.

City Hall, May 1, 1899.

Your attention is called to our circular (now being distributed throughout the city), relative to making returns on property subject to taxation as early as possible before June 15 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Per order of the Board of Assessors,

GEORGE A. COMINS, Secretary.



THE CITY RECORD.

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting on the twenty-second instant voted to confirm the appointment by His Honor the Mayor of James M. Prendergast, to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners for the term ending April 30, 1901.

SEWER ASSESSMENT DECISION.

Following is the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court in the cases of J. Montgomery Sears, Joseph H. Beale and Frank Brewster et al., trustees, vs. the Board of Street Commissioners of Boston, regarding the constitutionality of the Sewer Assessment Statute of 1897:

KNOWLTON, J. These are petitions for a writ of certiorari to quash an alleged illegal assessment of sewer charges upon property of the several petitioners. The law under which the respondent assumed to act in determining these charges is Statute 1897, Chapter 426, of which Sections 7 and 8 are as follows:

Section 7. The Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, shall annually, before the first day of July, determine just and equitable sewerage charges to be paid by estates in said city for

the construction, maintenance and operation of the sewerage works, taking into consideration in determining the charges the necessity of the works as caused by each estate, the amount of use thereof, if any, by the estate or its occupants, the benefit received therefrom by the estate, the amount of any assessment for a sewer paid by any owner of the estate, the length of time which has elapsed since such payment, and the use, if any, that has heretofore been made of the sewerage works by the occupants of the estate, and such other matters as they shall deem just and proper. The determination of such charges as aforesaid shall be final in all cases, and the amount thereof as determined for each estate shall be a lien thereon until paid, and said Board shall notify the Board of Assessors of said city of the amount thereof forthwith after it has been determined, and the same shall be included in the next tax bill on the estate transmitted by said Board to the Collector, or in a tax bill therefor, if no other tax bill is issued for such estate, and be collected as part of the taxes on the estate.

Section 8. All sewers and connections ordered to be made in constructing any way under the authority of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891, and of acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, shall be deemed to be constructed under the authority of this act, and the expenses therefor shall not be considered in determining the assessable cost of the work to be assessed under the authority of said acts.

The petitioners contend that these provisions of the statute are unconstitutional, and the most important questions in the cases arise on this contention.

It is evident that these provisions cannot stand as authorizing an assessment of a general tax, because the assessment called for is not proportional and equal. The statute not only directs an assessment upon a particular class of property, instead of on all taxable property, but it expressly requires in determining the charges the consideration of facts pertaining to particular estates in their relation to the charges, and to previous assessments, which prevent the making of a proportional assessment, viewing it as a general tax, and not as an assessment of benefits.

If we treat the determination of these charges as a local and special assessment upon particular estates we have to consider the principles on which such taxation is founded. It is well established that taxation of this kind is permissible under the constitution of this Commonwealth and under the constitution of the United States only when founded upon special and peculiar benefits to the property from the expenditure on

account of which the tax is laid, and then only to an amount not exceeding such special and peculiar benefits. City of Boston vs. Boston and Albany Railroad Company, 170 Mass. 95-101; Weed vs. Boston, 172 Mass. 28; proprietors of Mt. Auburn Cemetery vs. City of Cambridge, 150 Mass. 12-14; village of Norwood vs. Baker, 19 Sup. Ct. 187; Sears vs. Aldermen of Boston, 53 N. E. Rep. 138. Several of the questions now before us were considered at length in the recent case last cited, and it is unnecessary to repeat the discussion of them.

Does this statute prescribe taxation upon these estates for special and peculiar benefits only; or does it purport to authorize taxation on other grounds than special benefits, and for amounts larger than the amounts of such benefits?

It directs the Street Commissioners annually to "determine just and equitable sewer charges to be paid by estates in said city," etc. It requires them to take into consideration several subjects in determining these charges, one of which is the benefit received by the estate, and others of which possibly have some relation to the benefit received, and it then authorized them to consider "such other matters as they shall deem just and proper."

The benefits to be considered in taxing each estate are not in terms those that are special and peculiar, but so far as the language goes may be those that it receives in common with the other estates in the city, and with the inhabitants generally. The fact that the charges to be determined are for the construction, maintenance and operation of the sewerage works of the whole city gives some force to the possibility of a construction which includes all benefits; but whether this construction should be adopted or not the charges may be determined on any grounds which the Street Commissioners deemed just and proper, and may not be founded in any great degree, if at all, upon special and peculiar benefits, and may in any particular case largely exceed such benefits.

This fact in itself is enough to bring the statute within the prohibition of the constitution, inasmuch as it purports to authorize a taking of property to pay a charge which is not founded on a special benefit or equivalent received by the estate or its owner. Such a taking would be without due process of law. Village of Norwood vs. Baker, 19 Sup. Ct. 187; New Brunswick Rubber Company vs. Commissioners of Streets, 9 Vroom, 190; Barnes vs. Dyer, 56 Vt. 469; Thomas vs. Gain, 35 Mich. 155.

The general tenor of this section seems at variance with the law in regard to special taxation. It seems designed to group

together a great variety of expenses, including all that are connected with the administration of the Sewer Department in the City of Boston, many of which are proper subjects for general taxation only, and to assess them all upon real estate.

In determining the charge to be made upon any particular estate, it is clear that most of the expenses to be reimbursed would be found to have been incurred in ways that could bring no special or peculiar benefit to that estate. The cost of constructing and maintaining sewers remote from it could confer no benefit. In two of these cases it appears by averments of the petition, which are not denied in the answer, that the estates of the petitioner have previously paid special assessments made by the city for the construction of sewers into which the estates drain, and in one of them it appears, in like manner, that no sewers have been constructed under the Statute of 1897, Chapter 426, and no repairs made under the provisions of said act upon sewers already existing, with which the estates of the petitioner have or can have any connection, or from the use of which said estates derive any benefit. Where lands have paid assessments for special benefits from the construction of all sewers by whose operation they are affected, it cannot be said that they receive an additional special and peculiar benefit from the general oversight and operation of the sewers of Boston such as to subject them to a second special assessment. Expenses of this kind should be made the subject of general taxation. The grouping of these various expenses would seem to make it difficult, if not impracticable, under this statute, to make assessments of special and peculiar benefits directly received by particular estates from the construction of sewers near them. Indeed, it appears from the testimony that the Street Commissioners did not attempt to make assessments in accordance with the principles recognized as correct by the courts.

They adopted a scheme, and applied it to the estates generally throughout the city, by which they charged, as a special tax, three and one-half cents per hundred dollars of valuation of the land, exclusive of buildings, together with one-fifth of the charge made for the use of water on the estate, with certain deductions from the charge for the use of water where the use was of a peculiar kind, like the manufacture of steam. This item of three and one-half cents per hundred dollars of valuation of land was made up of one and one-half cents per hundred dollars for general construction, which means construction in any part of the system of sewers, and two cents per hundred dollars for general maintenance, which means the expense of salaries, care of sewers, coal and other things pertaining to the management and operation of the system.

That such expenses are proper subjects for general taxation, and not for special assessments, has often been decided. *Hammett vs. Philadelphia*, 65 Penn. St. 146; *Washington avenue*, 69 Penn. St. 352; *appeal of City of Williamsport*, 41 Atl. Rep. 476; *Dietz vs. Neenah*, 91 Wis. 422-427; *Dyar vs. Farmington*, 70 Me. 527; *Hanscom vs. Omaha*, 11 Neb. 37.

In *Erie vs. Russell*, 148 Penn. St. 384, the court says:

"Why should a sewer, demanded and constructed by the city, and paid for by assessments on the property fronting on the street under which it is laid, be maintained and reconstructed, on the order of the municipality, at the expense of such property? It was made by the action of the city a part of its system of sewerage, which is as necessary for the health of its people as its paved streets are for their use. Its construction was at the expense of the abutting property, and properly so, in discharge of the obligation arising from particular benefits conferred. It is now a constituent of the general system ordained by the city for the convenience and health of its inhabitants. This system confers benefits which are general. It is a public necessity, and the expense of maintaining it should be provided for by general taxation." See *Child vs. Boston*, 4 Allen 41-52; *Emery vs. Lowell*, 104 Mass. 13-16.

In *Sears vs. Aldermen of Boston*, this court held, with some hesitation, that watering streets, which before the passage of a statute on the subject was generally done at the expense of the abutters, conferred a direct and special benefit upon abutting property occupied for business or residence. Some other courts have held to the contrary. See *City of Chicago vs. Blair*, 149, 111, 310; *New York Life Insurance Company vs. Prost*, 71 Fed. Rep. 1815. But in that case the relation of the expenditure to the abutting property was very different from that of the expenditure for salaries and other expenses of maintaining a sewer department to property whose owners have previously paid assessments for the special benefits to be received from the use of the sewers. In assessing such benefits when the sewers were constructed, it was assumed that the sewers would be kept in operation for the benefit of the public, and that owners of property assessed would only be called upon to contribute as general taxpayers their proper share of the expenses of operating them. It is probable that most estates which drain into sewers in Boston were specially assessed when the sewers were constructed. Because the statute purports to give the Street Commissioners power to levy special assessments on real estate upon other grounds than the receipt of special benefits, and to amounts beyond the amount, if any, of the special benefits, and for expenditures which, as against such property, are not proper subjects for special taxation, we are of the opinion that the statute is unconstitutional.

It is also contended by the petitioners that the statute gives owners of property no opportunity of being heard upon their liability to assessment. It is well established that the determination of the amount of taxes for special benefits to real estate by any tribunal to which the Legislature delegates the power is a quasi judicial proceeding, which cannot take final effect unless persons to be assessed have an opportunity to be heard. *New London Northern Railroad Company vs. Boston and Albany Railroad Company*, 102 Mass. 386; *Parsons vs. District of Columbia*, 170 U. S. 45, 52, 54; *Hagar vs. Reclamation District*, 111 U. S. 701-709; *Falbrook Irrigation District vs. Bradley*, 164 U. S. 112-175; *Stuart vs. Palmer*, 74 N. Y. 189; *Remson vs. Wheeler*, 105 N. Y. 573; *matter of Trustees of Union*

College, 129 N. Y. 308; *Dietz vs. Neenah*, 91 Wis. 422-427; *Butler vs. Supervisors*, 26 Mich. 22; *Thomas vs. Gunn*, 35 Mich. 135; *Campbell vs. Dwiggin*, 83 Ind. 473; *Ulman vs. Baltimore*, 72 Md. 587. But if a party has a right to appeal, or to be heard upon an application for an abatement, it is sufficient. *Weed vs. Boston*, 172 Mass. 28; *Palmer vs. McMahon*, 133 U. S. 660; *County of Redwood vs. Winona, etc., Company*, 40 Minn. 512. See also *Sawyer vs. State Board of Health*, 125 Mass. 186; *Philadelphia vs. Miller*, 49 Penn. St. 400; *Cleveland vs. Tripp*, 13 R. I. 50.

This statute makes no express provision for notice or a hearing. It declares that "the determining of such charges as aforesaid (that is, by the Street Commissioners) shall be final in all cases," and provides for a notification of the determination to the Board of Assessors, and for the collection of the amount as a tax. In view of this language, it is difficult to see how the statute gives by implication an opportunity to be heard at any stage of the proceedings. But, as we hold this section of the statute unconstitutional on other grounds, it is unnecessary to determine this question. In each case the order must be, writ of certiorari to issue.

SUSPENSION OF SEWER DIVISION WORK.

The following communication directing the suspension of the work of the Sewer Division has been sent to Deputy Superintendent Cutter of the Sewer Division by Superintendent of Streets Wells:

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, May 19, 1899.

MR. C. R. CUTTER, Deputy Superintendent,
Sewer Division.

DEAR SIR: You will take immediate steps to close down the Sewer Division. All whose services are not absolutely necessary for the protection of the work or the care of the main drainage, you will suspend at once. All construction work must be stopped. All except employees whose services cannot be dispensed with, such as the men at the Pumping Station, stablemen and watchmen, must be dismissed.

This order is in consequence of the decision rendered by the Supreme Court, making the appropriations provided for the payment of sewerage works illegal; so that, until action is taken by the Legislature, no money is available for the payment of any bill for services or material.

Yours very truly,

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

SEWER DIVISION WORK IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND CONTEMPLATED.

Superintendent Wells of the Street Department is in receipt of information requested by him at the time of the shutting down of the Sewer Division, giving details of the construction work affected by the decision of the Supreme Court. The Sewer Division

reports the following work, which was in progress at the time, as suspended until legislative action shall permit the resumption of construction.

DISTRICT NO. 1—SOUTH BOSTON.

Kemp-street outlet. This work is about completed, except the building of the regulating chamber, and when completed it would relieve the interceptor of South Boston from over-crowding in the time of storm or flood. This is the last overflow to be constructed on the intercepting system of Boston, and completes this portion of the Main Drainage Works. It also stops work on what is known as the Savin Hill outlet, in the marsh and under the railroad, connecting the sewers of the north side of Savin Hill with the intercepting sewer in Sydney street; and its not being completed still keeps this system out of use, and also stops the use of the sewer for some 80 or 100 houses on the line of sewer in that district. Work is stopped on the Strandway, and also on the sewer which is now being constructed for the relief of the new club-houses in South Boston. It was the intention of these clubs to open their quarters on Memorial Day, but it will be impossible for them to use their sanitary arrangements until this sewer is completed.

DISTRICT NO. 2—EAST BOSTON.

Work is stopped on the construction of the regulating chamber on Chelsea street, which connects the sewers of this district with the Metropolitan interceptor at this point. The shut-down also stops the use of these sewers by houses abutting on side streets. It likewise stops work on what is known as the Bennington-street culvert. This culvert is on Bennington street, where there is a large amount of travel, especially in the summer season, and the construction of the roadway congests travel at this point.

DISTRICT NO. 3—CHARLESTOWN.

The work in progress in this district is the overflow of the Metropolitan connection at Beach street, and this cannot be used until the work is completed. When this connection is finished it will put all the sewers of this part of Charlestown District into the Metropolitan District.

DISTRICT NO. 4—BRIGHTON.

The shut-down completely stops the work on what is known as the Commonwealth-avenue boulevard, between Warren street and Chestnut Hill avenue. This is quite an extensive piece of work, and until the sewers are completed it is impossible for the city to proceed with the work of building and grading this avenue. It was to be completed this year. It also stops work on the construction of the sewer in Washington street, from the Brookline line to Commonwealth avenue, which is an outlet for Commonwealth avenue. Also, the work in Orkney road is stopped. This is a street which is under construction under the "323 Act"; and the contractor being working on that portion of the street, under said act, his work will have to be delayed until these sewers are completed.

DISTRICT NO. 5—WEST ROXBURY.

In this district there is a large amount of work open, namely, what is known as the Keyes and Lee streets surface-drain, Con-

greve-street house-drain, and the Weld and Corey streets house-drain. The fact of this work not being completed prevents the building of the streets; and also incommodes the people residing on the streets.

DISTRICT NO. 6—DORCHESTER.

The completion of Blue Hill avenue, from Walk Hill street to Neponset river, is delayed; and this also includes the large culvert known as the Mattapan brook channel. Tying up the work now, not only stops work on this job, but also delays the abolition of the grade crossing of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at this point. With reference to the Rosemont-street relief sewer and surface drain, the city has been some two years working on this to relieve the district known as South Tenean Brook surface drainage system. This work is almost completed, there being only some 400 feet yet remaining unbuilt; and the not building of it still keeps this whole place in an unsettled condition. Work on Bullard, Callender and Middleton streets is also tied up, and the completion of the surface of the said streets is also prevented.

DISTRICT NO. 7—ROXBURY.

Halleck street and Fisher avenue are two streets that are very much needed at the present time.

DISTRICT NO. 8—CITY PROPER.

What is known as the Canal-street relief sewer is near completion. The city has been working on this sewer for the last two years and has been some fifteen years in getting the money to complete it.

In addition to the foregoing list, the Division was about to start the following work, for all of which there is a strong demand. This covers only the most urgent work which the Department is called upon to do, and takes no account of the mass of petitions already in and those which will be received:

DISTRICT NO. 1—SOUTH BOSTON.

First and Q streets. Re-building of the sewer outlet, which has been partly destroyed. Blake street, where the old stone sewer will have to be re-built before the Dorchester avenue grade crossing work can be completed. Also the sewer in Power and Leeds streets has been ordered to be constructed under Chapter 323, Acts of 1891.

DISTRICT NO. 2—EAST BOSTON.

East Boston low level sewer and system of sewers for the Bennington-street boulevard, for which the former is the outlet. Also the sewer system for East Boston Parkway, formerly called Neptune street.

DISTRICT NO. 3—CHARLESTOWN.

The last connection with the Metropolitan interceptor for Charlestown is at Arlington avenue. This the Department would have taken up next, and then proceeded to re-build the sewer system in the Beacham-street district. The sewer in Cambridge and Main streets was also to be re-built, both because it is too small for its present duties and because of the proposed abolition of the grade crossing at this point. The sewer must be re-constructed before the work of raising the grades of these streets is undertaken.

DISTRICT NO. 4—BRIGHTON.

The Union and Sheppard streets brook was to have been taken up and the worst parts improved.

DISTRICT NO. 5—WEST ROXBURY.

The Spring and Baker streets sewer system; sewers in Mendum and Fairview streets and the outlet; extension of conduit for Goldsmith brook; building of a conduit for the Williams-street brook; the surface drain for Montview and Kirk streets; rebuilding of culverts on La Grange street, together with some ditching on the La Grange-street brook, are all urgent work, and many complaints have been received of flooding and lack of sewerage facilities. It was also proposed to dig out and lower the bed of the Roslindale branch of Stony brook and tributary water-courses in the vicinity of Mt. Hope and Roslindale, so as to relieve these localities of surface water until some time in the future when a permanent structure could be built. Hubbard street, formerly Spring Lane, also needs sewerage.

DISTRICT NO. 6—DORCHESTER.

The system of surface drains for Talbot avenue was on the point of being started, in order to allow of the completion of this important avenue. Construction should also be begun early this season upon Davenport brook, Freeport-street brook, the Oakland Garden branch of Stony brook, between Talbot avenue and Harvard street, and the Franklin Park brook. The north branch of Tenean brook, between Charles and Westville streets, which has been partly dug out, should have a permanent structure built and the brook covered in. The Crescent-avenue brook conduit should be built for the relief of the territory around Cottage and Pond streets and Edison Green, which last locality suffers severely in every rain.

There is urgent demand for the extension of Savin Hill-avenue sewer to the railroad bridge; the Millet-street sewer between Harvard and Park streets; the Ceylon street sewer, which is the outlet for the whole system of sewers and surface drains for Columbia Road in the vicinity of the New England Railroad bridge. A system of sewers should be started in Swett street for the relief of the Veterinary Hospital and also to furnish sewers for this district, which is being rapidly developed.

The following streets have all been ordered constructed under Chapter 323, Acts of 1891: Van Winkle street, Wainwright street, Florida street, Edwin street, Homes avenue, Millet street, between Park and Athelwold streets, Alexander street and Woodcliff street.

The following list, although not yet ordered, are urgently required, under Chapter 323: Waldeck street, Lauriat avenue, from Tucker to Norfolk streets, Rozella street, Shepton street, Atherstone street, Blanch street, Washington street, from Talbot avenue to Euclid street, and Montague street. On all these streets, the work of constructing under "323" must be delayed until the sewers are built.

DISTRICT NO. 7—ROXBURY.

Jersey and Queensbury streets are in urgent need of sewers, and if they do not receive them the development of this valuable tract of land will be stopped. Francis

street outlet, across Muddy River to the Boston & Albany Railroad, must be reconstructed before the fall rains, or floodings will ensue in this district. The main sewer, running up through Sherman and Dale streets, and the valley in this part of Roxbury, should be rebuilt during the summer, as many houses are flooded during the winter months every year, and the state of things here is becoming very bad. Sewers are urgently requested in Hollander street, between Harold street and Humboldt avenue, Seaver street, between Blue Hill avenue and Elm Hill avenue, Blandford and Cummington streets.

DISTRICT NO. 8 — CITY PROPER.

The sewers in Charlestown street and the side on which buildings are now being removed, must be built before this street can be completed; and if not built the approach to the new Charlestown bridge will be delayed. A sewer is badly needed in Atlantic avenue as an outlet for the T-wharf property; and the new connection and rearrangement of the sewers at Clark street and Atlantic avenue should be made as soon as possible to prevent floodings from tidewater. A regulator is required at Oswego street, and must be built before the new district regulator in Dewey square can be put in operation and the South Cove district begins to get the benefit of the expensive work recently constructed here. Public Alley No. 901, off Hemenway street, with its expensive buildings is unsewered, and must be attended to within a very short time. There are also a large number of other alleys, recently laid out as public alleys, which require rebuilding and repairs to the sewers before they can be surfaced and put in proper condition. Work on plans and the making of contracts for gate-house and machinery for the extension of the reservoirs at Moon Island, is also suspended.

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW REGARDING SMOKE NUISANCE.

The following letter has been sent by Superintendent of Streets Wells to the coal dealers of the city, and the department inspector of smoke nuisances, Mr. Thomas F. Kelley, has been instructed to take extra precautions against any increase in the violations of this law.

DEAR SIR: It is reported that, owing to competition in the coal business at the present time, importations of lower grades of soft coal may be expected, to fill orders on contracts now being made. I desire at this time to call your attention to the law which authorizes this Department to take action in preventing smoke nuisances, and to the fact that this law will be rigidly enforced, and all violations vigorously looked out for. During the past winter, when the situation as regards coal became extreme, owing to natural causes which could not be overcome, this Department waived for a time its objection to the use of certain lower-grade coals, as the higher grades were not to be obtained. Such action, however, cannot apply to the present situation.

Your attention is called to this matter now, so that there may be no cause for

complaint on your part later on in the event of trouble, and that your customers may be fully advised as to the action which this Department will certainly take unless proper coal is used.

Yours very truly,

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

In relation to the matter, Superintendent Wells says that this precautionary measure is taken at this time, for the reason that at best the control of this nuisance is difficult, and good results may be accomplished if the coal dealers, as well as the consumers of coal, fully understand that the law will be vigorously enforced. The excuse which is sometimes given by the consumers, that they supposed they were buying the best grade of coal, will not be accepted; and, in view of the notice as given below, which has been sent to the wholesale dealers, the consumer, in the event of trouble, can very properly place the responsibility upon the party from whom he has purchased his coal supply.

PETITION OF MERCHANTS' MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE.

Following is the petition of the Merchants' Municipal Committee to the business men of Boston regarding the abolition of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

TO THE BUSINESS MEN OF BOSTON:

The undersigned, members of the Merchants' Municipal Committee, appointed by the Associated Board of Trade, to represent the business organizations of Boston in connection with municipal matters having especial relation to the commercial and financial interests of the city, desire to call your attention to threatened action by the Legislature which they believe would be most unfortunate.

The Legislature of last year, influenced largely by the active efforts of this committee, backed up by many important business organizations and leading merchants, passed an act establishing a Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the City of Boston. This committee has not altered its opinion as to the advantages of the change in the system of making appropriations thus effected, and it has no reason to believe that the general sentiment of the business community, which was certainly strongly favorable to the proposition last year, has changed; yet a bill for the repeal of this act, — although the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, after full hearings, reported against it, — has been passed by the House of Representatives by a very large majority, and some positive action seems to be required to avert the danger of similar action by the Senate.

This committee is satisfied that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will prove, as it was intended to be, a powerful factor in divorcing city finances from city politics, and that the attempt to abolish it has for its purpose the defeat of that end. We are convinced that its continuance will prove to be of great benefit, not to any single administration, or to either political party, but to the taxpayers of the City of Boston; and we therefore appeal to the business men whose

interests we have sought to protect to oppose the destructive action which is threatened in the Legislature, before the new system has been in operation for five months.

If you are willing to join in the protest against the repeal by the present Legislature of this act — deliberately adopted, by a very large majority, by the Legislature of last year, and which certainly has not yet had a sufficient trial to afford any business grounds for condemning its operation — we ask you to sign the accompanying memorial.

ALPHEUS H. HARDY,
Chairman.

WILLIAM O. BLANEY,
J. RICHARD CARTER,
HORATIO G. CURTIS,
FREEMAN J. DOE,
AMORY A. LAWRENCE,
GEORGE H. LEONARD,

Merchants' Municipal Committee.

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED:

The undersigned, business men or taxpayers of the City of Boston, respectfully protest against the passage of House Bill No. 1,169, repealing the act passed last year establishing the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the City of Boston, for the reason that they believe that no sufficient arguments have been advanced to indicate that the advantages expected to be gained through this change in the financial system of the city will not be realized in practice, and for the further reason that the new system, having been in operation only five months, has not had a fair trial of its workings, and that it is contrary to every principle of sound legislation to repeal an act of such importance without such trial.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT AT LONG ISLAND.

The Pauper Institutions Trustees have appointed Mr. W. F. Clark, Deputy Superintendent of the Long Island Almshouse and Hospital at Long Island, in place of Mr. Thomas J. Condon, resigned.

Mr. Clark is thirty-seven years of age and since 1879 has had considerable experience in the management of various kinds of public institutions. He was formerly Deputy Superintendent at Long Island (from 1895 to 1897), and during the last two years he has been Superintendent of the Quarantine Station at Gallop's Island.

DEATH OF EX-COUNCILMAN CONNORTON.

The death of ex-Councilman Martin F. Connorton occurred at his home, 299 Bunker Hill street, Charlestown, on Monday, May 22, 1899. Mr. Connorton was thirty-four years of age, and during 1894, 1895 and 1896 represented Ward 4 in the Common Council.

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Penal Institutions Department for the year ending January 31, 1899, constituting Document 26, 1899, has recently been issued. It may be summarized briefly as follows:

The rules adopted last year for the government of the institutions of the Department have been found to work well in practice.

On January 1, 1898, the new laws relating to prison labor went into effect, which resulted in a complete lapse of work at both the Deer Island and South Boston institutions. At the present time, however, the men are fairly well employed. It would be gratifying to have the men taken from sewing machines and given work more suitable to their physique.

It is desired to establish a system of pensions in the Department, in order to provide for the retirement of some of the faithful servants of the county that have arrived at an age where it is no longer proper that they should be retained in charge of the class of people that are in our institutions. It is suggested that the Legislature be petitioned to extend the same privileges that prevail in the Police and Fire Departments.

There has been a decided decrease in the population at the Deer Island House of Correction. Various causes have contributed to this decrease, among them being changes in method and administration; the cordial relations existing between the Justices of the courts and the Department; the co-operation of the Probation Officer, and the procuring of employment for discharged prisoners.

With regard to treatment of those convicted for drunkenness the establishment of a more equitable scale for terms of imprisonment for non-payment of fine is recommended. Other changes suggested are (1) the release of a person guilty of drunkenness, if not convicted of a like offence once before within the preceding twelve months; (2) a fine of \$1 or imprisonment for two days if convicted once before within the preceding twelve months but not within six months of the present conviction; (3) a fine of \$10 or ten days' imprisonment if convicted twice before within a year, and not within six months; (4) a fine of \$15 or fifteen days' imprisonment if convicted three times within a year and not within three months; if within three months he may be committed to the House of Correction or jail for a term not exceeding six months. In lieu of being released or sentenced as above, the court may place the person upon probation for a term not exceeding five weeks.

One particularly gratifying work of the Department is that of aiding discharged prisoners to re-establish themselves in the world.

The House of Correction at Deer Island has maintained its excellent standing, and the buildings, with the exception of the Women's Prison, are in excellent condition. The library has been increased during the year and the assembly-room for the officers is much appreciated. The cemetery has been completed and will soon be laid out in approved form. During the year the United States Government has established a sub-station of the Boston Post-office.

The institution at South Boston remains in the same excellent condition so far as discipline and cleanliness are concerned and in the same undesirable condition, with regard to the housing of the convicts, that was reported upon last year. The cells are too small and there should be some change made in regard to this institution. Either it should be entirely removed from that location, which is approved, or better buildings should be erected there for the housing of the convicts.

The expenditures of the Department for the year amounted to \$348,293.02; the income to \$81,114.54.

The average expenditure for actual cost of each inmate for year ending January 31, 1899, was as follows:

	EXPENDITURES.		ACTUAL COST.	
	Per Year.	Per Week.	Per Year.	Per Week.
House of Correction, Deer Island . . .	\$134 33	\$2 58	\$93 15	\$1 79
House of Correction, South Boston . .	175 69	3 38	145 20	2 79

The following table shows the population for the year ending January 31, 1899:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining January 31, 1898	1,295	388	1,683
Committed during the year	8,487	1,309	9,796
	9,782	1,697	11,479
Discharged during the year	8,805	1,367	10,172
Remaining January 31, 1899	977	330	1,307

Children of sentenced mothers:

Remaining January 31, 1898	11
Admitted	33
Total	44
Discharged	39
Remaining January 31, 1899	5
Children died during the year	2

The appendix to the report contains the detailed report, of the various officers connected with the institutions, together with statistics of population, crimes, discharges, etc.

Colonel E. M. Weaver, late Instructor in Military Drill, expresses himself as follows in his report to Superintendent Seaver:

"I am clearly of the opinion that the regimental organization as now authorized should be discontinued. There is not time for it, and it tends to breed vanity and love of display at the expense of real soldierly qualities in the individual cadet. The company organization only should be in existence from September first to March first; after March first, each school should have its battalion with major and adjutant for each battalion."

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A special meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 12.30 P.M. on May 15, 1899, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Bateman, Calderwood, Fleischer, McDonald and Strange.

The Chair read the following:

- (1.) OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, May 12, 1899.
TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

On behalf of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment I have to acknowledge the receipt of the resolutions passed by your committee on May 9, and I enclose a copy of the vote relating to the matter as passed by the Board of Apportionment. After the passage of this vote, it was further voted that further consideration of the matter be laid upon the table, pending further action by the School Committee.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Voted, That the attention of the School Committee be called to the fact that the resolution passed by the said committee on May 9, requesting that the amount of \$25,000, remaining from proposed appropriation of \$500,000, be appropriated for the "relief" of the Lowell School-house, Ward 22, is inconsistent with the appropriations already made by this Board, on the recommendation of the School Committee, in that it makes no provision for sites for buildings for which \$140,000 has been appropriated, and that it is also inconsistent with the communication received by this Board on April 27, 1899, from the Committee on New Buildings, requesting that \$10,000 of said amount be appropriated for a site for the proposed new grammar school-house in the Tileston District, Dorchester, and that the remaining \$15,000 be appropriated for a site for the proposed new primary building in the Sherwin District, Roxbury.

Laid on the table.

- (2.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, May 11, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of April 25, 1899, the Board of Street Commissioners have to-day taken, for school purposes, 1,781 square feet of land in the rear of Prince street, and their decree of such taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds. This taking is for an addition to the Hancock School estate.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

- (3.) IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 8, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to inform this Board, at its next meeting, how many school-rooms are used

at present in the Chapman District, and also how many rooms will be available in the school buildings in the district after the completion of the proposed Chapman School. Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

(4.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

City Hall, May 11, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to adopt a regulation providing that the date for reopening, after the summer vacation, all the high, grammar, primary and kindergarten schools of the City of Boston shall be the first Tuesday after the second Monday of September of each year.

IN COMMON COUNCIL.

May 11, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY, President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 12, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the School Committee, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, for such action as is considered proper.

NAT. G. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

(5.) OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 11, 1899.

TO THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I regret to feel obliged to return herewith without my approval the order authorizing the Committee on New Buildings to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward in the sum of \$19,700 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the East Boston High School. I find that the original advertisement, under which bids for this work were invited, referred only to plans and specifications prepared by the architect, but that the form of proposal furnished bidders had appended to it a statement authorizing the bidder to furnish, in place of the architect's specifications, "such other specifications and plans as will furnish the heating and ventilation required." Under this clause, nine contractors presented their own plans and specifications, with bids ranging from \$14,347 to \$20,300, while four bidders made their bids, ranging from \$20,000 to \$28,975, on the architect's plans and specifications. The contract presented to me for approval is with Lynch & Woodward, upon their bid of \$19,700 upon plans and specifications prepared at their order.

It is perfectly obvious that there can be no real competition between contractors whose bids are based upon different sets of plans and specifications, and, as the committee undertook to have competition by advertising for bids, I assume there can be no reason for awarding this contract otherwise than upon a competitive basis. I have no fault to find with the plans and specifications upon which the contract was awarded by the committee, and I am advised by the Consulting Architect that they are entirely satisfactory; but it seems to me that it

would establish an unfortunate and embarrassing precedent if I approved the award of a contract where competition was in form invited, through advertisements for bids, but was in fact made impossible through allowing bidders to furnish their own plans and specifications. I can see no reason why satisfactory plans and specifications could not have been prepared in this case upon the order of the committee, so that all bidders could have been placed upon a footing of equality by compelling them all to bid upon the same basis.

I regret to delay this work through withholding my approval from the enclosed contract, but it seems to me that the principle involved is too important to make it proper for me to take any other course.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

April 11, 1899.

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward in the sum of \$19,700 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the East Boston High School-house.

For the Committee on New Buildings,

E. I. ALDRICH, Chairman.

Laid over, under the rule.

April 25, 1899. Passed.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

The Chair presented two communications from the Board of Health relating to the condition of the Germantown and Harbor View street Primary Schools.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

The Chair read the following:

We, the undersigned, citizens of Boston, respectfully petition the honorable School Committee for the use of the school buildings designated below for vacation school purposes during July and August, 1899, with the express agreement that the buildings and plant shall be returned in the same condition in which they were found, that janitors shall be fully compensated, and that from no cause shall there be any expense to the city.

Subject to these conditions, we respectfully request the use of the Mechanic Arts High School and the Perkins School (Prince Primary).

RACHEL SHERMAN THORNDIKE

(and ten others).

Referred to the Joint Committee on High Schools and Fourth Division.

On the recommendation of the Committee on New Buildings, the following orders were passed under a suspension of the rules:

(1.) Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to purchase the plans and specifications for heating and ventilating the new East Boston High School-house, prepared by the S. Homer Woodbridge Company, for the sum of \$700.

(2.) Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to expend an amount not exceeding \$1,000 for the purchase of such parts of a heating and ventilating apparatus as are required for immediate installation in the new East Boston High

School-house, to prevent delay in the construction of the building.

The following was passed:

Ordered, That the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Board, requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the "relief" of the Lowell School-house, Ward 22, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

Adjourned.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following is a record of the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held on May 16, 1899:

City Hall, May 16, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on Tuesday, May 16, 1899, at 3.30 P. M., at the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present, all the members.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following were received:

Order (referred by the City Council) requesting the Board "to provide an appropriation of \$500, to be expended on Memorial Day, under the direction of His Honor the Mayor, in decorating the graves of soldiers and sailors who lost their lives either from wounds or disease contracted in the late war with Spain."

Communication from William P. Kenibbs, Commander of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans, requesting that any amount appropriated for decorating graves of Spanish War Veterans be placed at the disposition of the said organization for expenditure.

The Board voted to give a hearing in regard to the subject, and Mr. William P. Kenibbs, Commander of the Legion of Spanish War Veterans, was heard in regard to the matter.

The Board then went into executive session.

A communication was received from Mr. Henry M. Whitney, offering to contribute \$40,000, towards the expense of widening the north draw of the Chelsea bridge to seventy-five feet, agreeing to deposit the money with the City Treasurer whenever the city is prepared to proceed with the work, and urging the importance of making provision for beginning the work at once, in order that it may be finished this season.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That the whole matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Board, and that Mr. Henry M. Whitney, City Engineer William Jackson, Hon. Seth J. Littlefield, Mayor of Chelsea, and Mr. A. L. Maggi, City Engineer of Chelsea, be invited to appear before the Board at its next meeting and confer with the Board on the subject.

An order (referred by the City Council) was received, requesting the Board "not to grant the request made to them by the Bath Commission, through its Chairman, to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of equipping and furnishing the chapel of the Congregational Society on Harrison avenue."

The order was placed on file.

Mr. Barry called up the following assignment:

Request of Bath Trustees (May 10) for an additional appropriation for furnishing and equipping the building at the corner of Harrison avenue and Plympton street.

Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the Bath Trustees be authorized to expend the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars, for furnishing and equipping the building at the corner of Harrison avenue and Plympton street, acquired as a gymnasium for Ward 9; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed — yeas, 4; nay, 1.

Yeas — Messrs. Minot, Dore, Barry and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

The order was signed by all the members who voted in the affirmative, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a communication from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of two hundred (200) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for "Mayor, Public Celebrations and Lectures, Memorial Day, May 30," said sum to be used for decorating the graves of soldiers and sailors who lost their lives either from wounds or disease contracted in the late war with Spain.

On motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of two hundred (200) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for "Mayor, Public Celebrations and Lectures, Memorial Day, May 30," said sum to be used for decorating the graves of soldiers and sailors who lost their lives either from wounds or disease contracted in the late war with Spain.

The vote was signed by all the members of the Board.

The following were received:

Communication from Robert Treat Paine, enclosing petition of North Brighton Conference, District 5 of the Associate Charities of Boston, asking that \$300 be appropriated for the renting of a field of about eight acres located on the south and west sides of Waverly street and north of Lincoln street, as a playground.

Order (referred by City Council) requesting the Board to appropriate \$300 for the rental of the lot referred to above.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That the matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Board, and that Mr. John H. Lee, Mr. Robert Treat Paine, and Mrs. Carrie E. Marion, Secretary of the North Brighton Conference, District 5 of the Associate Charities of Boston, be notified that the Board will give them an opportunity to be heard in regard to the matter at its next meeting, if they so desire.

An order (referred by the City Council) was received, requesting the Board "to provide in its next loan bill the sum of \$3,850, the same to be spent in paving Bunker Hill street with asphalt, from North Mead street east 250 feet."

Placed on file.

An order (referred by the Board of Aldermen) was received, requesting the Board

"to provide an appropriation for paving Dover street, from Tremont street to Washington street."

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Barry.

A communication was received from the Pauper Institutions Trustees, requesting that an appropriation of \$3,500 be made for better protection in case of fire at the Charlestown Almshouse.

Placed on file.

The following was received:

Petition of Roxburghe Club, that an appropriation be made for the removal of dead and dying trees and the planting of new trees in place thereof, and for the protection of street trees against injury by horses.

Referred to Superintendent of Public Grounds, on motion of Mr. Kiley.

A communication was received from Councilman James J. Casey, requesting the Board to include in the next loan bill the sum of \$25,000 for street improvements in Ward 18.

Placed on file, and the Secretary was instructed to notify Councilman Casey when the Board is ready to give hearings in regard to another loan bill.

An order (referred by the Board of Aldermen) was received, requesting that various amounts be appropriated for street improvements on London, Havre, Paris, Chelsea, Orleans, Maverick, Everett, Cottage, Marginal, Lewis, Lexington, Shelby, Saratoga, Moore, Cowper, Bennington, Gladstone, Horace, Homer, Chaucer, Curtis and Pope streets, and square at junction of Princeton, East Eagle and Chelsea streets, East Boston.

Referred to the Superintendent of Streets, on motion of Mr. Kiley.

A communication was received from the committee appointed by the five Veteran Firemen's Associations of Boston to make arrangements for observing Veteran Firemen's Memorial Day, requesting that an additional sum of \$200 be appropriated for expenditure by the said associations for observing Firemen's Memorial Day.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred one hundred (100) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for "Mayor, Public Celebration and Lectures, Veteran Firemen's Memorial Day, June 12."

The communications were placed on file, and, on motion of Mr. Dore, it was

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of one hundred (100) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for "Mayor, Public Celebrations and Lectures, Veteran Firemen's Memorial Day, June 12."

The vote was signed by all the members of the Board.

The Board proceeded to take up the following past assignment:

Communication from Boston Associated Board of Trade (received March 15), requesting that an annual appropriation be made for paving business thoroughfares, and also that the Superintendent of Streets require all parties to whom permits to remove paving of any street are given to keep said streets in repair for one year thereafter.

The communication was placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That the Associated Board of Trade be informed that, in accordance with the policy suggested in their letter dated February 27, 1899, this Board has, so far as the means at its disposal have permitted, adopted the policy of repaving streets in the business district, as suggested in said letter, and that their attention be called to the following appropriations made for that purpose:

Atlantic avenue, from Dewey square to Oliver street . . .	\$38,000 00
Federal street, from Dewey square to Milk street . . .	18,000 00
Devonshire street, from Milk street to Water street . . .	3,800 00
Kingston street, from Bedford street to Beach street . . .	11,000 00
Congress street, from Atlantic avenue to bridge . . .	19,000 00
Blackstone street, from Hanover street across North street . . .	10,000 00
Leverett street, from Minot street to Craigie's bridge . . .	15,000 00
Harrison avenue, from Kneeland to Bennett streets . . .	6,000 00

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was also

Voted, That this Board will be glad to receive any further suggestions which the Associated Board of Trade may desire to make on this subject.

The Board also took up the following past assignment:

Order passed by the Board of Aldermen (received March 15), requesting that a time and place be appointed and duly advertised for hearing persons interested in the repaving of streets in the business section of Boston.

Placed on file.

Mr. Minot called up the following:

Communication from Mayor Quincy (received March 15) transmitting a communication from the Fire Commissioner, requesting that provision be speedily made for providing a new engine-house for Engine 22.

Mr. Minot suggested that, in addition to the sites recommended by the Fire Commissioner, the Board also consider a site on Warren avenue, between Clarendon street and the English High School, containing about 7,500 square feet, and which he understood could be purchased for \$37,500 or less.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That the entire Board, as a body, visit the several sites which have been proposed, on Saturday, May 20, at 9 A.M., and that the Fire Commissioner be requested to accompany the Board.

Further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

The Board took up the following assignment:

Communication from Mayor Quincy (received May 10) transmitting a communication from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, a transfer of \$4,000 has been made from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor, said sum to be used for maintaining a Municipal Camp for Boys during the summer of 1899.

The communication was placed on file.

A communication was received from the Mayor transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred three thousand (3,000) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor.

The communication was placed on file, and, on motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of three thousand (3,000) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor, to meet the expense of maintaining a Municipal Camp for Boys during the summer of 1899.

The vote was signed by all the members of the Board.

Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That of the amount of three thousand (3,000) dollars formerly appropriated for "Dam from Maverick street to Prescott street, East Boston," and now lying unappropriated in the City Treasury, the sum of five hundred (500) dollars be appropriated for a clock on the South Ferry head-house, Boston side.

The order was passed — yeas, 5.

Yeas — Messrs. Barry, Kiley, Dore, Minot, and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 5.50 P.M., to meet on Saturday, May 20, 1899, at 9 A.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Monday, May 22, 1899, at 3 P.M., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

Appointments by the Mayor.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments, subject to approval and confirmation by the Board:

(1.) Gordon Abbott, to be a Statistics Trustee for the term ending April 30, 1904.

(2.) Michael F. Codire, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay or Straw for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Laid over, under the law.

The following messages were received from His Honor the Mayor:

Engine-house, Warren Avenue.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 22, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed this day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating the sum received for the taking of the engine-house on Dartmouth street, amounting to \$55,000, for the purchase of land and the erection thereon of a new engine-house in substitution therefor, the site designated in the order being the parcel of land on Warren avenue adjoining

the English High and Latin school building on the north-east side, and containing about 7,500 square feet.

The selection of this location is the result of careful and long-continued consideration by the members of the Board of Apportionment of the difficult question of securing a site at any moderate price. The following parcels of land were suggested by the Fire Commissioner and considered by the members of the Board:

LOCATION.	Size, Square feet.	Estimated Cost.
Church, corner of Dartmouth and Harwich streets . . .	4,465	\$75,000
Estate, corner of Buckingham and Dartmouth streets . .	3,825	56,000
Estates, 1 and 3 Yarmouth streets	3,640	23,000
Two adjoining estates, north side of Dartmouth street, about midway between the railroad and Columbus avenue	3,600	50,000
Two adjoining estates, south side of Dartmouth street, about midway between the railroad and Columbus avenue	4,200	56,000
Two adjoining estates, further along on same side of Dartmouth street	4,200	59,000

From this list it appears that the parcel of land designated in the order is much cheaper in price and much larger in area than any other considered, with the exception of the estate on Yarmouth street, which a majority of the Board did not consider a suitable site. The Board has secured for the city an option, running for forty days, to purchase the lot designated in the order for the sum of \$37,000, making a price of a little less than five dollars a foot. While it was recognized that a site nearer the present one would have been desirable, it seemed impossible to secure one within the limits of price which the Board felt should be fixed. As an engine-house costs about \$25,000 to build, it will probably require an additional appropriation of about \$7,000, even with this site, to provide for the building of a new engine-house. The lot selected is certainly very desirable in respect to size, and on account of having a twelve-foot private way in the rear.

As the engine company formerly occupying the Dartmouth-street engine-house is now without any quarters in the district which it formerly covered, being temporarily provided for in the Fire Department headquarters on Bristol street, the importance of settling the question of the new site

and providing for the erection of a new engine-house at the earliest possible moment need not be dwelt upon.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

May 22, 1899.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be authorized to expend for the purchase of the land on Warren avenue, adjoining the English High and Latin School building on the north-east side, containing about seven thousand five hundred (7,500) feet, and the erection of an engine-house thereon, the amount of fifty-five thousand (55,000) dollars received by the city for the engine-house on Dartmouth street, formerly used by Engine 22, which amount is hereby appropriated for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

JOHN P. DORE,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Removal of Telegraph Poles.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 22, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Wires, enclosing a letter addressed to him by the Superintendent of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, and in connection therewith I recommend the passage of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF WIRES.

Old Court House, May 22, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I inclose you herewith a copy of a letter sent me by the Postal Telegraph Company, the contents of which I fully concur with. I also enclose you two orders which will carry out the intent of the request. Will you kindly transmit the same to the Board of Aldermen?

Respectfully yours,

THOMAS W. FLOOD,

Commissioner of Wires.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH CABLE COMPANY.

Boston, March 9, 1899.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Esq., Commissioner of Wires.

DEAR SIR: Please see order granting pole locations to this company, dated October 12, 1891. The third paragraph of that order provides that the New England Printing Telegraph Company of Massachusetts shall have right of way during the continuance of the grant to place cross arms upon said poles. I would like to have this permit to the Printing Company revoked for the reason that

they have not paid any proportion of the expense for maintaining the line during the last three years. They are not operating any wires in the City of Boston, and to the best of my knowledge have gone out of existence. If this can be arranged we want to cut off our poles between the Congress street bridge and Edward Everett square, so they will be about forty feet in length, and to place thereon two aërial cables doing away with all separate wires. This will very much improve the appearance of the street along the route. But we do not care to go to the expense of putting up cables unless the poles can be cut down as stated above.

Along Dorchester avenue from the Old Colony Railroad crossing to Swett street there are two lines of poles along the same side of the street. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company own one line and this company the other. The telephone company want to cut down their poles and offer us permanent right of way on their line, for cables only, if we will remove our poles between the points named. I do not care to do this, however, excepting on an order from the Board of Aldermen. If such an order can be passed the poles will be removed at once. Will you take such steps as you may think proper?

Yours truly,

H. J. PETTINGILL, Superintendent.

Ordered, That the conditions embodied in the order of the Board of Aldermen, under date of October 12, 1891, giving to the New England Printing Telegraph Company of Massachusetts the right during the continuance of said grant, to use three cross arms upon all poles located and placed by the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, under this grant, be and is hereby revoked.

Ordered, That permission is hereby granted the Postal Telegraph Cable Company to remove all poles belonging to said company, located on Dorchester avenue between Swett and B streets.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto—Removal of Pole.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 19, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature an order directing the Boston Electric Light Company to remove a pole belonging to said company, located at the corner of Dudley street and Washington street, for the reason that it would be impossible for the company to remove this pole without erecting another one in the immediate vicinity to take its place, which this order does not order the company to do, and for the additional reason that the Commissioner of Wires reports that in his opinion the pole now occupies the best possible position, and that the public will be best served by allowing it to remain where it is.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held Thursday, May 18, 1899, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Gymnasium, Ward 9.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 18, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting on May 16, appropriating \$2,500 for furnishing and equipping the building at the corner of Harrison avenue and Plympton street, recently acquired as a gymnasium for Ward 9.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

May 16, 1899.

Ordered, That the Bath Trustees be authorized to expend the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars for furnishing and equipping the building at the corner of Harrison avenue and Plympton street, acquired as a gymnasium for Ward 9; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

LAURENCE MINOT,

JOHN P. DORE,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Assigned to the next meeting.

South Ferry Clock.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 18, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting on May 16, appropriating for a clock on the South Ferry Head-house, \$500 of the \$3,000 formerly appropriated for a "dam from Maverick street to Prescott street, East Boston," and now lying unappropriated in the City Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

May 16, 1899.

Ordered, That of the amount of three thousand (3,000) dollars formerly appropriated for "Dam from Maverick street to Prescott street, East Boston," and now

lying unappropriated in the City Treasury, the sum of five hundred (500) dollars be appropriated for a clock on the South Ferry Head-house, Boston side.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

JOHN P. DORE,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Passed.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved May 15, 1899:

Ordered, That the salaries of the police matrons of Division 11 and Division 13 be fixed at the rate of \$200 per annum for the period during which they are employed.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Phillips the sum of \$105.65, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Ward street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2580, fol. 219.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to James A. Floyd the sum of \$223.80, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Hillside terrace, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 599.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Harriet B. Preston the sum of \$41.47, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mill street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2407, fol. 586.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to George D. Low and Henry M. Williams, trustees, the sum of \$130.80, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Forest Hills street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 116.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Jane E. Newell the sum of \$151.41, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Devon street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 65.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Frank Brewster the sum of \$212.54, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate

on Massachusetts avenue, corner of Lansdowne street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2582, fol. 231.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Patrick Hart the sum of \$32.84, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Bowen street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 124.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John H. Proctor the sum of \$267.47, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Elmira street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 71.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary F. Dieling the sum of \$135.02, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Armandine street, Dorchester, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 34.

Order authorizing the issue of a permit to the West End Street Railway Company to build a wooden addition to building on Oak square, near Faneuil street, Ward 25, in excess of size allowed, etc., to be used as a car-house.

Order authorizing the issue of a permit to John A. Emery to build a wooden addition to building, 24 to 26 Island street, Ward 17, in excess of size allowed, etc., to be used for manufacturing purposes.

Order authorizing the issue of a permit to John E. Cousens to build a wooden building in rear of Commonwealth avenue, Ward 25, in excess of range allowed, etc., to be used as a coal elevator.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved May 17, 1899:

Permits to run passenger barges, viz.:

John Lane, five barges between the corner of Chestnut Hill avenue and Beacon street, and the Brookline line.

John W. Bryan, barges, between Chestnut Hill Reservoir and the Brookline line.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from five to twelve feet wide, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Henry J. Bowen, 99 Old Harbor street, Ward 15.

Francis James, 2 and 4 Story street, Ward 15.

Henry J. Bowen, 6 and 8 Story street, Ward 15.

Margaret C. Keenan, 457 Quincy street, corner Clarkson street, Ward 20.

Allan J. MacKinnon, 32-34 Hartwell street, Ward 21.

Florence Lyman and others, 4 to 18, 32 to 46, and 162 to 166 Canal street, Ward 8.

Timothy L. Connolly, 33-41 Hunneman street, Ward 17.

Alfred T. Haskell, Columbia road, north-west corner of Quincy street, Ward 20.

Reuben Chapman, 14 Harbor View street, Ward 20.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Ross & Fowler, to stretch, maintain and use one guy-rope over and across B street, and two guy-ropes over and across Congress street, at B street, Ward 13.

Daniel Casey, to erect, maintain and use one guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Calumet street, opposite 55, Ward 19.

Ordered, That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen of September 23, 1897, as levied an edgestone assessment of \$74.87 against the estate of Henry E. Casey, on Pomeroy street, at the corner of Gordon street, Ward 25, be and the same is hereby rescinded. The same estate and the said amount is hereby assessed against Mary E. Crosby, to correct error in ownership.

Ordered, That on the petition of Henry G. Nichols et al., as trustees of the estate of Eben D. Jordan, deceased, the Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners, assess damages occasioned to the petitioners by reason of the taking of a portion of their land by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, and the Board finds the damage to the petitioners is one dollar, and assesses damages in that amount.

The constables' bonds of three persons.

The following were approved May 18:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

H. Jay Smith, sign at 975 Washington street, Ward 9.

Abner M. Hill, sign at 449 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 20.

James C. Johnson, two barber poles at 25 Cunard street, Ward 18.

B. W. Mustasky, clock sign at 1093 Tremont street, Ward 18.

Sam Kee, sign at 24 East Dedham street, Ward 9.

Quong Lee, sign at 726 Dudley street, Ward 16.

Pacific Restaurant Company, illuminated sign at 1139 Washington street, Ward 9.

H. A. Le Bow & Company, four V-shaped signs at 9 and 11 Hayward place, Ward 7.

Permit to Gipson & Knight to project one bay-window over Clayton street and one over Dickens street, from building on the corner of said streets, in Ward 24.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to close the roadways on Harrison avenue, between Lovering place and Broadway, Motte street, for 150 feet west of Harrison avenue and Way street, for 100 feet east of Harrison avenue, during the time necessary for placing Harrison avenue to the proper grade lines.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to close the roadway on Shawmut avenue to all public travel, other than the cars of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, from the north side of the Boston and Albany bridge to a point 100 feet east and west from Shawmut avenue, during the time necessary for changing the grade of said avenue.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph

Company of Massachusetts, to allow the attachment of, and to the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company to attach, the wires of said telegraph-cable company to the poles of said telephone company on Blue Hill avenue, between Canterbury and Cottage streets, and on East Cottage street, between Dudley street and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated September 30, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Washington street, Wards 20 and 24, sixty-three poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Adams street, eight poles, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, width of sidewalk, seven feet; Hillside street, two, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, width of sidewalk, seven feet; Ocean street, three, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, width of sidewalk, seven feet; Roslin street, two, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, width of sidewalk, eight feet; Paris street, four, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, width of sidewalk, eight feet; Hooker street, four, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, width of sidewalk, seven feet. Date of plan March 31, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:

Walnut avenue, Roxbury, four poles, thirty-five feet by ten inches, sidewalk, seven feet wide; Parker street, Roxbury, two poles, thirty-five feet by ten inches, sidewalk, eight feet wide; Washington street, Roxbury, two poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, sidewalk, nine feet wide; Washington street, city proper, two poles, forty feet by twelve inches, sidewalk, thirteen feet wide; Malden street, two poles, forty feet by fourteen inches. Date of plan, May 1, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:

Mt. Pleasant avenue, four poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, sidewalk eight feet wide; plan dated May 8, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within thirty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the American Sugar Refining Company to lay down, maintain and use, with cars and engines for the transportation of freight, tracks beginning at a point on West First street, 250 feet west of the westerly line of Granite street, hence in an easterly direction over and upon said West First street to the land of the New England Railroad Corporation, 270 feet easterly, east of the easterly line of A street; also commencing at a point on Granite street opposite the southerly line of Mt. Washington avenue, and extending over and upon said Granite street to West First street, and connecting with the track located by this order on West First street; said tracks being shown on a plan made by George T. Sampson, dated August 1, 1882, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets. The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said American Sugar Refining Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Causeway street, from a point near Portland street to a point near Charlestown street, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Portland, Canal and Beverly streets, and the northerly entrance to the subway; also a cross connection on Beverly street, between Warren bridge and Causeway street, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton,

dated April 4, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within nine months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Lexington street, beginning at and connecting with existing tracks on Meridian street to a point near Prescott street, with necessary switches, curves, cross-overs and connections, said tracks being shown by red lines on plans made by A. L. Plimpton, dated February 16 and February 24, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree in writing to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Washington street, from a point near Massachusetts avenue, to Northampton street, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, connecting with existing tracks of said company on Northampton street, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated April 8, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall

agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

ORDERS PASSED — NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be hereby requested to have the woodwork around the clock in Christ Church repaired; the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow the veterans of the Civil War to attend the Grand Army Encampment in September without loss of pay.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor, May 9, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees in front of estate 2760-2766 Washington street, Roxbury; said trees being in a dangerous condition and a menace to public travel; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree on Paris street near the corner of Summer street; to remove a tree, partially dead, in front of 25 Princeton street, and to remove plank walk on the Border street side of Central square park, and concrete this walk in a manner similar to the other walks in the park, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree located in front of estate 589 Seventh street, South Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove four trees, corner Park street and Wellesley Park, Ward 20; said trees being an obstruction to public travel; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a decayed tree located at the corner of Seaverns avenue and Maple place, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate an electric light on Warrenton street, as shown by enclosed plan; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate an electric lamp on Terrace street, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate an electric light on Sydney street, in front of Harbor View street, Ward 20.

Order authorizing John W. Wilson to erect, maintain and use a post with a clock surmounted thereon, in the sidewalk in front of estate 11 Hanover street, Ward 6.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORK ON HIGHWAYS.

Following is the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *McHugh vs. City of Boston*, brought to recover money from the city for work done in the employ of a contractor in the construction of a highway:

HAMMOND, J. The plaintiff was hired by a person having a contract with the defendant for the construction of Lonsdale street, a public highway duly laid out in the defendant city, and, not having been paid for his work, brings this action, relying upon St. 1892, c. 270. He seasonably filed the required certificate, and the main question is whether a claim for work done in the construction of a highway is within the first section of the Statute.

The section provides that "a person to whom a debt is due for labor performed in constructing any building, sewer, drain, water-works or other public works owned by a city or town under a contract with any person other than such city or town . . . shall have a right of action against such city or town to recover such debt with costs."

The plaintiff contends that a highway or street is included in the phrase "other public works" and that it may be said to be "owned" by the city or town.

The first idea which occurs to one in considering this contention is that if the Legislature meant to include public ways, it is strange they did not expressly say so. In a general sense it may be said that there is no more prominent item in the public charges than that concerning the construction and repair of public ways, and no town is free from the burden. It seems highly improbable that a statute which was intended to apply to such a permanent and universal object of expense as the public ways should fail distinctly to name them, especially when it names sewers and drains, which are by no means so general, and are comparatively unimportant.

Again in no proper sense can the public ways be said to be owned by the town. The town-house, engine-house, sewers, drains and water-works may be, and generally are, the private property of the town. They are constructed for the use of the inhabitants, and the ownership is in the town in its corporate capacity.

But there is no such ownership in the highways. The town does not become by virtue of the laying out the owner either of the fee or the easement.

In *Andover vs. Sutton*, 12 Met. 182, which was an action upon the case to recover expenses paid by the plaintiffs in repairing a highway which had been rendered defective by the flow of water caused by the dam of

the defendants, who were mill-owners, one of the questions was whether the town was the owner of the way; and in discussing that matter, Hubbard, J., used the following language: "In this case at the bar, the plaintiffs are not the owners of the land over which the road in question passes, nor are they as a corporation the owners of an easement. It is a public highway in which every citizen has an easement, and no one to the exclusion of another. The town in the distribution of the public burdens is bound to maintain that portion of the highway which is within its territorial limits, but in its corporate capacity it neither owns the soil nor the easement. It has no private rights which are protected by the statute [giving remedy to land-owners] or are within its purview or intent."

The action, however, was maintained, because the town had sustained a damage in being compelled to repair the defect caused in the road by the act of the defendants in raising their dam and overflowing the road. To the extent of its liability to repair, the town may in a sense be said to be interested in a road, and in the case of a bridge that interest might be an insurable interest. And in many cases the town may for its own protection in this respect bring suits to prevent an injury to a way. But its right thus to interfere for the protection of the way rests upon its obligation to keep the same in repair and in no sense upon any claim of ownership. *Springfield vs. Connecticut River Railroad*, 4 Cush. 63-67. In a certain sense, also, a town may be said to have an actual or constructive possession of a bridge or way, or a qualified interest therein sufficient for the purposes of Pub. Stats. c. 214, § 14, *Commonwealth vs. Fitzgerald*, 164 Mass. 587. But whatever may be the decisions in other states, it is plain that in this state the phrase, "owned by the town," in its ordinary acceptance, in no proper sense describes the relation which the town bears to its public ways. *Cheshire vs. Adams and Cheshire Reservoir*, 119 Mass. 356, and cases cited.

Judgment affirmed.

DEDICATION OF LECTURE HALL, PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The dedication of the new lecture hall at the Boston Public Library, and the unveiling of the bust of Sir Walter Scott took place on Wednesday afternoon, May 17, 1899.

The exercises were held in the hall itself, which was tastefully decorated. President Lincoln, of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the guests, and addresses were made by Mr. DeNormandie, of the Trustees, His Honor Mayor Quincy, President Eliot of Harvard College, Mr. A. Lawrence Lowell, Mr. Edward Robinson and Mr. Charles Francis Adams.

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40. S. B. 175, an Act relative to the new Cambridge Bridge, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L. W.)							
41. S. B. 190, an Act to provide for a State Highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, p. 126.	Roads and Bridges. March 6.	March 20. Closed.	March 27. S. (L.W.)							
42. S. B. 193, an Act relative to the Erection and Alteration of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Cities. Feb. 27.	March 6. Closed.	March 6. S. (S. B. 193)	March 7.	March 8.	March 9. H.	March 13.	March 13.	H. Mch. 15. S. Mch. 16.	March 17. App.
IN HOUSE.										
43. H. B. 20, an Act relative to Malden Bridge, so called, in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 936)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 4.	April 5.	H. April 7. S. April 11.	April 17. App.
44. H. B. 21, an Act to authorize the West End Street Railway Company to replace its tracks on Tremont and Boylston streets in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Street Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 31. Feb. 2, 9, 13, 15, 24. Closed.	March 23. H. (H. B. 1,002.)	April 4.	April 18.	April 20. S.	May 1. Am.	May 8. Am.	H. May 16. S. May 18.	May 24. App.
45. H. B. 23, an Act to authorize the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of merchandise, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	March 22. H. (L.W.)							
46. H. B. 25, an Act to authorize the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	Jan. 24. S. (H. B. 25)	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 30. H.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
47. H. B. 31, an Act to repeal Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (L.W.)							
48. H. B. 38, an Act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Public Service. Jan. 11.	Jan. 27. Closed.	Jan. 27. H. (L.W.)							
49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30.	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (L.W.)							
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (H. B. 1018.)	April 12. Ref.						
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 6. H. (L. W.)							
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (N. P.)							

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (N. P.)							
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 3. S. (N. P.)							
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.	March 21. Closed.	March 30. S. (S. B. 272)	April 17.	April 21. Sub. H. B. 1121.	April 24. S.	April 26. Am.	April 27.	H. May 2. S. May 3.	May 9. App.
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 13, 24. Closed.	(See No. 44.)							
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Mch. 16, 23. Closed.	March 24. H. (L. W.)							
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.	March 14. H. (H. R. 162)		March 15. Ad.	March 17. S.		March 20. Ad.		
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N. P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H. B. 176)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S. Feb. 21.	Feb. 23. App.
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (H. B. 1018.)	April 12. Rej.						
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 1. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,013.)	April 4.	April 11.	April 13. S.	April 14.	April 17.	H. April 20. S. April 24.	April 25. App.
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.	April 25. H. (H. B. 1169)	May 15.	May 16.	May 17. S.	May 18.	May 23. Am.		
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H. B. 811)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.	March 24. Rej.			
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (H. B. 214)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16. App.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 1. Closed.	May 2. S. (S. B. 324.)	May 4.	May 16. Am.	May 18. H.	May 19. Am.	May 23. Am.		
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.	March 20. H. (N. P.)							
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.	March 2. Closed.	March 7. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.	Mch 23, 29. Closed.	April 21. H. (N. G. C.)							
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N. G. C.)							
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (H. B. 833)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.	March 15.	H. Mch. 20. S. Mch. 22.	March 24. App.
75. H. B. 321, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (L. W.)							
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Joint Judiciary. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	May 15. H. (H. B. 1211)	May 16.	May 16.	May 22. S.	May 24.			
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Mch. 21, 22. Closed.	March 24. H. (N. P.)							

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78. H. B. 332, an Act relative to the leasing of buildings and the granting of concessions by the Park Commissioners of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N.P.)							
79. H. B. 333, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 10. H. (N.P.)							
80. H. B. 350, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13.	March 31. H. (L. W.)							
81. H. B. 353, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 3. S. (S. B. 340)	May 17.	May 18. Am.	May 19. H.	May 22.			
82. H. B. 377, an Act relative to certain departments of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (N. G. C.)							
83. H. B. 383, an Act relative to the election of the Mayor of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 1. S. (N. G. C.)							
84. H. B. 386, an Act to further regulate the inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13, 24. Closed.	March 13. H. (N.P.)							
85. H. B. 387, an Act to change the method of electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
86. H. B. 396, an Act relative to playgrounds in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 30.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 22. H. (H. B. 996)	March 28.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 7.	H. Apr. 12. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
87. H. B. 407, an Act to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston to purchase certain lands on Chestnut Hill avenue, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 10. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,015.)	March 30.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 6.	H. Apr. 10. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
88. H. B. 463, an Act to authorize the proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate, p. 82.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 6. H. (H. B. 894)	March 7.	March 8.	March 10. S.	March 13.	March 14.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 20.	March 21. App.
89. H. B. 464, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to abate a portion of certain assessments for the construction of highways, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L. W.)							
90. H. B. 471, an Act relative to the construction of a tunnel from a point on or near Hanover street to a point at or near Maverick square in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
91. H. B. 476, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles Bulle, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 476)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
92. H. B. 494, an Act relative to the laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L. W.)							
93. H. B. 517, an Act relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L. W.)							
94. H. B. 528, an Act relative to the tabulation of statistics of parent nativity in Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3.	March 3. H. (H. B. 923)	March 10.	March 13.	March 15. S.	March 20.	March 24.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
95. H. B. 529, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 relative to the municipal debt of and rate of taxation in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (L. W.)							
96. H. B. 531, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Mary A. Davis, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 531)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
97. H. B. 532, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward Melia, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 532)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
98. H. B. 533, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (N. P.)							
99. H. B. 551, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N. G. C.)							
100. H. B. 553, an Act to provide for the widening of Pine street in Boston, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (L. W.)							
101. H. B. 555, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John McGrath certain money, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 2.	March 2. H. (H. B. 561)	March 17.	March 20. Am.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
102. H. B. 562, an Act to require poles for wires in the City of Boston to be made of iron, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (N. P.)							
103. H. B. 570, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of James F. Ryan, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 570)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			

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104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. March 8. Closed.	April 12. H.(HB1186) H.(HB1187)	May 15.	May 16.	May 17. S.	May 19.	May 22.	H. May 23. S. May 24.	
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.583)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 18. Rej.			
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 8 Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 9, 10. Closed.	March 21. H.(H.B.890)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 1.	April 10. Rej.		
109. H. B. 607, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. H.(N.G.C.)							
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H.(H.B.957)	March 16.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 24.	March 27.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	(See No.110)							
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N. P.)							
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2. (See No. 105.)									
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 9. H. (L. W.)							
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	April 25. S. (S.B.637)	April 27.	May 2.	May 4. H.	May 9.	May 15.	H. May 16. S. May 18.	May 24. App.
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H.(HB1168) Rec. May 22.	May 2. Am.	May 8. Sub.	May 9. S.	May 11. Am.	May 17. Am.		
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 21, Closed.	(See No. 55)							
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.665)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16, 24. Closed.	April 26. H.(HB1137)	May 3. Rej.						
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.	(See No. 81)								
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.673)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.674)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	April 12. H.(HB1092) T. April 20.							
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 14. 15. Closed	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.679)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 26.	April 27.	H. May 1. S. May 2.	May 4. App.
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15, 28. Closed.	April 3. H.(H.B.680)	April 14. Rej.						

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128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 17, 3, 30. Ap. 3. Closed.	April 26. H.(HB1197)	May 18.						
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.	March 7. S.(N.G.C.)							
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 27. H. (H. B. 1,091.)	April 10. Am.	April 20.	April 21. S.	April 28. Am.	May 2.	H. May 9. S. May 10.	May 11. App.
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2, 15. Closed.	April 10. S. (L.W.)							
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. H.(N.G.C.)							
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H.(HB1174)	May 10.	May 10.	May 10. S.	May 17.	May 18. Am.	H. May 22. S.	
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H.(L.W.)							
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Societies. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 2. H.(L.W.)							
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	April 7. Closed.	April 25. H. (H. B. 1,132.)	May 1.	May 3.	May 4. S.	May 8.	May 11.	H. May 11. S. May 12.	May 12. App.
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17, March 7. Closed.	March 28. H. (N.P.)							
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. March 7.	March 16. Closed.	April 26. S.(N.G.C.)							
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. H. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.783)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 31. Rej.			
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17, March 7. Closed.	March 27. H.(N.G.C.)							
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H.(L.W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15, March 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.	May 2. S.(S.B.324)	May 4.	May 16.	May 18. H.	May 19. Am.	May 23. Am.		
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H.(L.W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 6. Closed.	March 9. S.(N.G.C.)							
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education. Feb. 20.	March 15. Closed.	April 4. H.(H.B.846)	April 12.	April 20. Rej.					
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Counties. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	March 20. S.(H.B.858)	May 12.	May 15.	May 17. H.	May 18.	May 18.	H. May 22. S.	

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.) Ought not to Pass; (L. W.) Leave to Withdraw; Am., Amended; (N. G. C.) Next General Court; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted; Sub., Substituted; Rej., Rejected; Rec., Recommitted; T., Tabled.

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building timber bulkheads on Summer-street extension were opened at the office of the City Engineer on May 8, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
William H. Ellis & Co.	\$7,000
W. H. Keyes & Co.	8,239
Ross & Fowler	8,270
George A. Cahill	8,940
William J. Lawler	9,273

The contract was awarded to William H. Ellis & Co.

Proposals for paving and regulating Summer-street extension, between A street and Fort Point Channel and the approach from A street were opened at the office of the City Engineer on May 18, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Patrick McGovern	\$17,960 00
C. E. Trumbull & Co.	19,494 00
James Lahey & Co.	19,583 00
J. B. O'Rourke	20,842 50
Jones & Meehan	20,845 00
H. Gore & Co.	22,604 50
Daniel E. Lynch	25,221 00

The contract was awarded to Patrick McGovern.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Hospital Department.

Proposals for supplying the Hospital Department with 800 tons of hard white ash egg or hard white ash pea coal were opened at the office of the Hospital on May 17, 1899, as follows:

	E. B. Townsend, per ton.	J. A. Bradford & Co., per ton.
White ash pea coal	\$2 85	—
White ash egg coal	3 85	—
Buck Mountain vein egg coal	3 85	—
Wilkesbarre egg coal	3 85	—
Beaver Meadow pea coal . .	—	\$2 62
Philadelphia and Reading pea coal	—	2 77
Philadelphia and Reading hard egg coal	—	3 89

The contract was awarded to J. A. Bradford & Co. for furnishing Beaver Meadow pea coal.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for macadam work were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, on May 17, 1899, as follows:

Macadam road, Belvidere street:

Bidders.	Bids.
Collins & Ham	\$1,327 91
J. Connors	1,357 30
J. Doherty & Co.	1,374 10
J. Driscoll & Son	1,725 00
D. E. Lynch	1,752 90

The contract was awarded to Collins & Ham.

Macadam road, Bragdon street.

Bidders.	Bids.
T. A. Dolan	\$937 31
J. Driscoll & Son	1,153 00
D. E. Lynch	1,257 60

The contract was awarded to T. A. Dolan.

Macadam road, Devon street:

Bidders.	Bids.
J. Connors	\$3,255 30
T. A. Dolan	3,377 20
Philip Doherty	3,562 30
Collins & Ham	3,756 40
J. Driscoll & Son	3,903 10
J. C. Coleman & Son	4,032 90
J. Doherty & Co.	4,086 80
D. E. Lynch	5,069 20

The contract was awarded to John Connors.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Transit Commission.

Proposals for painting part of superstructure of Charlestown bridge were opened at the office of the Transit Commission on May 9, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Buildings Cleaning Company . . .	\$1,474 50
W. A. Ferguson	2,138 00
Pennsylvania Steel Company . . .	1,988 50
D. A. Young & Co.	1,800 00
John White	2,337 00
W. H. Keyes & Co.	2,145 00

The contract was awarded to the Buildings Cleaning Company.

Proposals for paving and regulating portions of streets in the vicinity of approach to the Charlestown bridge were opened at the office of the Transit Commission on May 9, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Daniel E. Lynch	\$21,956 50
H. Gore & Co.	19,687 70
James Lahy & Co.	22,883 50
Jones & Meehan	18,807 80

The contract was awarded to Jones & Meehan.

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD.

Proposals for excavating soil from a part of Section 5 of the Wachusett Reservoir, and for excavating and refilling at the western portion of the North Dike at Clinton,

Mass., were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on Wednesday, May 17, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Cenedella Brothers, Milford, Mass.,	\$81,476 34
Moulton & O'Mahoney, Boston, Mass.	83,812 30
Newell & Snowling Construction Company, Uxbridge, Mass.	87,742 58
Long & Little, Leominster, Mass.,	90,889 10
Murphy Brothers, Clinton, Mass. . .	101,426 60
Busch Brothers, Buffalo, N. Y. . .	107,966 45
Baker & Judson, Gloversville, N. Y.	109,602 20
H. P. Nawn and N. S. Brock, Boston, Mass.	117,250 78
Rowe & Hall, Boston, Mass.	120,306 20
Neill Devine and Neill McBride, Clinton and Brighton	121,435 50

NOTE.—The work to be done includes 100 acres to be cleared and grubbed, 225,000 cubic yards of soil excavation, 155,000 cubic yards of earth excavation, 43 cubic yards of stone masonry and 7,276 linear feet of vitrified pipe.

The bids were taken under advisement.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending May 20, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	18.2
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	21.3
Number of deaths:	
Males	107
Females	83
Total	190
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	217
Decrease	27

Of the 190 decedents, 180 were white and 10 colored; 123 were born in the United States, 63 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 44 were of American parentage, 122 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 24 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	51	1
Scarlatina	26	3
Typhoid fever	10	1
Measles	110	1
Totals	197	6

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	30
Pneumonia	22
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	16
Bronchitis	6
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	5

Total from principal causes	85
Total from infectious diseases	6
Total from other causes	99

Total from all causes 190

Deaths of children under 1 year	31
Deaths of children under 5 years	49
Deaths of persons over 60 years	40
Deaths in public institutions	60

Board Meetings.

Baths Department.

A regular weekly meeting of the Bath Commission was held Tuesday, May 2, 1899, at the office of the Department, 64 Pemberton square.

Voted, That Thomas J. Lane be Chairman of the Board for the year ending April 30, 1900.

Voted, That Daniel D. Kearns be Secretary of the Board, with a salary of \$2,200 per annum, for the year ending April 30, 1899.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Children's Institutions Department.

The one hundred and twenty-third meeting of the Children's Institutions Trustees was held March 23, 1899.

Letters of the Superintendent of the House of Reformation were read, reporting a threatened fire, caused by the falling of a lamp, and making recommendations to prevent the recurrence of such dangers.

Voted, That the Chairman appoint a committee, with full power, to arrange for proper fire-escapes, and to provide a stand-pipe, in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent. The Chairman appointed the Committee for April to attend to this matter.

Voted, That the Superintendent of the House of Reformation be authorized to move the smaller boys into the building of late used for the summer hospital for infants.

The one hundred and twenty-fifth meeting of the Trustees for Children was held on April 4, 1899.

The Secretary reported that Dr. W. B. Lancaster would go to Rainsford Island on April 6, to examine the boys' eyes.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to provide fire-extinguishers for the institutions, at his discretion.

The committee of the month reported the bakery at Rainsford Island to be in full running order.

The one hundred and twenty-seventh meeting of the Trustees was held on April 15, 1899.

Voted, That the Repair Division be empowered to make changes in the summer hospital building, to prepare it for the small boys, subject to Mr. Anthony's suggestion, at a cost not to exceed \$300.

Voted, That the amended form to be used in placing children in indenture presented by the Corporation Counsel be adopted by the Board.

Voted, That the Chairman appoint a committee to arrange with the Electrical Division for the installation of electric lights upon Rainsford Island, and, having obtained permission of the Board of Apportionment, to install the electric lights in the building for juniors also. The Chair appointed Mr. O'Hare.

Voted, That the Chair appoint a committee, including himself, to arrange for the drainage of land at the Parental School. The Chair appointed Dr. Putnam to act with him.

Voted, That the Monday Club be invited to hold their annual gathering in June at the Parental School.

Voted, That the Board approve the division and amendment of House Bill 852, as presented by Mr. Bailey.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

Boston, April 26, 1899.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on April 26, 1899, at 5.30 o'clock P. M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Keany and Rueter.

It was voted that there be paid to Lynch & Woodward the sum of \$135 for furnishing and connecting brass coil for return tank in the boiler-room, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital buildings improvements.

It was voted that there be paid to the Jarvis Engineering Company the sum of \$857.38, for extra labor and materials used in rebuilding boilers, partitions and bases in the boiler-house, etc., said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital buildings improvements.

It was voted that there be paid to E. Hodge & Co. the sum of \$42.65, for fire-doors and linings, and labor in fitting and putting on same at the boiler-house, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to the Electrical Construction Division the sum of \$2,254.07, the same being first payment on account of labor and materials furnished and used in wiring the Ann White Vose Building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose Building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$3,290.46, the same being the sixth and final payment, and in full settlement of his contract of August 16, 1898, for the extension of the boiler-house; \$3,052.92 to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, extension of boiler-house, and \$237.50 to be charged to Hospital buildings improvements appropriation.

A communication was received from the senior and junior visiting physicians for diseases of women requesting the appointment and making a nomination for position of fourth assistant visiting physician for diseases of women for six months. The matter was referred to the Medical Committee.

A communication was received from the secretary of the senior staff, making nominations for the position of physician to out-patients.

The communication was referred to the Medical Committee.

A communication was received from Dr. Ernest E. Doble, resigning his position as aural surgeon to out-patients. The matter was referred to the Medical Committee.

It was voted that the following-named gentlemen be appointed to the positions respectively designated for the year beginning May 1, 1899:

Consulting Physicians and Surgeons — A. D. Sinclair, M.D., and William Ingalls, M.D.

Visiting Physicians — A. L. Mason, M.D., G. B. Shattuck, M.D., E. M. Buckingham, M.D., Francis H. Williams, M.D., Charles F. Withington, M.D., and Vincent Y. Bowditch, M.D.

Assistant Visiting Physicians — Henry Jackson, M.D., George G. Sears, M.D., and John L. Morse, M.D.

Physicians to Out-patients — John L. Ames, M.D., H. D. Arnold, M.D., and John W. Bartol, M.D.

Senior Surgeons — D. W. Cheever, M.D., and George W. Gay, M.D.

Senior Visiting Surgeons — William P. Bolles, M.D., Abner Post, M.D., and M. F. Gavin, M.D.

Junior Visiting Surgeons — H. L. Burrell, M.D., Francis S. Watson, M.D., and H. W. Cushing, M.D.

First Assistant Visiting Surgeons — George H. Monks, M.D., John C. Munro, M.D., and Paul Thorndike, M.D.

Second Assistant Visiting Surgeons — Edwin W. Dwight, M.D., J. Bapst Blake, M.D., and Fred B. Lund, M.D.

Third Assistant Visiting Surgeons — Edward H. Nichols, M.D., H. A. Lothrop, M.D., and John T. Bottomley, M.D.

Senior Visiting Physician for Diseases of Women — John G. Blake, M.D.

Junior Visiting Physician for Diseases of Women — C. M. Green, M.D.

First Assistant Visiting Physician for Diseases of Women — George Haven, M.D.

Second Assistant Visiting Physician for Diseases of Women — Edward Reynolds, M.D.

Third Assistant Visiting Physician for Diseases of Women — Frank A. Higgins, M.D.

Ophthalmic Surgeons — Edwin E. Jack, M.D., Walter B. Lancaster, M.D., and John C. Bossidy, M.D.

Assistants to the Ophthalmic Surgeons — William J. Daly, M.D., and Charles F. Moulton, M.D.

Visiting Aural Surgeon — J. Orne Green, M.D.

Aural Surgeon — George A. Leland, M.D. Assistant to the Aural Surgeon — Edgar M. Holmes, M.D.

Physicians for Diseases of the Throat — Thomas Amory DeBlois, M.D., and J. W. Farlow, M.D.

Assistants to the Physicians for Diseases of the Throat — George A. Leland, M.D., and Rockwell A. Coffin, M.D.

Physicians for Diseases of the Nervous System — Morton Prince, M.D., Philip Coombs Knapp, M.D., and W. N. Bullard, M.D.

First Assistants to the Physicians for Diseases of the Nervous System — John J. Thomas, M.D., and Joseph W. Courtney, M.D.

Second Assistants to the Physicians for Diseases of the Nervous System — (Not yet filled.)

Physicians for Diseases of the Skin — James S. Howe, M.D., and George F. Harding, M.D.

Assistant to the Physicians for Diseases of the Skin — Harvey P. Towle, M.D.

Visiting Pathologist — W. T. Councilman, M.D.

Assistant Visiting Pathologist — F. B. Mallory, M.D.

First Assistant in Pathology — R. M. Pearce, M.D.

Second Assistant in Pathology — Joseph H. Pratt, M.D.

Assistant in Clinical Pathology — J. Bergen Ogden, M.D.

Medico-Legal Pathologist — F. W. Draper, M.D.

Medical Registrar — A. S. Knight, M.D.

Surgical Registrar — J. Bapst Blake, M.D.

Physicians to the Convalescent Home. — C. Ellery Stedman, M.D., Daniel D. Gilbert, M.D., and Edward T. Twitchell, M.D.

Plans for the connecting corridor between the old and new nurse's homes were submitted, and the matter was referred to Mr. Sprague for approval.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary

Library Department.

Friday, May 5, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, DeNormandie and Lincoln.

Received: Circular from the Mayor, dated May 1; the Acting Librarian's report; the Auditor's monthly exhibit.

Employed: Rebecca Millmeister, West End Branch, grade D, salary \$5 per week, beginning May 12.

The salary of Mary E. Kiley, West End Branch, was fixed at \$7.50 per week, beginning May 12.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$258.13; to trust funds, \$92.32; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$28.59; miscellaneous articles, \$154.03.

JAMES DENORMANDIE,

Clerk pro tempore.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held May 1, 1899.

Present: Messrs. Fowler (Chairman), Pierce, Sproules, Plummer, Stuart, Kerrigan, Mullen, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Wolcott and Miss O'Brien.

The Committee on Burials presented its report for the year 1898, which was read and placed on file.

This being the annual meeting the Board proceeded to ballot for officers. A ballot for Secretary resulted in the re-election of Benjamin Pettee, who was sworn by the Chairman.

A ballot for Chairman resulted in the election of Mr. Fowler.

A ballot for Treasurer resulted in the election of Mr. Humphreys.

Voted, That the salaries of the Secretary and the Treasurer be the same as voted for the previous year.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasurer for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-rolls, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending April 10, 1899, the same having been read in full.

Voted, That a committee of three, of which the Chairman shall be one, be appointed to confer with the Mayor with regard to salaries, it being understood that in

some other departments full salaries are now paid. Messrs. Sproules and Stuart were appointed.

The Chairman requested the members of the various committees to continue as last year for the present, except that in the Medical Committee Dr. Plummer is to act as temporary Chairman.

Voted, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, when bodies of patients are to be turned over to this Board for burial at public expense, to send the necessary certificates to this office, and to deliver the bodies to Mr. Jeremiah Tinkham, undertaker, 20 Howard street, or to Mr. Frank E. Crane, undertaker, 565 Tremont street, as may be directed by this Board.

The vote was passed as recommended.

Voted, That the Committee on Burials have authority to act with regard to Chapter 479, Acts of 1898, but it shall report at each meeting of the Board action taken by it.

The Committee on Finance presented a letter received from the Globe National Bank, agreeing to pay interest at rate of two per cent. per annum on daily balances.

The communication was placed on file.

Voted, That the Secretary pay the annual membership fee of the Board to the General Secretary of the National Conference of Charities and Correction.

Voted, That Mr. Pettee be sent to the National Conference of Charities and Correction, to be held in Cincinnati May 17-23, 1899, as a delegate from this Board.

The Chairman read a communication received by him from Mrs. Thorndike, dated April 7, stating that she had been obliged to resign as a member of this Board and expressing great regret that she must give up work so congenial to her.

Voted, That the Chairman send to Mrs. Thorndike an expression of the regrets the Overseers feel that she has ceased to be a member of the Board, and of their appreciation of her valuable services.

The Committee on Finance reported having examined the accounts for the month of April and found them correct.

The Committee on Supplies reported having accepted the resignation of John J. Bench, to take effect Saturday, May 6, and recommended that Isaiah L. Hinckley be employed from May 8, at the same salary, \$12 per week, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

The Committee on the Lodge reported that the Industrial Aid Society has hired a man for a month to co-operate with the Lodge in getting the lodgers work.

The Committee on Building reported that an application has been received from the Federation of Hebrew Charities for one or two of the basement rooms for a Jewish Dispensary.

Voted, That the Medical Committee be requested to report as to the expediency of having dispensaries in the building.

The Medical Committee reported a saving of \$88.69 in Charlestown in the past year—twelve families had medical aid only.

Voted, That the Secretary furnish to the Department of Municipal Statistics, such facts as they may ask for with regard to the work of this Department.

The records of the quarterly meeting of the Public Institutions Conference held March 29, 1899, were received and placed on file.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, May 15, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending May 13, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	125
Number of discharges of mortgages	27
Number of assignments of mortgages	7
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	4
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of wages	46
Number of married women's certificates,	3
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of ship liens	1

Accident notices have been filed as follows:

May 8 — Margaret Calnan, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk at 1142 Columbus avenue.

May 8 — James Kelley, personal injuries caused by open man-hole and catch-basin at corner of Smith and Oregon streets.

May 9 — William R. Corsick, damage to wagon caused by branch of a tree in front of 106 Bremen street, East Boston.

May 12 — John P. Gallagher, personal injuries caused by falling of blocks of a fall used in hoisting ice at Gallop's Island.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, May 15, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending May 13, as follows:

Hoseman D. M. Shaughnessey of Engine Company 3 has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on Dover-street bridge April 29.

W. E. Griffin has been appointed a call substitute, with call man's pay, and assigned to Engine Company 11.

The following persons have been appointed permanent substitutes:

Harry P. Brown, John F. Egan, Martin F. E. Dolan, John H. Phelan, Robert R. Talbot, George P. Smith.

The following permanent substitutes have been appointed permanent members:

Thomas H. Downey, Keneth T. Harvey, Martin A. Kenealey, William D. Quinan, Richard J. McLaughlin, Walter Hughes, James Moroney, Daniel P. McGunigle, Charles W. Miller, Solomon Aaron, Daniel J. Coffey, Edward W. Fottler.

The following transfers have been made:

W. D. Quinan, Ladder 17 to Ladder 15; Warren C. Stevens, Ladder 15 to Ladder 17; James Meehan, Engine 13 to Engine 43; Denis J. Bailey, Ladder 12 to Ladder 17; George A. Whalen, Engine 14 to Ladder 8; Patrick H. Jennings, Ladder 8 to Engine 21; Frank G. Wheeler, Engine 43 to Engine 26-35; Frederick J. Cross, Engine 22 to Engine 41; John Lee, Engine 29 to Engine 24; Michael J. Griffin, jr., Engine 24 to Engine 22; Florence J. Sullivan, Engine 44 to Ladder 8; John M. Sullivan, Ladder 8 to Engine 44; William McCarthy, Ladder 12 to Engine 5; Joseph F. Willour, Engine 25 to Engine 37; Joseph W. Hobbs, Engine 37 to

Engine 25; George H. McIntosh, Chemical 2 to Engine 19; James J. Lovell, Engine 23 to Ladder 4; D. F. Quinlan, Ladder 4 to Ladder 17; Martin J. Little, Ladder 17 to Chemical 2; James F. Mulhern, hoseman of Engine 19 to Engine 23 and promoted to Assistant Engineer.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, May 13, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Frederick Ayer, 10 Scotia street, Ward 10, ten horses; hearing May 25, at 11 o'clock. H. L. Whittemore, Willow street, Ward 23, two horses; hearing May 25, at 11 o'clock. Edward A. Clark, Parley vale, Ward 23, four horses; hearing May 25, at 11 o'clock. Mary E. Pettie, 373 Adams street, Ward 24, two horses; hearing May 25, at 11 o'clock. Ellen Hayes, 1 Vaughn avenue, Ward 20, one horse; hearing May 25, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending May 13, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	12	14	26
Negative	38	48	86
No growth	3	1	4
Totals	53	63	116

Remarks—Typhoid diagnoses, three cases; two cases negative and one case unsatisfactory. Malaria, one case; negative.

Old Court House, May 20, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Marston Coal Company, Albany street, corner Lehigh, Ward 10, seventy horses; hearing June 1, at 11 o'clock. D. Whiting & Sons, 8 Gibbs court, Ward 4, seventy-five horses; hearing June 1, at 11 o'clock. P. J. Gately, Grover street, Ward 23, one horse; hearing June 1, at 11 o'clock. Herman Drake, 231 Concor street, Ward 1, three additional horses; hearing May 25, at 11 o'clock. E. Dodge, Dupont street, Ward 3, thirty horses; hearing June 1, at 11 o'clock. Mechanics Improvement Company, 94 Dakota street, Ward 20, three horses; hearing June 1, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Mrs. Syrena L. Luce, 178 Walter street, Ward 23, one cow and one horse; Michael Conley, Partridge street, Ward 23, three cows and one horse.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending May 20:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	18	12	30
Negative	46	21	67
No growth	2	1	3
Totals	66	34	100

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses, four cases; one case positive, three cases negative. Malaria, one case, negative. Glanders, two cases, positive.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, May 15, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending May 13, 1899:

Cases pending	—	87
Number of applications	87	—
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	22	
Long Island Almshouse	19	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	8	
Boston Insane Hospital	4	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	4	
Foxboro' Asylum	1	
	58	
Number of applications refused,	16	
Number of applications with-		
drawn	11	
Cases pending	2	87
Settlements investigated	—	90
Settlements reported to the		
Trustees for Children	4	

28 Court Square, May 22, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending May 20, 1899:

Cases pending	2	74
Number of applications	72	—
Number of Admissions:		
To State Almshouse	25	
Long Island Almshouse,	13	
Charlestown Almshouse,	2	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	5	
Boston Insane Hospital,	4	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1	
Worcester Insane Hospital	1	
Foxboro' Asylum	3	
Epileptic Hospital	1	
	55	
Number of applications re-	5	
fused		
Number of applications with-	12	
drawn	2	74
Cases pending	—	85
Settlements investigated	—	85
Settlements reported to the		
Trustees for Children	10	

J. E. GILMAN, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, May 15, 1899.

Statistics for week ending May 13, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	143	14
Females	15	3
Totals	158	17
Offences:		
Against the person	6	2
Against property	15	10
Against public order and decency	137	5
Totals	158	17
Discharges:		
Males	161	21
Females	24	—
Totals	185	21

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence,	144	15
Permit of Commissioner	18	—
Payment of fine	23	—
Transferred to Deer Island	—	6
Totals	185	21

Population:

May 6, 1899	1,139	467
Committed since May 6, 1899	158	17
Totals	1,297	484
Discharged since May 6, 1899	185	21
May 13, 1899	1,112	463

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

32 Tremont Street, May 22, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending May 20, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	193	23
Females	25	5
Total	218	28
Offences:		
Against the person	9	4
Against property	10	16
Against public order and decency	201	8
Total	*220	28
Discharges:		
Males	168	15
Females	19	5
Total	187	20
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	157	17
Permit of Commissioner,	8	2
Payment of fine	22	—
Transferred	—	1
Total	187	20
Population:		
May 13, 1899	1,112	463
Committed since May 13, 1899	218	28
Total	1,330	491
Discharged since May 13, 1899	187	20
May 20, 1899	1,143	471

* Two committed charged with two offences each.

THOMAS FRANCIS HUNT,
Acting Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, May 1, 1899.

The following is a summary statement of the work performed by this Department for the week ending April 29, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	376
Defects reported	72
Defects corrected	36
Notices of new work received	41
Feet of dead wire removed	11,900
Poles set	6
Fixtures removed	11

The Department employees responded to a second alarm of fire from Box 51, April 29, at 141 High street; to a second alarm of fire at 2.25 P.M., April 30, fire in engine-room of J. F. Carew on Gerard street; and to a third alarm of fire on April 30, from Box 116, at 240-260 Dover street.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made 219
Notices of new work received 112

Inspections have been made of temporary wiring at various theatres, and in two instances changes were found necessary in the interests of safety.

Investigation was made of a slight fire at 91 Friend street, which occurred April 25, 1899. The fire was due to an arc being established between the wires of a motor circuit which were wood cleated in cellar to wet overhead floor beams.

Investigation was also made of a fire at 1031-1033 Washington street, which took place April 29, 1899, which was reported as probably due to electricity. Investigation proved that there was no evidence to substantiate this theory.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	4
Building connections	14
Repairs	2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Building connections	13
Conduit construction	46
Lamp connections	1
Pole connections	1
Repairs	9
Cable drawings	14

An investigation was made of a burn-out of Boston Electric Light Company in cable boxing on side of station near Gilbert place and Summer-street extension, for which an alarm of fire was rung in from Box 48 at 7.50 P.M., April 24.

The trouble was caused by the grounding of a city arc lighting circuit at this point, an arc being found between copper conductor and lead sheath of cable, current passing to adjoining cables, starting a series of burn-outs as a result of which eighteen arc light cables were damaged.

The work of repairing was begun at 9 P.M. and at 11 o'clock all circuits were in operation, with the exception of city arc lighting circuit in the Fort Hill district, which remained out all night.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of importations and exportations, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of April, 1899,

as compared with the corresponding month of 1898:

	Imports.		Exports.	
April, 1899 . . .	\$5,574,521		\$9,676,409	
April, 1898 . . .	5,481,318		10,442,958	
	Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
April, 1899 . . .	171	200,502	161	160,467
April, 1898 . . .	192	164,583	186	135,924
Arrival of passengers, April, 1899 . . .			4,112	
Arrival of passengers, April, 1898 . . .			1,777	

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Sealed proposals to supply the Houses of Correction at Deer Island and South Boston with bituminous and anthracite coal, in accordance with specifications, which may be obtained at the office of the Penal Institutions Commissioner, 32 Tremont street, will be received at said office until Saturday, May 27, at 11 o'clock, at which place and time the same will be publicly opened.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

TO TAXPAYERS.

City Hall, May 1, 1899.

Your attention is called to our circular (now being distributed throughout the city), relative to making returns on property subject to taxation as early as possible before June 15 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Per order of the Board of Assessors,

GEORGE A. COMINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

May 16, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Blue Hill avenue, widened and laid out as a highway under an order of this Board, dated November 5, 1894, be constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the thirty-first day of May, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

The Charlestown Gas and Electric Company of Massachusetts respectfully petition the undersigned for leave to erect two hard pine poles on Water street, Ward 5, fourteen inches square at base and forty-five feet high, for electric wires, as shown by red dots on a plan drawn by Charles A. Pearson dated May 18, 1899. Also for leave to construct a conduit across Warren avenue and in Water street, for electric wires, from the corner of Warren avenue and Front street to the corner of Charles River avenue and Water street, as shown on said plan.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company,

By GEORGE B. NEAL, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 22, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Charlestown Enterprise, Boston Journal, and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD.

WACHUSETT RESERVOIR.

Boston, May 15, 1899.

LARGE CONTRACT FOR SOIL EXCAVATION.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, 3 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass., until 2.30 o'clock P.M., of Friday, June 9, 1899, for stripping 3,250,000 cubic yards of surface soil from 1,700 acres of the Wachusett reservoir, hauling it from one to six miles and depositing it in the easterly portion of the north dyke in Clinton, Mass. One-half of the above area will require cleaning and grubbing. In addition to the soil excavation there will be 85,000 cubic yards of earth and gravel excavation required for the completion of this portion of the dyke. The whole work is to be completed on or before December 1, 1902. A \$10,000 check must accompany the proposal. Bonds in the total sum of \$300,000, with surety companies as surety, not more than \$100,000 to be furnished by any one company, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The work has already been staked out, and plans may now be seen at the offices of the Board in Boston and Clinton. Pamphlets containing further information for bidders, forms of proposal, contract and specifications and plans will be ready about May 25, and will be mailed to contractors who apply to the Chief Engineer, and may be obtained at his office, 3 Mt. Vernon street, and may also be obtained at the Clinton office.

EXCAVATING SOIL AND BUILDING A ROAD.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the office of the Board until 2.30 o'clock P.M., of Wednesday, May 31, 1899, for excavating soil and building a road about 7,100 feet long in West Boylston and Sterling, running south-westerly from the westerly end of the north dyke. The principal items of work to be done are 35,000 cubic yards of earth excavation, 2,000 cubic yards of rock excavation, 2,000 cubic yards of slope paving, 160 cubic yards of masonry laid in mortar and 1,167 linear feet of pipe drains and culverts from five to twenty-four inches in diameter.

IMPROVING LANCASTER STREET.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the office of the Board until 2.30 o'clock P.M., of Wednesday, May 31, 1899, for improving the roadway of Lancaster street, in West Boylston, Mass. The roadway to be improved is about 8,600 feet long. The principal items of work to be done are 12,000 cubic yards of earth excavation, 1,000 cubic yards of rock excavation, fifty-five cubic yards of masonry laid in mortar and 421 linear feet of pipe culverts from twelve to twenty-four inches in diameter. Pamphlets containing further information for bidders, contract and specifications for the last two contracts will be mailed to contractors who apply to the Chief Engineer, or may be obtained at his office. Plans may be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer and at the Clinton office.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM AT SPOT POND.

Sealed proposals will also be received at the office of the Board until 2.30 o'clock P.M., of Tuesday, June 6, for constructing a drainage system at Spot Pond, in Stoneham, Mass. The principal items of work to be done are 16,000 cubic yards of earthwork, 560 cubic yards of concrete masonry, laying 2,400 linear feet of thirty-inch cast-iron pipe, and furnishing and laying 1,650 linear feet of twenty-four-inch vitrified pipe. Pamphlets containing further information for bidders, contract and specifications will be mailed to contractors who apply to the Chief Engineer, or may be obtained at his office on and after May 24. Plans may also be seen at his office on and after the same date.

IMPROVEMENT OF SPOT POND.

Proposals will be received in June upon several contracts for the improvement of Spot Pond. The principal work is the removal of about 800,000 cubic yards of earth from about 160 acres which have been laid bare by the lowering of the pond, and the construction of about 3,000 cubic yards of concrete core walls.

The printed forms must be used in making proposals. The board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to accept the proposals deemed best for the Commonwealth.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE, Chairman.

WILMOT R. EVANS,

HENRY P. WALCOTT,

Metropolitan Water Board.

FREDERIC P. STEARNS, Chief Engineer.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

PAYMENT FOR LAND DAMAGES.

Following is the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Oscar B. Mowry et al. vs. City of Boston regarding the proper payment for land damages:

KNOWLTON, J. The only question in this case is whether the damages for the taking of the petitioners' land are to be assessed at the value of it at the time of the passage of the act which required the taking as a part of the scheme of improvement which included the construction of the Union Station for passengers on railroads entering the southerly part of the City of Boston, or at its market value when it was formally taken nearly a year afterwards, when the price of land in the vicinity had increased by reason of the expected improvement, of which the taking of this land was a part. The answer to the question is found in the fact that the taking was an inseparable part of the improvement, out of which the expected increase in value was to come and on account of which there was a general increase in the market price of real estate in the vicinity.

Section 11 of the Statute referred to (St. 1896, c. 516) directed the Street Commissioners to extend Summer street "at least 100 feet in width from Purchase street to the Harbor Commissioners' line." The contemplated improvement, which increased the market price of land, could not be carried

out under the statutes without this extension for which the petitioners' land was taken. By the Public Statutes, Chapter 51, Section 3 "the damages for land taken shall be fixed at the value thereof before the taking." This section has been decided to be constitutional and its meaning as applied to cases where the market price of land is increased before the actual taking, by reason of an expected improvement which involves the taking, has been considered in several cases. Dorgan vs. Boston, 12 Allen, 223; Benton vs. Brookline, 151 Mass. 250; May vs. Boston, 158 Mass. 21; Bowditch vs. Boston, 164 Mass. 107; Teele vs. Boston, 165 Mass. 88.

The doctrine of these cases is stated by the counsel for the present petitioners in their brief in these words: "The owner of land taken for public use cannot recover therefor an enhanced value which it has acquired merely by reason of the taking, or as the result of the improvement which the taking of that particular land for the specific purposes for which it is taken contemplates, for, from the very nature of things, its appropriation is a condition precedent to the existence of improvement, and it cannot share in the effect of a change to create which it must be used." The reason of this rule was considered in May vs. Boston, *ubi supra*. The rule is applicable to the present case, for the statute under which the land was taken provided distinctly what should be done, and the improvement which caused the rise in the price of real estate could not be carried out without taking this land. The fact that the actual taking did not occur until nearly a year after the statute was passed and the particular improvement determined upon is immaterial, for the determination to make the improvement and to take this land was the foundation on which the increase in prices rested.

Judgment on the order.

FREE MUNICIPAL LECTURES IN 1899.

The report of the Advisory Committee on Free Municipal Lectures, which was appointed by His Honor the Mayor on December 5, 1898, has recently been printed as City Document 93, 1899. As finally made up the committee consisted of:

John G. Blake, M.D., for many years a member of the School Committee; William I. Cole, of the South End House; Rabbi Charles Fleischer, of the School Committee; Joseph Lee, Chairman; David F. Lincoln, M. D.; Francis A. Morse, Principal of the Sherwin

School; John O. Norris, Head Master of the Charlestown High School; Herbert Putnam, Librarian of the Public Library; Mrs. Robert A. Ware, Secretary; Miss Dora Williams, of the Denison House, and a teacher in the Boston Normal School.

In effect the Committee continued the policy inaugurated by the Twentieth Century Club in the winter of 1898, when thirty-six free lectures were given, with the consent of the School Committee, at six public school-houses by twenty-seven lecturers. In its main features the lecture scheme was modelled upon the annual courses of free lectures which have been provided by the School Board of New York City since 1889.

During the period January 12 to April 18, 1899, eighty-six evening lectures were given under the auspices of the Committee by forty different lecturers, at a total cost of \$2,596.99 — \$403 less than the sum appropriated for the lectures. The "Central" course was given in Bates Hall, in the Old Public Library building. This course, which was opened January 12, and closed on March 21, comprised twelve lectures — or four lectures on each of the following subjects: "Imperialism," "Boston," "Social and Industrial Topics." The total attendance in the Central lectures was 5,580, an average of 465 per lecture.

The interest shown in these courses was great from the outset, hundreds being turned away from the first four lectures for want of room.

Local courses were also established at nine other points at which lectures were given as follows: East Boston, Lyman School, eight lectures; Charlestown, High School, eight; North End, Hancock School, seven; West End, Bowdoin School, eight; South End ward-room, Old Franklin-School building, eight; Roxbury, Sherwin School, ten; South Boston, Shurtleff School, nine; Dorchester, ward-room at Meeting House Hill, eight; Jamaica Plain, Lowell School, eight. The free use of the school halls was given by the School Committee. The local courses extended from February 2 till April 18.

The lectures embraced the following topics:

Sociology and industry, sixteen; municipal life, thirteen; political science, six; hygiene (besides six under topic two), one; nature study, four; art and music, five; history and biography, thirteen; literature, three; travel and geography, twenty-five — total, eighty-six.

The educative purpose was held clearly in view, although it was not thought best at the outset to emphasize the didactic tone, or to group lectures in subjects except in the case of the "Central" courses. The element of attraction is indispensable; and rather more than one-half of the lectures were illustrated by means of the stereopticon. The Central courses have been marked by a distinct educational aim in the direction of public affairs. If any one idea can be said to have been given special prominence, it has been that of municipal improvement.

There has been a wide range of literary quality in the lectures, but experience shows that the importance of this quality is secondary to that of the human element. Good writing is not sufficient. Efforts have been made to secure for the courses a number of men and women of eminent reputation, and on the whole, this effort has been rewarded by public appreciation.

The character of the audiences has quite met the anticipations of the Committee. They have shown an attentiveness and good-breeding, a respect for place and occasion, is a most cheering testimony of popular appreciation of the undertaking, of equal value with the evidence of numbers.

The age of admission was fixed at eighteen, which agrees with the New York practice. That the graduating class of a grammar school should have admission to a free lecture given in their own hall, seems at first sight a reasonable demand. Experiments were made along this line in the courses given last year by the Twentieth Century Club, but the results were unsatisfactory. The experience of the past season has not warranted the Committee in abandoning the age limit. Personal observation has convinced them that the majority of lecturers are either not prepared for, or are not suited to an audience of children, and that the Municipal Lectures ought to be understood as lectures for adults.

The variation in the size of the audiences has been very great; the Central courses began with an attendance of about 1,000, the smallest being 150. The numbers at the local courses ranged from thirty-two to five hundred and twenty-five. In the former case there was a falling away after the first lectures; in the latter there was a great but irregular increase. In some localities the lecture is now so popularized that large audiences are attracted by the intrinsic merit of the subject or speaker; it may be said that the habit of going has begun to be established.

The total attendance at all lectures was 18,200, averaging 212; divided between Central courses, 5,580, with an average of 465, and local courses, 12,620, with an average of 170.

The effect produced upon attendance by stereopticon illustrations was very small (7 per cent. increase) in the local courses as a whole.

A series of averages was made, representing the rate of increase in attendance at the local lectures given in February and March. It would appear that there was an increase of thirty-four per cent. in average attendance during two months.

The report contains detailed statements concerning (1) the attendance at the various centers; (2) the names of the lecturers, and the dates and subjects of these lectures; and (3) of the expenditures made by the Committee.

REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

The report of the Hospital Department for the year 1898 constitutes Document 15, 1899. The report, which numbers 192 pages, comprises (1) the report of the Trustees signed by their President, Mr. A. Shuman; (2) the report of the Superintendent and Resident Physician, Dr. Rowe; (3) an extensive series of statistical tables relating to the medical and surgical service of the several branches of the Department, viz., the Hospital proper, the South Department, for cases of infectious diseases, the Out-Patient Departments, and the Convalescent Home; (4) a statement concerning bequests and trust funds; (5) rules for the administration of the Hospital and the Convalescent Home, and (6) a description of the course of instruction in the Boston City Hospital Training School for Nurses together with a catalogue of the graduates of the school.

Following is a condensed summary of certain leading features of the report:

The total number of beds, 828, an increase of sixty over 1897, were distributed as follows: In the Hospital proper 554, in the South Department 240, in the Convalescent Home thirty-four.

The following table shows certain general facts regarding the population of the Hospital during the year:

	Hospital Proper.	South Department.	Convalescent Home.	Totals.
No. of inmates in Hospital Jan. 31, 1898	488	455	29	672
Applied for admission	11,492	2,197	—	13,689
Admitted	8,231	1,620	390	10,241
Treated during the year	8,719	1,775	419	10,913
Daily average of patients,	482	145	23	650
No. of days of treatment	175,917	52,918	8,552	237,387
Average stay, in days	20.1	29	20	—
Discharged	7,249	1,367	393	9,009
Died	958	150	—	1,108
Remaining Jan. 31, 1899	512	258	26	672

In addition to the cases treated in the Hospital wards, 2,640 patients visited the Hospital for advice and treatment in the Out-Patient Department, who were classified as follows:

Medical diseases	3,665
Surgical diseases	9,755
Diseases of the eye	2,052
Diseases of the ear	850
Diseases of the skin	1,151
Diseases of women	644
Diseases of the nervous system	609
Diseases of the throat	1,295
Surgical out-patients treated in the accident-rooms, and not included elsewhere	2,619

The patients admitted to the wards of the Hospital during the year were classified as follows:

Medical service	3,926
Surgical service	3,494
Gynecological service	558
Ophthalmic service	107
Aural service	146
Total	8,231

The entire amount expended for all departments of the Hospital during the year, was \$387,527. Of this amount, \$281,387 was on account of the Hospital proper; \$71,687 on account of the South Department; \$7,856 on account of the eight Out Patient Departments; \$6,679 for the Convalescent Home; \$2,149 on account of determining the settlement of paying patients; \$10,111 on account of new buildings, and \$7,655 on account of pathological department.

From the amount expended for the Hospital proper (\$281,387) should be deducted the difference in the amount of stock on hand February 1, 1899, which was \$341 less than was on hand on February 1, 1898, making the total amount chargeable to the expenditures of the year \$281,729.

Of the total amount expended, several items were for purposes not within the ordinary yearly maintenance of the patients. Deducting \$5,145 for items of expenditure not relating to the ordinary yearly maintenance of patients from the total expenditures of the Hospital proper, leaves \$276,583, properly chargeable to current expenses. This amount, divided among 8,719 patients, for 25,131 weeks' board, gives \$11 as the cost to the city of each patient per week, an increase of \$1.16 over the corresponding week in 1897. The weekly cost of each patient at the Convalescent Home has been \$5.47, a decrease of 80 cents per week per patient. The cost per patient per week in the South Department was \$9.48.

The Trustees have collected and paid into the city treasury in cash the sum of \$87,742, this sum having been received principally on account of board of patients.

Work upon the new buildings has progressed during the year as follows: The completion of the Surgical Amphitheatre, Wards N and O, enlargement and alteration of the boiler-house, new laundry building, and the Vose House for nurses.

The death-rate of diphtheria in the Hospital during the present year was 12.8 per cent., as compared with 13 per cent. for the previous year. If the moribund cases, where death occurred within twenty-four hours of admission, are eliminated, the percentage of mortality would be about 9 per cent. It is a significant fact that during the calendar year of 1894, before the South Department was opened, 18.03 of every 10,000 persons died from diphtheria in Boston; that in 1895, the latter part of which year the South Department was opened, the rate fell to 11.73 per 10,000; that in 1896 the ratio was 9.80; that in 1897 the rate was 7.77, and that in 1898 the ratio was 3.15 a lower rate than it has ever existed since diphtheria was recognized as a disease.

It is also worthy of note that during 1898, 51 per cent. of all cases of diphtheria occurring in Boston were treated at the Hospital, a condition that has never before existed in Boston. Without giving the percentage of cases treated in the Hospital in the previous

years, it is sufficient to say that a diminution in the ratio of deaths from diphtheria bears a direct relation to the increase in the percentage of cases receiving hospital treatment. Previous to 1895, for a period of sixteen years, the average death-rate of diphtheria in this city was 30.7; since 1895 to 1898, inclusive, the average rate has been 12.27. It is evident, therefore, that an isolation Hospital not only reduces the actual number of deaths, but also that it diminishes the frequency of the disease.

In the last week in August, the Trustees were called upon to receive large numbers of soldiers. In this exigency, one vacant ward, which was in the course of repairs, was put in commission, and one female ward was vacated and equipped. A large outfit of tents was organized in five days' time, with accommodations for 160 patients.

The tent service was complete in itself.

With the co-operation of other city departments, twelve wooden election booths were added to the encampment, and on the advent of cold weather the soldiers were transferred to the huts, and were continuously cared for in the camp until Sunday, November 23, when it was overwhelmed by the famous blizzard. There were received in all 602 soldiers. The equipment of the camp at its beginning exceeded \$4,000. The additional cost to the city, on account of the treatment of sick soldiers, was not far from \$18,000.

The Trustees recently received another munificent donation. Mr. A. F. Estabrook and Mr. C. H. Watson, trustees under the will of the late Thomas T. Wyman, have paid to the Hospital as residuary legatee, the sum of \$65,000. The total amount of trust funds now belonging to the Hospital is \$115,500.

REPORT OF STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

The second annual report of the Statistics Department constitutes City Document No. 34, 1899, from which the following extracts are taken:

In our Special Publications, No. 1, we presented to the public a classified exhibit of the ordinary expenses of the city. This showed (1) the ordinary expenses in their relation to the total expenses of the city; (2) the several items of ordinary expenses in their relation to the total ordinary expenditure; and (3) the expenses of each department in a series of comparative tables covering a five-year period. The last showed not only the actual expenditures of the departments, but the estimated expenditures on which the appropriations were based, and the difference between appropriation and actual expenditure which resulted in leaving a balance on hand at the end of the year or in making an increase of the appropriation necessary.

Later in the year we issued Special Publications, No. 2, containing an account of the ordinary revenue of the city. This contained (1) a general statement showing the relation between the ordinary revenue and the whole revenue of the city in each of the five years, and (2) an analysis of the ordinary revenue for each year, showing how much of it was derived from taxes, and how much from licenses, fees, rents and other sources. The detail tables show in a comparative form, for a period of five years, the

history of each particular class of the city's income. The tables of income from taxation, show not only the general taxes, but all special taxes, with references to the statutes under which they are collected, the amount of abatements and the amount and promptness of collections. It is creditable to the departments that the amount of the abatements is so small, and creditable both to the Collector and to the citizens that taxes are paid with such promptness and regularity.

These publications are a necessary groundwork for further study. It is our intention that they shall be issued annually, showing always the receipts and expenditures for the five years preceding their publication. Such a reprint, showing the ordinary receipts and expenditures of the city for the five-year period ending with and including the year 1897-98, is now in the hands of the printer.

It is especially desirable, in view of the question as to whether the city is borrowing money for purposes which it would be more prudent to provide for out of taxation, that a careful comparative statement of the extraordinary receipts and expenditures of the city should be compiled and published. The Department has, therefore, worked steadily to that end, and has in view the publication of a statement, showing the extraordinary income of the city from the sale of bonds, from the sale of its real estate, water-works and other assets, and from sundry items incidental to the carrying on of such undertakings as are provided for by loan; and, on the side of expenditures, showing not only those permanent improvements which are provided for by loan, but also such as are provided for out of taxation, under the head of special appropriations, and outside of the ordinary work of the departments.

Two years' experience with the published accounts of the city has now given our office force a training which enables them to deal intelligently with those accounts and to unravel their mysterious difficulties. They know that to ascertain the cost of any particular street, which may have amounted to only \$25,000, it is necessary to analyze and balance out (1) the appropriations for "Blue Hill and Other Avenues," and for the "Laying out and Construction of Highways," each involving several millions of dollars; (2) the appropriations for street improvements by wards; (3) the appropriations for street improvements by aldermanic districts; (4) any special appropriations for this particular street (bearing in mind that the name may have been changed during the progress of the work; (5) the appropriations for the Sewer Department under various acts; and (6) the general maintenance appropriations of the Street Department. It is then necessary (7) to ascertain the cost of the street, as determined by the Street Commissioners, in order to find out what proportion of the cost has been charged to the abutters, and the final result is the cost of the street to the city.

As frequently a street is not constructed until some time after it is laid out by the Street Commissioners, and as the period of construction often extends over more than one year, it is not sufficient to examine all these accounts for one year, but they must be examined for a series of years. All this would take an ordinary citizen about six months, provided he knows how to go at it. The Department proposes to do this work for him,

so that by turning to an alphabetical list he can ascertain immediately the whole history of any street on which any work has been done within the past five years. Moreover, this publication will include a convenient summary of results, showing the general purposes for which the city has borrowed money during the period.

It was partly for the purposes outlined in the foregoing paragraph, and partly for the purpose of ascertaining what proportion of the extraordinary expenditures of the city had been met by taxation and what proportion by loan in various years, that the Department began an examination of the accounts of the city from 1822 (the date of the city charter) to the present time.

The preliminaries of this work have been completed, and the Department now has in its possession five volumes of ledgers, and a volume of trial balances taken off every five years, which together exhibit the expenditures of the city for permanent improvements during a period of seventy-six years. A reference to the ledger shows immediately the amount that has been expended upon any particular piece of property, or for any particular piece of work.

The trial balances show, in summary form, the amount which has been expended by the city in every period of five years, under a dozen general headings such as streets, bridges, parks, school-houses, etc. These volumes, even in their present condition, are of value. They furnish a satisfactory basis for a scientific study of municipal expenditures, and they are serviceable to the members of the city government who may wish information in regard to any particular piece of property.

The work which has been done in this direction, however, is not sufficient to warrant publication as yet. So far, however, as relates to the last five years, our study of the material is already well under way, and we expect to publish it during the coming year.

The Department hopes to be able to publish next year a volume which shall contain a complete analysis of all the receipts and expenditures of the city which passed through the hands of the Auditor; and also to present a complete financial history of the city, for a period of five years, in a form which can be annually brought down to date and republished. The Department will then be in a position to use these tables for comparative work, and for a detailed examination of the expenses of the departments and of their relation to the work accomplished. Our experience has demonstrated that about three years of preparatory work are necessary in order to make possible an intelligent and scientific study in detail of the finances of the city.

We referred in our last report to the desirability of securing more complete maps of the city, and more accurate and carefully arranged statistics as to areas, so as to show the extent to which municipal equipment in any given district, has already progressed or must be provided in the future; and in order to show in greater detail the cost of maintaining the streets, the density of population in relation to the accessibility of parks, playgrounds, schools, etc., and other similar facts. It did not seem desirable to attempt a compilation of details until the foundations of the work had been properly laid. The

Street Commissioners have expressed a willingness to do such preliminary work during the coming summer as may be necessary to enable us to proceed. We have, however, contributed from our appropriation the sum of \$615 toward the preparation of a map of the city proper under the direction of the City Engineer.

We also referred to the desirability of publishing a monthly bulletin, containing, in statistical form, the most recent information regarding the affairs of the city. Such a monthly bulletin would furnish a convenient basis for an annual compilation of statistics. Pressure of other work has prevented our carrying this plan into execution, but the work of gathering material for the coming year has already begun, and it is hoped that we may soon be in a position to issue a modest publication of this sort.

"THE CITY RECORD," the official gazette of the City of Boston, has been published weekly during the year, and an index of its contents has been carefully compiled.

The publication of the "Municipal Register" was this year intrusted to this Department. It was late in the year before it was known that we were to undertake the work, and as numerous errors were found in the text of the previous editions, it was necessary to carefully examine and revise the whole material. For these reasons, and owing to some delay in printing, the volume was not published until late in the year. Much less labor will be involved in the preparation of this year's edition.

In addition to the foregoing work the Department has been asked upon several occasions to furnish information to His Honor the Mayor or to heads of departments concerning special subjects.

One of the duties of this Department is to facilitate the distribution of the public documents of the city among libraries and the executive departments of other cities, and to secure city government and department reports and publications in return. Our collection of general and special reports and of statistical publications is constantly growing in size and value, and already contains much material which is not contained in other libraries.

During the year 335 persons or institutions have received one or more of our publications (exclusive of their regular distribution among the departments of the city); and there are included in the foregoing statement eighty-one cities and forty-four statistical offices. We have forwarded to our correspondents, through the Smithsonian Institution, 156 packages, including seventy-eight sets of executive documents for the year 1897.

Appended to the report are (1) a financial statement of the expenditures charged to the appropriations for the Department and THE CITY RECORD; (2) detailed analysis of the cost of publishing THE CITY RECORD; and (3) transcript of the ordinances relating to the Department.

HIGH AND LATIN SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

The usual examinations for admission to the High and Latin schools will be held this year, the first in June and the second in September. The first examination for

admission to the High schools will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10, at 9 A.M. in the several High school-houses. The subjects of examination will be English language, including reading, writing, spelling, grammar and composition; history and civil government of the United States, geography, arithmetic and book-keeping by single entry. The first examination for admission to the Latin schools will be held on Saturday, June 10, at 9 A.M. Boys will be examined at the Latin school on Warren avenue, and girls at the High and Latin school on West Newton street. The requirements for admission are equivalent to those for entrance to the seventh grade, i.e., to the regular fourth year class of the grammar schools. Applicants for admission to a High or Latin school must each bring to the examination a certificate of good moral character from the principal of the school last attended, and, if they have not been members of a Boston public school, a certificate of vaccination from a physician.

REGULATIONS CONCERNING PEDLERS.

Superintendent Wells of the Street Department, recently issued the following in regard to the new regulation concerning pedlers:

After careful and thorough investigation of various complaints received regarding certain pedlers, and under authority vested in the Superintendent of Streets by Sections 35 and 88 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, a complete system of registration has been inaugurated at the permit office, 28 Court square. Under this system, every pedler engaged in selling in the public streets of Boston will be registered, and furnished a number by the Department. These numbers will be of such size and style as to be easily read, and will be placed on the right-hand side of the wagons and in a conspicuous position on push-carts and receptacles. Citizens of Boston will be given the even numbers, and non-residents and persons who are not citizens, the odd ones. By this arrangement it will be possible at a glance to determine whether or not a pedler is a citizen of Boston.

By the system of registration, the residence of each pedler will be obtained, and his signature will also be required, so that it will be available as a means of identification at any time.

It is expected that the careful registration and numbering of these pedlers, thus compelling them to obtain the proper license, will result in a very considerable increase in the amount paid into the city treasury. While the honest pedler will not suffer from these regulations, they will operate as a check upon those who are dishonest, and their customers—who are found to a large extent among the poorer classes—may be expected to benefit thereby.

As it will now be possible to identify any pedler throwing or scattering refuse in the street, it is hoped that, with the co-operation of the public in reporting such violations of law, the new system will cause a marked improvement in the cleanliness of the streets in the sections frequented by this class of dealers, and will remove just cause of complaint which may have existed on the part of shopkeepers or residents in such localities.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, on May 23, 1899, at 7.30 P. M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mr. Aldrich.

The appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last regular meeting were approved.

The following orders, laid over under the rule, at the last regular meeting, were read and passed:

(1.) That Margaret Cunningham, assistant in the Dorchester High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from September 24, 1898.

(2.) That there be paid to Thomas Buckner the sum of \$25 for extra services rendered as janitor of the John A. Andrew School.

(3.) That there be paid to John H. Crafts the sum of \$5 for extra services rendered as janitor of the Plummer School.

(4.) That there be paid to John S. Krebs the sum of \$16.10 for extra services rendered as janitor of the Franklin Evening School during the term 1898-99.

(5.) That there be paid to Eliza M. Evert, first assistant in the Everett School, the sum of \$300 in addition to her regular salary, for extra services rendered in that school during the absence of the master.

(6.) That there be paid to Juliette R. Hayward, first assistant in the Gaston School, the sum of \$500 in addition to her regular salary, for extra services rendered in that school during the absence of the master.

(7.) That there be paid to Marion A. Hawes, assistant in the Brighton High School, the sum of \$232.50 in addition to her regular salary, for extra services rendered in that school during the vacancy in the position of head-master.

(8.) That there be paid to John Murphy, jr., the sum of \$20 for extra services rendered as janitor of the Girls' High School.

(9.) That Elizabeth E. Hough, assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from November 2, 1898; and that Laura E. Richardson, assistant in the same school, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from November 14, 1898.

(10.) That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to employ a laboratory assistant in the Mechanic Arts High School from September 5, 1899, until otherwise ordered; and that the Committee on Salaries be requested to establish the salary for the position at the rate of \$500 per annum.

(11.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized by to execute an order of addition to the contract of Mead, Mason & Co., for erecting a high school building at East Boston, in the sum of \$278.02, for extra digging and foundations.

It was ordered that there be paid to Leonora E. Taft, temporary assistant, grammar school, the Dudley District, the sum of two (2) dollars for each day of actual service in that school since February 15, 1899, in addition to her regular salary for extra services performed during the vacancy in the position of sub-master in said school.

The following orders were read a second time and passed:

(1.) That the Rules be amended as follows:

Chapter II. Add the following section:

Section 30. In all elections by ballot, the ballots used, upon which the names of the candidates may be either written or printed, shall be furnished by the Secretary, and shall be of uniform size and appearance.

(2.) That the Rules be amended as follows:

Chapter VI. Add the following section:

Section 91. He shall retain in his possession all papers upon which action has been taken by the Board at any meeting, until the right to file a notice of reconsideration has expired, and if such notice is filed, shall retain the papers relating thereto until after the following meeting of the Board.

The Chair read the following:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SCHOOL
BOARDS.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 18, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, Boston,
Mass.:

GENTLEMEN: The members of your honorable body, or such delegates as you may elect, are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the School Administration Department of the National Education Association (Fourth Annual Convention of School Boards of the United States) to be held at Los Angeles, Cal., July 13 and 14. The most important topics affecting the management of practical school affairs will be treated, and a general discussion between representatives from all parts of the country will be held.

Reduced hotel rates at Los Angeles have been arranged for. The railroads have granted a rate of one fare for the round trip from all parts of the United States. Delegates will be assigned to quarters upon arrival in Los Angeles.

Where Boards of Education or School Committees cannot attend in a body, it is desirable to send as many delegates as possible.

It is hoped that your Board will take favorable action at an early date. Kindly instruct your Secretary to advise us of your action in this matter.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM GEORGE BRUCE,
Secretary.

Convention will be held at Los Angeles, Cal., July 13 and 14, 1899.

Placed on file.

The Superintendent of Schools presented appointments and confirmations for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, as follows:

The appointments of two special assistants, two kindergarten teachers, and two temporary teachers; the reappointments of three teachers; the appointments of two teachers on probation, and the confirmation of three teachers, all of which were laid over under the rule.

Leave of absence was granted to seven teachers.

Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, May 15, a

communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting information with regard to the number of school-rooms used at present in the Chapman District, and also how many rooms will be available in the school buildings in the district after the completion of the proposed Chapman School-house, reported that at the present time twenty-five rooms are occupied for school purposes in this district, of which twenty-three are in buildings owned by the city. On the completion of the new grammar building there will be twenty-two regular school-rooms, not taking into account any disposition that may be made of the two-room wooden building now situated on the Chapman lot. The new building is to contain fourteen rooms, or one more room than the present structure; but the plans are being drawn with a view to a future addition of two rooms, should the necessary funds for the purpose be provided at a later date.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Board of Aldermen.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to advertise for proposals for selling to the city a lot of land containing about thirty-five thousand (35,000) square feet, for a site for a new normal school-house, within the territory bounded approximately by the Fenway, Boylston, Dartmouth, Washington and Ruggles streets.

Mr. Courtney, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That Harrison H. Atwood, architect, be selected to prepare plans for the new normal school-house.

After considerable discussion and the presentation of a minority report by Mr. Coolidge, the order was recommitted to the Committee on New Building by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Berridge, Bowdlear, Brett, Burrill, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, McDonald, Nichols and Strange—13.

Nays—Messrs. Bennett, Calderwood, Campbell, Courtney, Davison, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonough and Merritt—10.

Absent—Mr. Aldrich.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, April 25, a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from Common Council, asking that suitable fire-escapes be furnished the Franklin School-house, reported that fire-escapes are already provided from the second story of the building, and that a double staircase from the upper stories runs down to that point. Your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that no additional fire-escapes are needed for this building at present.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

The transfer of Michael J. Crowley, janitor of the Wells School, to the same position in the Franklin School, to date from June 1, 1899, was approved.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, to whom was referred, April 11, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that the School Committee lay out and construct as a park and playground a portion of the yard of the

Tileston School, Dorchester District, which is now not used for any purpose, reported that in the opinion of your committee this matter is one that should be considered by the committee in charge, rather than by the Committee on School-houses. They therefore recommend its reference to the Committee on the Ninth Division.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

It was ordered that the Committee on School-houses, the Committee on New Buildings, and the Committee on Salaries, in joint session, report to this Board a proper salary for the position of School-house Agent.

It was voted that a special committee of five be appointed to make all necessary arrangements for a reception to be tendered Admiral Dewey by the school children of Boston during his visit to this city.

Subsequently, the Chair announced the following committee:

Mr. Gallivan, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. McDonald, Courtney and Kenny.

Approved.

It was ordered that the use of the Tyler-street School-house and the wood-working room in the Pierpont School-house, Hudson street, be granted to the Denison House Association for vacation schools, from July 6, 1899, to August 17, 1899, the same to be without expense to the city.

Under a suspension of the rules, it was ordered:

(1.) That the salary due Henry Randolph, deceased, late janitor of the Savin Hill and Wait Schools, be paid to his mother, Sarah Randolph.

(2.) That the graduating exercises of the Normal School be held on Saturday, June 24, 1899.

(3.) That the use of the Hyde and Dwight Schools be granted to Mary M. Kehew for vacation school purposes during the ensuing summer, the same to be without expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, the order passed at the meeting of April 25, 1899, authorizing the Committee on New Buildings to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward, in the sum of \$19,700 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the East Boston High School-house was rescinded.

It was ordered that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report the necessary amendments to the Regulations to provide for the appointment of women sub-masters in girls' schools.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Joint Committee on High Schools and Fourth Division, to whom was referred, May 15, a petition from Rachael Sherman Thorndike et al., asking permission to use for vacation school purposes, during July and August, the Mechanic Arts High and Charles C. Perkins Primary School-houses, reported that the use of the Mechanic Arts High School for such purposes during July and August would seriously interfere with the alteration and addition now in progress, and on which work will be hastened during the summer months. Your committee learn that the use of the Charles C. Perkins School is not desired, unless that of the Mechanic Arts High School is also granted. A hearing has been given the petitioners, who fully understand the situation, and your committee recommend that they be granted leave to withdraw.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Ordered, That the use of the King Street School-house be granted to Carleton Hunne-man for a vacation school during the months of July and August; the same to be without expense to the city.

It was ordered, under a suspension of the rules, that the graduating exercises of the following-named schools be held on the dates specified:

Brighton High School, June 22; Charles-town High School, June 23; Dorchester High School, June 23; Roxbury High School, June 23, 1899.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that it is desired to establish an eligible register for the position of inspector of standards, office of standard weights and measures, United States coast and geodetic survey, Department of the Treasury, and that an examination will be held on July 15, 1899.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination, certification will be made to the position of inspector of standards, office standard weights and measures, United States coast and geodetic survey, Department of the Treasury, at a salary of \$3,000 per annum.

The Commission also announces that on June 13, 14, 15, 1899, an examination will be held for cadet, revenue cutter service, Treasury Department.

Three days of seven consecutive hours each will be allowed for this examination. The Commission is advised by the Treasury Department that in August next a number of appointments will be made to the position mentioned. The salary of a cadet is \$500 per annum and one ration per day. Applicants are advised that cadets whose services are satisfactory are commissioned by the President as lieutenants after two years' satisfactory service.

Under the regulations of the Treasury Department applicants must be not less than eighteen nor more than twenty-five years of age, of vigorous constitution, physically sound and well formed, not less than five feet and three inches in height, of good moral character, and unmarried; and the marriage of a cadet will be considered as equivalent to his resignation.

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Public Grounds Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1899, constituting Document 29, has been presented to His Honor the Mayor.

The general appropriation for the year was \$90,000. The expenditures amounted to \$93,883.17. Under other special appropriations the expenditures amounted to \$8,111.66.

Appended to the report is a list of the seventy parks and squares under the charge of the Department with their location and area.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following is a record of the meetings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment held on May 20, 22 and 25, 1899:

City Hall, May 20, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on Saturday, May 20, 1899, at 9 A.M., at the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present: All the members.

The members of the Board visited the various locations suggested as sites for a new engine-house for Engine 22, after which they returned to the Mayor's office.

A hearing was given to Alderman Wilbur F. Adams, who requested that the Board make provision for extending the courtesies of the city to the National Order of Railway Conductors, the said organization having been promised the use of the steamer "J Putnam Bradlee," which is not now available, being laid up for repairs.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy, transmitting a letter from the City Auditor, stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of three hundred (300) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor, said sum to be used for extending the courtesies of the city to the National Order of Railway Conductors.

The communication was placed on file, and, on motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of three hundred (300) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor, to be used in extending the courtesies of the city to the National Order of Railway Conductors.

The vote was signed by all the members of the Board.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, That Messrs. Minot and Dore be appointed a committee to take options upon such sites as they believe will be acceptable to the Board as locations for a new engine-house for Engine 22.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 11.30 A.M., to meet on Monday, May 22, at 1 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

City Hall, May 22, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on Monday, May 22, 1899, at 1 P.M. at the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present: All the members except Mr. Minot.

Mr. Dore was elected Secretary pro tempore.

The records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Kiley.

Mr. Kiley called up assignment, viz.:

Communication from Mayor Quincy (received March 15), transmitting letter from the Fire Commissioner, requesting that provision be speedily made for a new engine-house for Engine 22.

Mr. Dore, for the committee appointed at the last meeting to secure options on suitable sites for a new engine-house for Engine

22, submitted a communication from Mr. William A. Bunton giving forty days' option, at \$37,000, on the 7,500 square feet of land situated on Warren avenue on the north-east side of, and adjacent to, the English High and Latin School building.

The communications were placed on file, and Mr. Kiley moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be authorized to expend for the purchase of land on Warren avenue adjoining the English High and Latin School building on the north-east side, containing about seven thousand five hundred (7,500) feet, and the erection of an engine-house thereon, the amount of fifty-five thousand (55,000) dollars received by the city for the engine-house on Dartmouth street, formerly used by Engine 22, which amount is hereby appropriated for said purpose.

The order was passed, and was signed by the four members present, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Barry, at 1.30 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.

JOHN P. DORE,

Secretary pro tempore.

City Hall, May 25, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held Thursday, May 25, 1899, at the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 12 M.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Barry called up the following assignment:

Communication from Mr. Henry M. Whitney (received May 16), offering to contribute \$40,000 towards the expense of widening the north draw of the Chelsea bridge to 75 feet, agreeing to deposit the money with the City Treasurer whenever the city is prepared to proceed with the work, and urging the importance of making provision for beginning the work at once, in order that it may be finished this season.

In accordance with the vote passed on May 16, Mr. Henry M. Whitney appeared before the Board and explained the advantages to be derived from the said widening. City Engineer Jackson was also heard, and submitted an estimate of cost of widening the draw to 75 feet, amounting to \$83,500, exclusive of the cost of dredging channel, rebuilding siphons and maintaining travel.

Hon. George E. Mitchell, Alderman Dennis A. O'Brien and Alderman John Duncan, representing the Board of Aldermen of Chelsea, Mr. Alfred L. Maggi, City Engineer of Chelsea, and Messrs. Marcus M. Merritt and Joseph R. Carr, representing the Board of Trade of Chelsea, also appeared before the Board and protested against the said work being undertaken unless temporary provision is made for maintaining travel across the bridge during the work on widening the draw.

Mr. Dore called up the following assignments:

Communication (referred by the City Council) from Mr. Robert Treat Paine, enclosing petition of North Brighton Conference, District 5 of the Associated Charities

of Boston, asking that \$300 be appropriated for the renting of a field of about eight acres located on the south and west sides of Waverly street, and north of Lincoln street, as a playground.

Order (referred by the City Council) requesting the Board to appropriate \$300 for the rental of lot referred to above.

Mr. Robert Treat Paine, Mrs. John Sanderson and Mrs. Eleanor Boutelle appeared before the Board and urged that provision be made for the hiring of the said playground.

A communication was received from the Trustees for Children stating that the number of boys at the Parental School has increased to 192, which number is greater than the accommodations available will provide for, and requesting that appropriation of \$5,000, heretofore made for the drainage of land at the Parental School, West Roxbury, be transferred to an appropriation for the erection of temporary wooden buildings, and that an additional sum of \$10,000 be appropriated for said buildings.

A hearing was given to Mr. John O'Hare, representing the Trustees for Children, who urged the necessity of making provision for increased accommodations at the Parental School.

The Board then went into executive session.

On motion of Mr. Barry it was

Voted, That the members of the Board visit the Chelsea bridge and the works of the New England Gas and Coke Company on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, and that the communication from Mr. Henry M. Whitney be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, That, when the Board adjourns, it be to meet on Wednesday, May 31, at 3.30 P.M.

On motion of Mr. Minot, the communication from Mr. Robert Treat Paine and the order referred by the City Council, requesting the rental of a field in Brighton at an expense of \$300 were assigned to the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, the communication from the Trustees for Children in regard to the Parental School was assigned to the next meeting.

An order (passed by the School Committee May 15) was received, rescinding the resolution passed May 9 requesting that the \$25,000 remaining from the contemplated appropriation of \$500,000 for school-houses and sites be appropriated for the "relief" of the Lowell School-house, Ward 22.

On motion of Mr. Minot, the Board voted to take the following papers from the table:

(1.) Communication from Committee on New Buildings, of the School Committee (received April 27), requesting that the \$25,000 remaining from proposed appropriation of \$500,000, be appropriated for the following purposes:

New grammar school-house, Tileston District, Dorchester, site for . . .	\$10,000
New primary school-house, Sherwin District, Roxbury, site for . . .	15,000
Total	\$25,000

(2.) Communication from Mr. Francis L. Coolidge of the School Committee, urging that above appropriation of \$10,000, for a site in the Tileston District, Dorchester, be granted.

(3.) Resolution passed by the School Committee May 9, requesting that the amount of \$25,000, remaining from proposed appropriation of \$500,000, be appropriated for the "relief" of the Lowell School-house, Ward 22.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy, requesting the Board to prepare and pass an order making a loan appropriation of \$25,000 for school-house sites, as requested in the communication from the School Committee submitted to the Board on April 27, 1899.

The several papers were placed on file, and Mr. Kiley moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the School Committee be authorized to expend, in providing school-house sites, the following amounts, and the said amounts are hereby appropriated for the following purposes:

New grammar school-house, Tileston District, Dorchester, site for . . .	\$10,000
New primary school-house, Sherwin District, Roxbury, site for . . .	15,000

and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the amount of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars.

The order was passed — yeas, 5; nays, 0. Yeas — Messrs. Barry, Kiley, Minot, Dore, and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that neither of the said appropriations is to meet a current expense.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 1.45 P.M., to meet on Wednesday, May 31, at 3.30 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

Boston, May 18, 1899.

General Order No. 600.

I. Deputy Superintendent Orinton M. Hanscom is hereby relieved from district duty on Police District No. 2 and assigned to duty in charge of the Superintendent's office in the night time.

II. Deputy Superintendent James H. Coulter is hereby relieved from duty in charge at the Superintendent's office in the night time and assigned to district duty on Police District No. 2.

This order will take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock P.M. Friday, the nineteenth instant.

May 20, 1899.

General Order No. 601.

Hereafter when members of the force are detailed to perform duty as police officers in other cities or towns, and all their expenses and wages are paid by the city or town making the requisition for their services, the officers detailed shall not be paid by the Department for the time they are absent.

In 1898, 51 per cent. of all cases of diphtheria occurring in Boston were treated at the City Hospital, south department.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Thursday, May 25, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding. Absent — Alderman Brick.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Veto — Wooden Building.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 23, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Upon the recommendation of the Building Commissioner, and for the reasons set forth in his communication transmitted herewith, I return without my approval the order granting authority to the Building Commissioner to issue a permit to Henrietta Goldsmith to erect a wooden building at 1281-83 Tremont street, in excess of range allowed, and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

May 16, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

MY DEAR SIR: In reference to the matter numbered 1281 Tremont street and Prentiss street, owner Henrietta Goldsmith, on her petition as approved by the concurrent action of the City Council, I most respectfully dissent from said report, and recommend to your Honor to withhold your approval, for the following reasons, to wit:

Owing to the location, condition and property contiguous to the same, which, as it now stands, is extremely dangerous, to grant said petition would increase the fire risk very materially, as your Honor will observe by the diagram showing the exact condition of the estate in question.

Yours truly,
JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

The vote whereby the permit was granted was reconsidered.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

School-house Site, Dorchester.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 25, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith an order passed to-day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars for the purchase of a site for a grammar school-house in the Tileston District, Dorchester, and for a site for a primary school-house in the Sherwin District, Roxbury. Appropriations for the

erection of said school-houses have already been made.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

May 25, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be authorized to expend, in providing school-house sites, the following amounts, and the said amounts are hereby appropriated for the following purposes:

New grammar school-house, Tileston District, Dorchester, site for . . . \$10,000
New primary school-house, Sherwin District, Roxbury, site for . . . 15,000

and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the amount of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars.

Passed, and we certify that neither of the said appropriations are to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
JOHN P. DORE,
LAURENCE MINOT,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
DAVID F. BARRY,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Approved and sent down.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., Thursday, May 25, 1899, President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Flagstaff, Hayes Square.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 25, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Public Grounds, in reply to the order requesting him to provide a flagstaff and flag for Hayes Square, Ward 3.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

Dorchester, May 18, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In regard to the enclosed order "that the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested through His Honor the Mayor, to provide a flagstaff and flag for Hayes Square, Ward 3, and to cause said flag to be unfurled on Memorial Day, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds," I beg to say that flags and flagstaffs come under the jurisdiction of the City Messenger, and this Department never had any charge either of their care or erection.

I remain, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM DOOGUE, Superintendent.

Referred to the Committee on City Messenger Department.

Condition of Alleys, Ward 12.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 25, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in regard to your order requesting him to "cause the alleyways of Ward 12 to be kept free from accumulation of paper and other debris," etc.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

May 23, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In reply to the inclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to report that only alleys that have been laid out and accepted as public alleys by the Street Commissioners come within the jurisdiction or care of this Department. One advantage of the acceptance of these alleys is that it is possible for the police to enforce the City Ordinances as regards the obstruction of the ways and throwing of waste and litter into the roadway. All public alleys in the city are now being given attention by this Department.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

Fire-escapes, Franklin School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, May 24, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reference to your order requesting them to furnish suitable fire-escapes for the Franklin School-house, Ward 9.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

May 23, 1899.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, April 25, a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the Common Council, asking that suitable fire-escapes be furnished the Franklin School-house, report that fire-escapes are already provided from the second story of the building, and that a double staircase from the upper stories runs down to that point. Your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that no additional fire-escapes are needed for this building at present.

For the Committee,

THOMAS F. STRANGE, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Schools and School-houses.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved May 22, 1899:

Order authorizing the issue of a permit to E. Dodge to build a wooden building on Dupont street, near Decatur street, Ward 3, in excess of range allowed, etc., to be used as a stable.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Nathaniel L. Foster the sum of \$55.40, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Bellevue avenue, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2501, fol. 86.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Phillips the sum of \$149.96, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Devon street (lot 107), for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 60.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Amy C. B. Wells, the sum of \$213.42, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Charter street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2580, fol. 347.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward E. Richards the sum of \$85.20, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Bay street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 625.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward E. Richards the sum of \$371, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Birch street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2583, fol. 137.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Phillips the sum of \$148.39, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Devon street (lot 106) for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 58.

To the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved May 24, 1899:

Permits for leave to run passenger barges, viz.:

Thomas A. Hennessey, between Highland, West Roxbury and Spring Street stations and Mt. Benedict and St. Joseph Cemeteries and Caledonia Grove, during the present season.

Shannon Brothers, two barges between Maverick square and Chelsea via Meridian street, during the present season.

A. McNealy, two barges and a carriage between Reservoir station and the Brookline line on May 27 and 30, 1899.

Permits for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

To John E. Jacobson, metal sign, at 257 Tremont street, Ward 7.

To Michael Shinnars, two signs, 157 Emerson street, Ward 17.

To M. L. James, sign, at 61 Harvard street, Ward 7.

To M. Burke, illuminated sign, at 49 Causeway street, Ward 8.

To Pasquale Pollie, two barber poles, 1 Dover street, Ward 9.

To John J. Dailey, three barber poles, at 1423 Dorchester avenue, Ward 20.

To Kitson Hydro-Carbon Heating & Incandescent Lighting Company, incandescent light, at 1603 Washington street.

To George M. Tufts, V-shaped sign, at 29 Wareham street, Ward 9.

To Parkway Cycle Company, V-shaped sign, at 268 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 10.

Orders granting permits, viz.:

Norcross Brothers, to erect, maintain and use one guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Dewey square, at or near the entrance to the Terminal station, for use during the erection of an electric light column.

M. J. Doran, to lay, maintain and use a 1½-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached thereto, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 25 Bunker Hill street, Ward 3.

E. E. Richards, trustee, to lay, maintain and use a 1½-inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 56 Dorchester street, Ward 14.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of estates as follows:

Louis A. Ginsburg, 310-312 Bremen street, Ward 1, of brick.

J. Homer Pierce, Glendale street, at both corners of Columbia road, Ward 20, of gravel.

C. H. Wolf, 49 Round Hill street, Ward 22, of brick.

William T. Eaton, southerly side of First street, from O street to the playground, Ward 14, of brick.

Ann Trainor, 75 Mercer street, Ward 15, of brick.

R. O. Dunn, 10 and 12 Newport street, Ward 20, of brick.

William Dromey, 132-148 Quincy street, Ward 16, of gravel.

Elizabeth J. Daly, 81-83 Mercer street, Ward 15, of gravel.

Jacob Pfeiffer, 54 Round Hill street, Ward 22, of brick.

Mrs. Josephine Janse, 56 Round Hill street, Ward 22, of brick.

John Moran, 82 Hamilton street, Ward 20, of gravel.

Aloysius Jaeger, 726 East Second street, Ward 14, of brick (without edgestone).

Stephen Jaeger, 722 East Second street, Ward 14, of brick (without edgestone).

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width and to be built of artificial stone, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

J. Calder, 50 McLellan street, Ward 20.

J. J. Cashen, 58 McLellan street, Ward 20.

David McIntosh, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, and 51 Cranston street, Ward 22.

David McIntosh, 53, 56, 60, 68, 69, 76 Sheridan street, Ward 22.

David McIntosh, 43-61 Forbes street, Ward 22.

George O. Wood, 104, 106, 108 Centre street, Ward 20.

Bigelow, Kennard & Co., 8, 10, 12 West street, Ward 7.

D. Bernhard, 10 Spring Park avenue, Ward 22.

Julie A. Belyea, 26 Nightingale street, Ward 20.

Martin D. Kneeland, 29 Wyoming street, Ward 21.

Levi Herman, Wabeno street, at the corner of Wyoming street, Ward 21.

Francis C. Creber, 28 Abbott street, Ward 20.

The following were approved May 25, 1899.

Orders granting permits, viz.:

James H. Beal, to construct, maintain and use areas with granite and sidewalk light covers under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on the westerly side of Charlestown street, near Causeway street, Ward 6, as shown on a plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

S. Breth to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening two by six feet square, with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 17 Norman street, Ward 8.

Bridget Foster, to construct, maintain and use three openings, with covers of iron grating, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 213 Endicott street, Ward 6, as shown on a plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

C. D. Wainwright, to construct, maintain and use an area with one coal-hole opening, with sidewalk lights and iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 277-279 Washington street, Ward 6.

The following were approved May 26, 1899:

Permits to project bay-windows, viz.:

G. J. White, two, 11 Norway street, Ward 10.

John C. Haynes, three, Columbus avenue, near Terry street, Ward 18.

John Lepore, two, 31-33 Thacher street, Ward 6.

Francis Raynes, two bay-windows and a cornice, 30-32 Washington street, Ward 5.

Henry H. Green, one, 944 Washington street, Ward 7.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

To Edmund J. Twomey, transparency at 11 City square, Ward 5.

To Albert C. Haley, illuminated sign at 321 Tremont street, Ward 10.

To George M. Hatch, to place a cloth for stereopticon views on building 3 Berkeley street, Ward 10.

To Jordan, Marsh & Co., permanent awning over the sidewalk at entrance to store on Avon street, Ward 7.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double curves at the corner of Massachusetts avenue and Boylston street, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton,

dated April 28, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets. The right to lay down the tracks by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void. The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company, to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Beach street, from a point on said street, near South street, to and connecting with the company's existing locations for double tracks on Atlantic avenue, with necessary curves, cross-overs, switches, and connections, connecting with existing tracks on South street, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated April 28, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to order the laying out of Alexander street, Ward 16, from its present terminus to Bird street, under Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make such an arrangement as to allow each member of the Fire Department twelve hours leave of absence between his regular days off.

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make the necessary improvements on the yard and walks of the Thetford Avenue School in Dorchester; also to improve the sanitary condition.

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient for the widening of Ruggles street, Ward 19, between Halleck and Parker streets, to a uniform width of forty feet.

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient sum of money so that the Fire Department may be organized in such a way that the members shall not be required to perform more than twelve hours duty in twenty-four.

Ordered, That a committee, to consist of seven members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to prepare and report a programme for the celebration of June 28, Farragut Day; the expense of the same not to exceed \$1,000, and to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following petition was passed:

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUSTICES OF THE
SUPERIOR COURT, SITTING IN EQUITY
FOR THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK:

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston respectfully petition for such alterations of the crossings of public ways and the railroads of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company and the Boston and Albany Railroad Company in that part of Boston called East Boston, as will avoid crossings at grade.

We pray further that said Court, or any justice thereof, shall appoint a commission of three disinterested persons to determine whether said grade crossings, or any of them, should be abolished, or the use thereof changed or regulated as provided in "An Act Relative to the Crossings of Railroads and Public Ways in East Boston," enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives the present year and known as House Bill No. 1,037.

Minors' licenses were granted to fifteen newsboys, seven bootblacks and one flower-vender.

ORDERS PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTION- MENT AND PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

The following orders having been passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment were submitted by the Mayor to the City Council, and were not altered by it within the period of thirty days prescribed by law:

Ordered, That of the amount of \$3,000, formerly appropriated for "Dam from Maverick street to Prescott street, East Boston," and now lying unappropriated in the City Treasury, the sum of \$500 be appropriated for a clock on the South Ferry Head House, Boston side.

Ordered, That the School Committee be authorized to expend, in providing school-house sites, the following amounts, and the said amounts are hereby appropriated for the following purposes:

New grammar school-house, Tileston District, Dorchester, site for . . . \$10,000
New primary school-house, Sherwin District, Roxbury, site for . . . 15,000
and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the amount of \$25,000.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending May 27, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	17.6
Number of deaths:	
Males	99
Females	104
Total	203
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	180
Increase	23

Of the 203 decedents, 200 were white and 3 colored; 128 were born in the United States, 71 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 39 were of American parentage, 143 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 21 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	55	5
Scarlatina	39	2
Typhoid fever	7	1
Measles	81	—
Totals	182	8

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	29
Pneumonia	19
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	25
Bronchitis	5
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	5

Total from principal causes	87
Total from infectious diseases	8
Total from other causes	108

Total from all causes	203
Deaths of children under 1 year	39
Deaths of children under 5 years	58
Deaths of persons over 60 years	56
Deaths in public institutions	66

NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting on the twenty-fifth instant, voted to adjourn to Monday, June 12, 1899, at 3 P.M.

The Common Council, at its meeting held on the twenty-fifth instant, voted to adjourn till Thursday, June 15, 1899, at 7.45 P.M.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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IN SENATE.										
1. S. B. 8, an Act to establish two polling-places for caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 44.	Election Laws. Jan. 12.	March 23. Closed.	April 6. S.(S.B. 287)	April 7.	April 10. Am.	April 12. H.	April 21. Rej.			
2. S. B. 14, an Act relative to the Bank Officers' Association of the City of Boston, p. 44.	Insurance. Jan. 16.	Jan. 27. Feb. 23. Closed.	April 20. H. (H. B. 118.)	April 21.	April 28. Am.	May 1. S.	May 8.	May 10.	H. May 27. S. May 27.	May 23. App.
3. S. B. 15, an Act to authorize the use of type-writing machines in making official records of papers and documents, p. 44.	Judiciary. Jan. 16.	Jan. 24. Closed.		April 25.	April 26.	April 28. H.	May 1.	May 3.	H. May 4. S. May 8.	May 9. App.
4. S. B. 20, an Act to provide for the formation and disbursement of a Public School Teachers' Retirement Fund in the City of Boston, p. 44.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Feb. 1. Closed.	March 9. S. (S.B. 20)	March 23. Am.	March 24. Rej.					
5. S. B. 25 an Act relating to the selling of articles in the streets and from house to house, in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary. Jan. 19.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 14. S.(N.G.C.)							
6. S. B. 27, an Act to provide clerical assistance for the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Public Service. Jan. 20.	Feb. 3. Closed.	April 14. S.(S.B. 300)	April 18.	April 20.	April 24. H.	May 1.	May 3.	H. May 4. S. May 8.	May 9. App.
7. S. B. 29, Resolution relative to the construction of a tunnel to East Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N.P.)							
8. S. B. 30, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 2. S.(S.B. 324)	May 4.	May 16. Am.	May 18. H.	May 19. Am.	May 23. Am.	H. May 25. S. May 26.	May 29. App.
9. S. B. 35, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H.(H.B.1124)	April 25. Am.	May 1.	May 2. S.	May 10. Am.	May 11. Am.		
10. S. B. 36, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Sarah E. Leavitt, p. 74.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 3. Closed.	March 13. H.(S.B. 36)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
11. S. B. 42, an Act to authorize the Cambridge Bridge Commission, with the consent of the United States Government, to construct the bridge to be built between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, without a draw, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 26.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 20. S.(S.B. 42.) March 10. Sub. H. (H.B. 917)	March 10.	March 10.	March 14. S.	March 14.	March 14.	H. Mch. 15. S. Mch. 17.	March 23. App.
12. S.B. 49, an Act relative to the bequest of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library, p. 74.	Libraries and Judiciary. Jan. 27.	March 3. April 12.	April 12. S.(N.G.C.)							
13. S. B. 59, an Act relative to the registration of voters, the appointment of election and caucus officers, and the establishment of election districts in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 21. H.(L.W.)							
14. S. B. 67, an Act to cede certain land in Boston Harbor, and jurisdiction over the same, to the United States, for the purpose of extending the present limits of the United States Navy Yard, p. 75.	Harbors and Public Lands, and Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 31. S. (S.B. 67)	Feb. 1.	Feb. 1.	Feb. 2. H.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 2.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
15. S. B. 72, an Act to provide that a person applying to vote in the City of Boston, shall not be required to write his name on the voting list, p. 75.	Election Laws. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.	March 29. S.(S.B. 267)	March 31.	April 3.	April 5. H.	April 14.	April 21.	H. Apr. 25. S. Apr. 27.	May 1. App.
16. S. B. 76, an Act to abolish the Board of Apportionment of the City of Boston, p. 75.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.	April 5, 10.	April 24. S. (L.W.)	(See No. 65.)						
17. S. B. 90, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 75.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 7, 16. Closed.	March 16. H. (H. B. 1087.)	April 1.	April 7.	April 11. S.	May 17.	May 17.	H. May 18. S. May 22.	May 23. App.
18. S. B. 97, an Act relative to the inspection of steam-boilers, and to regulate steam engineering, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (N.P.)							
19. S. B. 100, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of Bennington street and other highways in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 2. S.(S.B. 324)	May 4.	May 16. Am.	May 18. H.	May 19. Am.	May 23. Am.	H. May 25. S. May 26.	May 29. App.
20. S. B. 108, an Act to provide for a Normal School-house in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	Mch 2, 8. Closed.	March 17. S.(S.B. 108)	March 20.	March 21.	March 23. H.	March 28.	March 31.	H. Apr. 4. S. Apr. 5.	April 10. App.
21. S. B. 109, an Act to authorize the establishment of vacation schools in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Education. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 16. S.(S.B. 241)	March 17.	March 17.	March 22. H.	March 23.	March 30.	H. Apr. 4. S. Apr. 7.	April 10. App.
22. S. B. 118, an Act to provide for the use of automatic ventilators in sleeping-rooms where gas is used in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Manufactures. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 23. S. (L.W.)							
23. S. B. 119, an Act relative to salaries paid by the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
24. S. B. 121, an Act relative to the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 6. S. (L.W.)							
25. S. B. 122, an Act relative to the construction of subways in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	April 10. S.(N.G.C.)							

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26. S. B. 123, an Act to provide for grammar and primary school-houses in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 28. H. (L.W.)							
27. S. B. 124, an Act relative to the Riverway Park of the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 7. H. (N.G.C.)							
28. S. B. 125, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 16.	March 16. Closed.	March 16. H. (N.P.)							
29. S. B. 126, an Act relative to contracts with the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2, 3. Closed.	March 10. H. (L.W.)							
30. S. B. 127, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. S. (L.W.)							
31. S. B. 142, an Act relative to the granting of leave of absence to police officers in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N.P.)							
32. S. B. 143, an Act relative to tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N.P.)							
33. S. B. 148, an Act relative to the height of buildings in Copley square in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N.G.C.)							
34. S. B. 149, an Act to amend the charter of the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L.W.)							
35. S. B. 150, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the children of Frederick B. Bogan, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 937)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 18.	April 26.	H. Apr. 28. S. May 2.	May 4. App.
36. S. B. 151, an Act relative to additions, alterations and repairs on school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 21.	March 9. Closed.	March 28. S. (S.B. 151) T. April 5.	April 25.	April 27.	May 1. H.	May 3.	May 5.	H. May 9. S. May 10.	May 12. App.
37. S. B. 157, an Act to establish a Department of Architecture in Boston, p. 125.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	March 6. S. (N.G.C.)							
38. S. B. 158, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Supply, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L.W.)							
39. S. B. 159, an Act relative to the Boston Transit Commission, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	April 10. H. (H.B. 1136.)	May 2.	May 5.	May 8. S.	May 9.	May 11.	H. May 16. S. May 18.	May 19. App.
40. S. B. 175, an Act relative to the new Cambridge Bridge, p. 101.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 9. Closed.	March 9. S. (L.W.)							
41. S. B. 190, an Act to provide for a State Highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, p. 126.	Roads and Bridges. March 6.	March 20. Closed.	March 27. S. (L.W.)							
42. S. B. 193, an Act relative to the Erection and Alteration of Buildings in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Cities. Feb. 27.	March 6. Closed.	March 6. S. (S.B. 193)	March 7.	March 8.	March 9. H.	March 13.	March 13.	H. Mch. 15. S. Mch. 16.	March 17. App.
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43. H. B. 20, an Act relative to Malden Bridge, so called, in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B. 936)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 4.	April 5.	H. April 7. S. April 11.	April 17. App.
44. H. B. 21, an Act to authorize the West End Street Railway Company to replace its tracks on Tremont and Boylston streets in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Street Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 9, 13, 15, 24. Closed.	March 23. H. (H.B. 1,002.)	April 4.	April 18.	April 20. S.	May 1. Am.	May 8. Am.	H. May 16. S. May 18.	May 24. App.
45. H. B. 23, an Act to authorize the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of merchandise, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	March 22. H. (L.W.)							
46. H. B. 25, an Act to authorize the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	Jan. 24. S. (H.B. 25)	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 30. H.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
47. H. B. 31, an Act to repeal Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (L.W.)							
48. H. B. 38, an Act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Public Service. Jan. 11.	Jan. 27. Closed.	Jan. 27. H. (L.W.)							
49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30.	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (L.W.)							
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (H.B. 1018.)	April 12. Rej.						
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 6. H. (L.W.)							
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (N.P.)							

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (N. P.)							
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 3. S. (N. P.)							
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.	March 21. Closed.	March 30. S. (S. B. 272)	April 17.	April 21. Sub. H. B. 1121.	April 24. S.	April 26. Am.	April 27.	H. May 2. S. May 3.	May 9. App.
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 13, 24. Closed.	(See No. 44.)							
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Mch. 16, 23. Closed.	March 24. H. (L. W.)							
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.	March 14. H. (H. R. 162)		March 15. Ad.	March 17. S.		March 20. Ad.		
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N. P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H. B. 176)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S. Feb. 21.	Feb. 23. App.
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (H. B. 1018.)	April 12. Rej.						
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 1. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,013.)	April 4.	April 11.	April 13. S.	April 14.	April 17.	H. April 20. S. April 24.	April 25. App.
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.	April 25. H. (H. B. 1169) Sub.	May 15.	May 16.	May 17. S.	May 18.	May 23. Am.	H. May 25. S. May 26.	June 1. App.
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H. B. 811)	Feb 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.	March 24. Rej.			
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (H. B. 214)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16. App.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 1. Closed.	May 2. S. (S. B. 324.)	May 4.	May 16. Am.	May 18. H.	May 19. Am.	May 23. Am.	H. May 25. S. May 26.	May 29. App.
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.	March 20. H. (N. P.)							
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.	March 2. Closed.	March 7. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.	Mch 23, 29. Closed.	April 21. H. (N. G. C.)							
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N. G. C.)							
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (H. B. 833)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.	March 15.	H. Mch. 20. S. Mch. 22.	March 24. App.
75. H. B. 321, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (L. W.)							
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Joint Judiciary. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	May 15. H. (H. B. 1211)	May 16.	May 16.	May 22. S.	May 24.			
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Mch. 21, 22. Closed.	March 24. H. (N. P.)							

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78. H. B. 332, an Act relative to the leasing of buildings and the granting of concessions by the Park Commissioners of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N.P.)							
79. H. B. 333, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 10. H. (N.P.)							
80. H. B. 350, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.	March 31. H. (L.W.)							
81. H. B. 353, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 3. S. (S.B.340)	May 17.	May 18. Am.	May 19. H.	May 19. Am.	May 23. Am.	H. May 25. S. May 26.	May 29. App.
82. H. B. 377, an Act relative to certain departments of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (N.G.C.)							
83. H. B. 383, an Act relative to the election of the Mayor of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 1. S. (N.G.C.)							
84. H. B. 386, an Act to further regulate the inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13, 24. Closed.	March 13. H. (N.P.)							
85. H. B. 387, an Act to change the method of electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
86. H. B. 396, an Act relative to playgrounds in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 30.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 22. H. (H.B.996)	March 28.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 7.	H. Apr. 12. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
87. H. B. 407, an Act to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston to purchase certain lands on Chestnut Hill avenue, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 10. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,015.)	March 30.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 6.	H. Apr. 10. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
88. H. B. 463, an Act to authorize the proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate, p. 82.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 6. H. (H.B.894)	March 7.	March 8.	March 10. S.	March 13.	March 14.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 20.	March 21. App.
89. H. B. 464, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to abate a portion of certain assessments for the construction of highways, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L.W.)							
90. H. B. 471, an Act relative to the construction of a tunnel from a point on or near Hanover street to a point at or near Maverick square in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
91. H. B. 476, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles Bulle, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.476)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
92. H. B. 494, an Act relative to the laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L.W.)							
93. H. B. 517, an Act relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L.W.)							
94. H. B. 528, an Act relative to the tabulation of statistics of parent nativity in Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (H.B.923)	March 10.	March 13.	March 15. S.	March 20.	March 24.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
95. H. B. 529, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 relative to the municipal debt of and rate of taxation in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (L.W.)							
96. H. B. 531, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Mary A. Davis, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.531)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
97. H. B. 532, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward Mella, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.532)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
98. H. B. 533, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (N.P.)							
99. H. B. 551, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
100. H. B. 553, an Act to provide for the widening of Pine street in Boston, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (L.W.)							
101. H. B. 555, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John McGrath certain money, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 2. H. (H.B.561)	March 17.	March 20. Am.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
102. H. B. 562, an Act to require poles for wires in the City of Boston to be made of iron, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (N.P.)							
103. H. B. 570, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of James F. Ryan, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.570)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			

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104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. March 8. Closed.	April 12. H.(HB1186) H.(HB1187)	May 15.	May 16.	May 17. S.	May 19.	May 22.	H. May 23. S. May 24.	May 27. App.
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.583)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 18. Rej.			
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 8 Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 9, 10. Closed.	March 21. H.(H.B.890)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 1.	April 10. Rej.		
109. H. B. 607 an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. H.(N.G.C.)							
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H.(H.B.957)	March 16.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 24.	March 27.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	(See No.110)							
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N. P.)							
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2. (See No. 105.)									
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 9. H. (L. W.)							
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	April 25. S. (S.B.637)	April 27.	May 2.	May 4. H.	May 9.	May 15.	H. May 16. S. May 18.	May 24. App.
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H.(HB1168) Rec. May 22.	May 2. Am.	May 8. Sub.	May 9. S.	May 11. Am.	May 17. Am.	H. May 31. S. June 1.	June 1. App.
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 21, Closed.	(See No. 55)							
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.665)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16, 24. Closed.	April 26. H.(HB1137)	May 3. Rej.						
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.	(See No. 81)								
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.673)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.674)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	April 12. H.(HB1092) T. April 20.							
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 14, 15. Closed	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.679)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 26.	April 27.	H. May 1. S. May 2.	May 4. App.
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15, 28. Closed.	April 3. H.(H.B.680)	April 14. Rej.						

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128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 17, 3, 30. A p. 3. Closed.	April 26. H. (H.B.1197)	May 18.						
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.	March 7. S. (N.G.C.)							
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 27. H. (H. B. 1,091.)	April 10. Am.	April 20.	April 21. S.	April 28. Am.	May 2.	H. May 9. S. May 10.	May 11. App.
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. March 17. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2, 15. Closed.	April 10. S. (L.W.)							
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. H. (N.G.C.)							
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H. (H.B.1174)	May 10.	May 10.	May 10. S.	May 17.	May 18. Am.	H. May 22. S. May 24.	May 25. App.
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H. (L.W.)							
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Societies. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 2. H. (L.W.)							
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	April 7. Closed.	April 25. H. (H.B. 1,132.)	May 1.	May 3.	May 4. S.	May 8.	May 11.	H. May 11. S. May 12.	May 12. App.
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17. March 7. Closed.	March 28. H. (N.P.)							
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. March 7.	March 16. Closed.	April 26. S. (N.G.C.)							
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 10. Closed.	March 16. H. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.783)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 31. Rej.			
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17. March 7. Closed.	March 27. H. (N.G.C.)							
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H. (L.W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. March 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.	May 2. S. (S.B.324)	May 4.	May 16.	May 18. H.	May 19. Am.	May 23. Am.	H. May 25. S. May 26.	May 29. App.
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 6. Closed.	March 9. S. (N.G.C.)							
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education. Feb. 20.	March 15. Closed.	April 4. H. (H.B.846)	April 12.	April 20. Rej.					
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Counties. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	March 20. S. (H.B.858.)	May 12.	May 15.	May 17. H.	May 18.	May 18.	H. May 22. S. May 24.	May 25. App.

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.) Ought not to Pass; (L. W.) Leave to Withdraw; Am., Amended; (N. G. C.) Next General Court; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted; Sub., Substituted; Rej., Rejected; Rec., Recommended; T., Tabled.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Trustees in City Hall, on Friday, May 12, 1899, at 3 P. M.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse and Fallon.

A communication from Gen. Francis H. Appleton, representing various patriotic societies, was read, in regard to closing up Copps' Hill Burial-ground to the general public.

The Chairman reported that he had written Gen. Appleton saying that the Department had carefully considered the request, but that it would be against good policy to close the grounds.

Voted, That the action of the Chairman be approved.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to request the Superintendent of Police of Boston to detail patrolmen for police duty from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. on May 30, 1899, at the Granary, King's Chapel, Central and Copps' Hill Burial Grounds.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to request the Captain of Station 13 to detail six patrolmen for duty at Mt. Hope Cemetery on May 30, 1899.

Voted, That the Secretary be instructed to receive bids for erecting a chapel, administration building and gate-way at Mt. Hope Cemetery; no bids to be received after 12 M. of May 24.

Voted, That the thanks of the Board be extended to the Park Department for various shrubs and evergreens of substantial value.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

Boston, May 1, 1899.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at City Hall on May 1, 1899, at 12 M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Keany and Rueter.

Upon ballot, and again upon viva voce vote, Mr. A. Shuman was elected President of the Board for the ensuing year, and Mr. Conrad J. Rueter was elected Secretary of the Board for the ensuing year.

Boston, May 16, 1899.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on May 16, 1899, at 5 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Keany and Rueter.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$21,000.77.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department, amounting to \$378.10, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of hospital buildings, improvements, Hospital Department, amounting to \$2,845.23, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof.

It was voted that there be paid to the Poland Laundry Machinery Company the sum of \$1,200, the same being second payment on account of their contract, dated December 31, 1898, for furnishing and installing laundry machinery at the laundry building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new laundry building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to the Harrisburg Foundry and Machine Works the sum of \$600, the same being first payment on account of their contract dated September 2, 1898, for furnishing and installing engine in new laundry building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new laundry building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to E. Hodge & Co. the sum of \$434.70, the same being second and final payment and in full settlement of their contract dated August 16, 1898, for new boilers at boiler-house; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, extension of boiler-house, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent as follows:

(1.) Respecting receipts from paying patients, and from the estate of Thomas T. Wyman, deceased.

The same were ordered to be placed on file.

(2.) Enclosing letter from the Consulting Architect, respecting difference between estimate and bill of Repair Division for repairing mains at the south department.

It was voted that the payment of \$1,243.72 in all, for work done by the Repair Division, referred to in said communication, be authorized, as recommended by the Consulting Architect.

(3.) Respecting the establishment of tents for patients.

It was voted that the desirability of the establishment of tents be brought to the attention of His Honor the Mayor, and that at the same time a statement of the Hospital appropriations, especially the maintenance appropriation, be submitted to His Honor, with the view of conferring with him as to the advisability or possibility of establishing tents for patients during the coming summer, as heretofore done.

(4.) Concerning the furnishing of the Vose House.

It was voted that the Superintendent be authorized to pass upon and purchase minor furnishings, under the direction of the Service Committee.

(5.) Enclosing a communication from the Consulting Architect, respecting charges for architectural services by the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, amounting to \$446.14.

It was voted that the Secretary be requested to confer with His Honor the Mayor upon the propriety of paying the charges as requested.

Circulars Nos. 61, 62 and 63, from His Honor the Mayor, were presented and considered, and ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from Kerrens Driscoll, respecting the completion of the laundry building, and payment for the same.

It was voted that action upon the matter be deferred, the Superintendent, in the meanwhile, to procure from Wheelwright & Haven, architects, a certificate justifying the payment to said Kerrens Driscoll of a sum not exceeding \$4,000, if such payment, in their opinion, is proper.

A communication was received from the Consulting Architect, upon the contract of Craig, Donovan & Co., for work on the new laundry building.

It was voted that the proper release having been signed by the Blanchard Machine Company, and the assent of His Honor the Mayor having been obtained to the making of this contract, the President be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the Trustees, on the approval by him of the sureties upon the bond.

Boston, May 18, 1899.

An adjourned meeting of the Trustees was held at the office of Mr. A. Shuman on May 18, 1899, at 5 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Keany and Rueter.

The Trustees discussed the condition of the Hospital appropriation and voted that the Secretary be instructed to address a communication to His Honor the Mayor as to the expediency of establishing a tent camp for patients, and also as to the general condition of the maintenance appropriation.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, stating that under public advertisement, proposals for supplying the Hospital with 800 tons of hard white ash egg or hard white ash pea coal were publicly opened at the Hospital on Wednesday, May 17.

It was voted that the proposal of J. A. Bradford & Co. be accepted for furnishing the Hospital with 800 tons of Beaver Meadow pea coal at \$2.62 per ton of 2,240 pounds, and that the President be authorized to sign the contract for the same. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 21, page 412.)

It was voted that there be added to the contract of E. Hodge & Co., dated August 16, 1898, Architect's Division, Engineering Department, order No. 2,177, for covering column in boiler-house, for the sum of \$25; also, order No. 2,176 for additional boiler front, amounting to \$65.

A communication was received from Kerrens Driscoll, contractor for the laundry building, requesting an additional payment on his contract, and Mr. Rueter was appointed a committee of one to confer with Mr. Driscoll and the architects, Wheelwright & Haven, in regard to the matter.

A communication was received from the secretary of the senior staff, making nominations for positions of house officers, and the same was referred to the Medical Committee.

A second communication was received from the secretary of the senior staff, in regard to additional provisions for house physicians, for bed-rooms, bath-rooms, recreation rooms; for an enlarged consulting room for visiting physicians, and other matters pertaining to the medical service, and said communication was referred to the Medical Committee.

Mr. Sprague, to whom was referred the plans of the connecting corridor between the old and the new nurses' homes, reported

that he did not fully approve of the plan as submitted, and had conferred with the architects, Wheelwright & Haven, on submission of revised plans.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street, on May 11, 1899, all the members being present.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$5,344.03, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount. The weekly per capita cost averaged \$1.24.

The pay-roll for the month, amounting to \$3,670.83, was referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The bills for the support of insane in other hospitals, amounting to \$43,101.23, were referred to the Committee on Insane in Other Hospitals for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

In the absence of the Superintendent the Associate Superintendent presented the report, which was accepted and placed on file.

Dr. Henry C. Baldwin was elected Chairman for the ensuing year and Dr. Philip Coombs Knapp, Secretary.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds were authorized to install a telephone service at the women's department.

The question of the purchase of a skeleton and chart, and the question of uniforms and wages in the training school, were referred to the Committees on Service and Supplies.

It was voted that the Associate Superintendent be permitted to attend the meeting of the American Medico-Psychological Association at New York.

Messrs. Sanderson, Goddard and Connelly were appointed a special committee to hire additional pasture land for the season.

The request for the transfer of John J. Ryan from Medfield to the Boston Hospital was referred to the Committee on Insane in Other Hospitals, with full powers.

The Chairman and Mr. Goddard were appointed a special committee to make further investigation in regard to the bills against Mr. Blake.

The Visiting Committee reported that the shrubbery had been set out and that various alterations and repairs had been begun.

The special committee in regard to the charges for the support of State cases at the Boston Insane Hospital, report that they had appeared before the State Board of Charity and the Board had voted to refer all cases to Mr. Wrightington for further information.

The population on May 10, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	244	251	495
On visit	9	9	18
Totals	253	260	513

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, May 12, 1899.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Bowditch, Dwight and Lincoln.

Communications received: From the City Clerk dated May 1 and May 8.

The Corporation proceeded to the election of officers, and Solomon Lincoln was elected President, James DeNormandie, Vice-President, and Philip H. Savage, Clerk for the ensuing year.

The regular weekly meeting was then held, with the same members present.

Communications received: Circular No. 61 from the Mayor; the Acting Librarian's report.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$194.94; to trust funds, \$35.04; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$4.02; miscellaneous articles, \$255.50.

An application for a special privilege card was granted.

Voted, That the Vice-President be requested to prepare and present suitable resolutions on the retirement from the Board of Hon. F. O. Prince.

Friday, May 19, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, De Normandie Bowditch, and Lincoln.

Received: Circulars No. 62 and No. 63 from the Mayor; the Acting Librarian's report.

In accordance with the vote of the last meeting the Vice-President presented the following tribute addressed to the Hon. Frederick Octavius Prince:

"The Trustees of the Public Library at their meeting held on the nineteenth of May, 1899, desire to put upon their records the following tribute to the Hon. Frederick O. Prince:

"Mr. Prince is among the oldest residents of Boston, and has always been a warm admirer and faithful servant of the city of his birth.

"We recall with interest the part he has taken in suggesting and carrying out many of the most marked improvements in this city of these latter years; his felicitous addresses upon so many public occasions, especially at the laying of the corner-stone of this building; and his fidelity in the highest and most honorable offices which Boston has repeatedly bestowed upon him.

"It was most fitting that he should become the President of this Corporation after his activity in arranging for the site of the building, involving careful and complicated dealings with the city and the State; in deciding upon its plans, in watching the whole work of its erection, and the transfer of its treasures from their old home, in all of which his interest was unabated, and his pride justified.

"During the eleven years he has been a member of this Corporation, his attendance at its meetings has been prompt and faithful, his counsel judicious, his gracious and affable manners and spirit always the same.

"We have marked with unfeigned regret his failing strength by which he has been detained from our meetings the past winter, and which at last has compelled his retirement from the Board.

"Our heartfelt sympathy follows him to the confinement of his home, and our earnest wish for the quiet enjoyment of venerable age, without suffering, and with a happy retrospect — which he has earned by an active and helpful life."

The Acting Librarian reported the death of Thomas McFarland of the ordering department, on May 17; and of Frank A. Wall, of the engineer and janitor department, on May 18.

The resignation of Birdsey F. Ives, of the printing department, was received, to take effect May 27. The resignation was accepted.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$5,010.81; to trust funds, \$1,890.84; to Broadway extension special appropriation, \$13.94; to Library building appropriation, \$4,685.30; to Library building furnishing appropriation, \$1,190.43; and the President was authorized to sign special drafts in favor of Lynch & Woodward for \$1,447.47, and the Public Buildings Department \$1,706.37, included in the above.

Ordered, That the Central Library and the West End Branch be closed at 9 o'clock P.M. from June 1 to September 15; and that the branch libraries, with the exception of the West End Branch, be closed at 6 P.M., except on Saturdays; on Saturdays, at 8 P.M.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$334.60; to trust funds, \$262.15; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$34.93; to Station P, \$7.55; miscellaneous articles, \$205.40.

Five special cards were granted to the Superintendent of the City Almshouse and Hospital at Long Island, for the use of officers of the institution.

PHILIP H. SAVAGE, Clerk.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, May 16, 1899.

A special meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, May 8, at 10 A.M.

Present: Messrs. Sedgwick, Dobbins, Grainger, Hunnewell, Miss Morse and Mrs. Lincoln.

Voted, That so much of the vote passed on April 17, as related to the disposal of the effects of George E. Foss be rescinded, and the property belonging to Mr. Foss be placed in the hands of a public administrator.

Mr. Sedgwick, Chairman of the Board, read portions of the annual report which had been prepared and collated by him, and explained the general scope and purpose of the report.

Voted, That this report be accepted and adopted as the annual report of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, and that the Chairman be authorized to have the report printed.

The question of the contract for laying mains for fresh and salt water service at Long Island was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Statistics Department.

The fortieth meeting of the Statistics Department was held on February 27, 1899, in Room 73, City Hall, at 3.55 P. M. Messrs. Dewey, Folsom, Jackson and Minot were present. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

A communication from Mayor Quincy was read, asking the Board to designate a member to serve on a proposed commission on salaries, and to attend a conference with the Merchants' Municipal Committee, regarding the formation of such a commission.

It was voted that the Chairman of this Board attend the meeting, and be authorized to designate a member of the Board to serve on the proposed commission on salaries, should it be organized.

The forty-first meeting of the Statistics Department was held in Room 73, City Hall, on April 10, 1899, at 3.40 P.M. Messrs. Dewey, Folsom, Jackson, Minot and Weld were present. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

The draft of the annual report by the Chairman was presented. It was voted that the annual report be submitted in proof to the members of the Board for approval.

The Secretary reported regarding the material gathered for publication in the proposed monthly bulletin of statistics, to the effect that data for some fifteen tables relating to the months of January, February and March, 1899, were in hand or promised to be furnished.

It was voted that the Chairman be authorized to purchase a quantity of type appropriate to, and sufficient for, the use of the monthly bulletin of statistics.

It was voted that the Secretary be authorized to appear on Wednesday, the twelfth instant, before the Board of Engineers appointed by the Secretary of War, to consider the building of a drawless bridge with an island, to replace the present West Boston bridge, and to support the proposal for a bridge without a draw.

The forty-second meeting of the Statistics Department was held in Room 73, City Hall, on April 24, at 3.35 P.M. Present: Messrs. Dewey, Folsom, Jackson, Minot and Weld. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

It was voted that the annual report submitted by the Chairman be adopted, and that the Secretary make such corrections and revisions as are necessitated by the suggestions in the proofs returned by the several members of the Board.

The Secretary reported progress in the preparation for publication of the bulletin of statistics.

The Chairman presented a communication from Mr. Koren, together with an outline of his report upon institution statistics.

It was voted that Mr. Koren's report be accepted and printed in THE CITY RECORD.

It was voted that Mr. Koren be requested to report to this Board as to what information it should seek to secure regarding the institutions' population, and as to the best methods of obtaining it.

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary.

The exports of canned beef from the United States in April, 1899, exceeded by nearly 1,300,000 pounds the amount exported in April, 1898, while the exports of fresh dressed beef last month exceeded those of the same month last year by 3,150,000 pounds.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Boston, May 24, 1899.

The undersigned, being the owners of the estate numbered 78 Portland street, Ward 6, hereby petition for permission to lay, maintain and use a four-inch iron pipe, with smaller pipes encased therein, under and along said Portland street, from No. 78 to No. 94, as shown on a plan on file in the office of the Superintendent of Streets; said pipes to be used for steam heating and power purposes. The work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, and done on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City of Boston.

SAMUEL WELLS,
JAMES M. CODMAN, JR.,
NATHANIEL THAYER,
MOSES WILLIAMS,
HENRY PARKMAN,
Trustees Municipal Real Estate Trust,
By S. GANNETT WELLS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

May 25, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twelfth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Herald, Evening Record, and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Old Court House, Room 30, May 31, 1899.

Proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M. Saturday, June 3, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing, for the three months ending October 1, 1899, whatever best quality hard, white ash broken, egg or stove coal that may be required for the Public Buildings and for the several departments of the City of Boston not otherwise provided for.

The amount required is about 3,000 tons, more or less, broken coal; 1,500 tons, more or less, egg coal; 1,000 tons, more or less, stove coal.

And about 1,500 tons, more or less, best quality George's Creek Cumberland Coal for steam and smithing uses.

Also 2,000 tons, more or less, Cumberland coal for the police and fire-boats for the year ending July 1, 1900.

Information will be furnished by the Fuel Clerk at this office every day from 2 to 3 o'clock.

The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals if for the city's interest so to do.

Bids to be addressed "Proposals for Coal."

JOHN DROHAN,
Superintendent Public Buildings Department.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

TO TAXPAYERS.

City Hall, May 1, 1899.

Your attention is called to our circular (now being distributed throughout the city), relative to making returns on property subject to taxation as early as possible before June 15 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Per order of the Board of Assessors,

GEORGE A. COMINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 25, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the private way known as Boylston terrace, at West Roxbury, leading from Centre street, be laid out as a highway with the name of Oakville terrace, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the eighth day of June, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Cemetery Trustees of the City of Boston will receive proposals at the office of the Cemetery Department, City Hall, Boston, Mass., for erecting a chapel and gateway as a whole or in part at Mt. Hope Cemetery, and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$8,000 for faithfully doing the work.

The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal, and leave it at said office before 12 o'clock M. of June 8, 1899, with a certified check of \$2,500, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part or to accept any proposal in whole or in part he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

J. ALBERT BRACKETT,
Chairman of the Cemetery Trustees.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Boston, June 1, 1899.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive sealed proposals for selling to the city a lot of land containing about thirty-five thousand (35,000) square feet, for a site for a new normal school-house, within the territory bounded approximately by the Fenway, Boylston, Dartmouth, Washington and Ruggles streets, at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee Mason street, until 12 o'clock M., on the fourteenth day after the date of this notice. Said proposals will at that time be publicly opened and read, and thereafter a public hearing will be given by the Committee on New Buildings of said School Committee at said office on June 26, 1899, at 4.30 o'clock P.M., at which hearing the proposals and the suitability of the lands offered therein will be considered.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,

Chairman Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

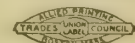
Boston, May 31, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Williams street, West Roxbury, be relocated as a highway, between Washington street and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and that an extension of said Williams street be laid out as a highway across said railroad and over and upon a part of Carolina avenue to Call street, and that said highway so relocated and laid out be constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the fourteenth day of June, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF EX-MAYOR PRINCE.

Hon. Frederick O. Prince, twenty-fourth and twenty-sixth Mayor of Boston, died at his home, 311 Beacon street, on Tuesday, June 6, 1899, in the eighty-second year of his age.

Mr. Prince was born in Boston, January 18, 1818. He was graduated from the Boston Latin School in 1832, and from Harvard University in 1836. In 1840 he was admitted to the Suffolk bar.

While a resident of Winchester, whither he moved from Boston in 1848, Mr. Prince served as a member of the House of Representatives in 1851 and 1852, and as a member of the Senate in 1854. He was a member of the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention in 1853.

Mr. Prince early became associated with the Whig party, and when that party broke up he joined the ranks of the Democratic party, and was a delegate to the Charleston Convention in 1860. When that divided he went with the majority to Baltimore, where he was chosen Secretary of the Democratic National Committee, a position which he continued to hold till 1888, when he resigned.

In 1876 Mr. Prince was nominated by his party for Mayor of Boston, and was elected. The following year he was renominated but was defeated by the late Hon. Henry L. Pierce. In 1878 he was again nominated for Mayor, and was elected; he was returned to the same office for the two years following. Mr. Prince was thus Mayor of Boston during 1877 and again in 1879, 1880 and 1881. As Mayor, Mr. Prince was influential in promoting the expansion of the park system, the improved sewerage works, and in securing the construction of the English High and Latin School building. In 1885, he was nominated for Governor of Massachusetts, but was defeated. In 1896 Mr. Prince ran for Governor as the nominee of the Gold Democrats.

Mr. Prince was appointed a member of the Trustees of the Public Library in 1888, and was reappointed in 1893. When his term of office expired in 1898 he declined a reappointment. From 1895 till the expiration of his term of office he was President of the Board.

RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL.

At a special meeting of both branches of the City Council, held on Wednesday, June 7, 1899, for the purpose of taking action on the death of Hon. Frederick O. Prince, ex-Mayor of Boston, appropriate remarks were made upon his character as a citizen and his public services by Aldermen Barry, Colby, McDonald and Berwin.

The following resolution, offered by Alderman Colby, was unanimously adopted by both branches in concurrence:

Resolved, That the City Council has learned with regret of the death, at an advanced age, of Hon. Frederick O. Prince, an ex-Mayor of this city, and one of its most distinguished and public-spirited citizens. No citizen of Boston has taken a deeper interest in everything that made for the welfare of the city, and his personal traits won for him the affection, as well as the respect, of all who were associated with him. The City Council desires to place upon record its high respect for the character and services of Mr. Prince, and its sense of the loss which the city has sustained by his death.

The following orders were also passed in concurrence:

Ordered, That a committee consisting of the Chairman and four other members of this Board, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to represent the city at the funeral of the late Hon. Frederick O. Prince, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to join with said committee.

In connection with the above Aldermen McDonald, Colby, Brick, Berwin, Councilmen Stevens, Jordan, Emery, Turnbull, Stone, Logan and Cuddy were appointed as the committee.

Ordered, That any expense in connection with the funeral of the late Hon. Frederick O. Prince be charged to the appropriation for City Council incidental expenses.

Ordered, That City Hall be closed during the time set apart for funeral of the late Hon. Frederick O. Prince.

Ordered, That an engrossed copy of the resolutions adopted by the City Council on the death of ex-Mayor Frederick O. Prince be transmitted by the City Clerk to the family of the deceased, and that the expense of the same be charged to the appropriation for City Council, incidental expenses.

DEATH OF MR. SAVAGE.

The death of Philip H. Savage, Clerk of the Corporation of the Boston Public Library and Secretary to the Librarian, occurred at the Massachusetts General Hospital on Sunday afternoon, June 4, 1899, after a short illness.

Mr. Savage was born at North Brookfield in 1868. He was graduated from the English High School of this city in 1885 and from Harvard University in 1893; and later became an assistant in its English department. In the summer of 1895 he was appointed an instructor in English at the Institute of Technology, but resigned the appointment to become Secretary to the Librarian of the Boston Public Library in October, 1896. Mr. Savage was appointed Clerk of the Corporation on May 12, 1899, in succession to Mr. Herbert Putnam.

REPORT OF MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

The first annual report of the Music Department, which constitutes City Document 22A — 1899, has recently been presented to His Honor the Mayor.

The Board which was created by an ordinance passed April 23, 1898, was organized May 21, 1898, by the choice of the following officers: Carl Zerrahn, Chairman; John A. O'Shea, Vice-Chairman; J. Thomas Baldwin, Secretary. Since October 15, 1898, Mr. M. J. Dwyer has served as Secretary. The Commissioners first turned their attention to the formation of a band, and the Municipal Band, consisting of thirty-seven pieces, under the directorship of Mr. E. A. Catlin, was organized on May 21, 1898. Fourteen band concerts were given on successive Sunday afternoons, beginning June 19, 1898, on Boston Common; eleven concerts were given at Marine Park, South Boston, on successive Sunday evenings, beginning June 19, 1898; eight concerts were given at various times in the following sections of the city: North End, East Boston, Charlestown, Brighton, Dorchester and Jamaica Plain.

All of these concerts were attended by crowds of unprecedented size, the attendance increasing as the season progressed. Some 6,000 seats were provided for the accommodation of those attending the concerts on the Common.

The Commissioners claim that the performances of the band, both in the music selected and the manner of its rendition, were superior to any given under city auspices in previous years.

A serenade band, consisting of twelve performers on brass instruments, gave a series of concerts on Boston Common, and at Franklin and Wood Island Parks. The Municipal String Quartet was formed in November, 1898, consisting of well-trained musicians, and a series of twenty-two chamber concerts was given by them in various sections of the city. Beginning with a concert on November 15, in Lyceum Hall, East Boston, the quartet, assisted by a vocalist and pianist, were heard weekly in a program selected from the works of the masters in the following sections of the city: Two concerts in East Boston, Charlestown, South Boston, Roxbury, Old Public Library, Jamaica Plain, North End and Brighton, and one concert in Dorchester, Mt. Pleasant, South End ward-room, Warren-street District, Neponset and Boylston Station.

In December, 1898, the School Board kindly voted to allow the use of the school halls for these concerts. This was a great help to the Commission, financially. Fully 15,000 people availed themselves of the privilege afforded by these concerts during the winter.

Realizing the value to the people of orchestral concerts of the lighter classics, the Commissioners wished to give a series of such concerts during the winter charging a nominal fee for admission. Consulting the Corporation Counsel, it was found impossible to give these concerts under the auspices of the Commissioners as city officials, because of the admission fee charged. They, however, found it possible to do so, as individuals, by the personal guarantee of His Honor the Mayor, and by the generous contribution of \$500 towards the expenses of the series by Mr. B. F. Keith. The prices of admission ranged from ten to twenty-five cents, and twelve concerts were given by an orchestra of thirty-five members, conducted by Mr. John C. Mullaly and Mr. Emil Mollenhauer. These concerts, from an artistic standpoint, were a most gratifying success.

For the purpose of exercising a censorship on the music played on the streets of the city by licensed players, an arrangement was made with the Board of Police, whereby all street players on musical instruments were required to pass an examination before the Board of Music Commissioners twice a year. The essential qualification fixed by the Board for a license was that such instruments as hand organs, street pianos and the like, should be kept by the owners in perfect tune; and in the case of stringed instruments and others the performers should be required to play fairly well and possess a good instrument. An officer was delegated by the Board of Police to see that the new rules of the Commissioners were strictly carried out, and good results from this departure are already apparent in the class of instruments and kind of music now heard on the city streets.

The expenses of the Department for the financial year January 31, 1899, were \$9,046, the largest items of expenditure being: \$5,482 for salaries of the Municipal Band; \$1,187 for attendants at concerts, clerical help and stenographer; \$659 for printing, and \$371 for soloists and accompanists.

NEW CONTRACT FOR STREET LIGHTS.

His Honor Mayor Quincy has announced his approval of a contract which has just been executed by the Superintendent of Lamps, under which the system of street-lighting by gas-lamps will be entirely changed. The contract is made with the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company of Boston, which has held the contract for street-lighting by naphtha lamps in the districts where they are used for about nine years.

The new contract involves a radical departure in the system of public street-lighting

and in the gas-lamps themselves. Instead of having the street lamps under the direct charge of the city, and having the lighting done by lamplighters employed by the city, entirely new gas-lamps, of a much more ornamental pattern, are to be installed at the expense of the contractor, and the company assumes the full responsibility and expense of maintaining the lamps, and makes its own arrangements with the gas companies for gas supply. The new lamps will be of the so-called "Boulevard" pattern which have been extensively introduced in a few other large cities, and the use of which is rapidly extending, and the main feature of the lighting will be the use of the Welsbach mantle. A few of these lamps have been installed for some time upon Marlborough street as an experiment, and their success, with the favorable comments which have been made by the residents upon the street and by the public, have been instrumental in leading to the comprehensive arrangement for the whole city which has now been made.

His Honor the Mayor and the Superintendent of Lamps have been carefully investigating the whole question of street-lighting by the use of the mantle for several months, and have visited a number of other cities for this purpose, and they only entered into the contract when thoroughly convinced that gas-lighting by the use of the incandescent mantle was thoroughly established as the modern method of street illumination, and that it would give a greatly increased light at substantially the same price which the city has been paying. They believe that under this contract Boston will be made one of the best lighted cities in this country, if not in the world, and that as soon as the new lamps are installed the public will heartily approve the change. While they would have preferred to have had the city continue in direct charge of the lamps, they became satisfied that, on account of the control of this field by numerous patents, and on account of the special care required for the maintenance and renewal of the mantles, it was not practicable to introduce this system of lighting otherwise than by contract, and all other cities in which this system of lighting has been introduced have been obliged to adopt the contract system; it has been arranged, however, with the contractor that all lamplighters and employees now in the service of the city are to be taken into the service of the contracting company at the same wages. The installation of the new lamps will begin upon a considerable scale within a week, and they are all to be installed within the next four months.

His Honor Mayor Quincy and Superintendent Donovan believe that they have made a very satisfactory contract, as it calls for no investment of capital on the part of the city to procure the new lamps, and as the expense will not be greater than at present, while the amount of light given by each lamp will be about quadruple.

The contract between the city and the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company is as follows:

The Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, a corporation duly established under the laws

of the State of Maine, having a usual place of business in the City of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereinafter called the contractor, of the first part, and the City of Boston, a municipal corporation in said Commonwealth, hereinafter called the city, of the second part, agree as follows:

Article I. Said contractor shall have the charge of all gas-lanterns hereafter used for lighting the streets and places of said city, except such lanterns as said contractor shall be notified from time to time by the Superintendent of Lamps of said city to discontinue; shall within four months after June 1, 1899, place on every post designated, within one month after the date hereof, by said Superintendent, a boulevard lantern of said contractor like the lantern deposited as a sample in the office of said Superintendent and marked "Welsbach Boulevard No. 1," and shall within five days after being notified by said Superintendent so to do, place on every additional post specified by the said Superintendent, and furnished with a supply pipe from the gas main to the top of the post, a similar lantern; shall, when required by said Superintendent, furnish in place of any lantern, whether owned by the city or said contractor, other than a boulevard lantern, a lantern of the pattern now kept in said office as specified by said Superintendent, or any other lantern, if the contractor and the Superintendent shall so agree; shall place and maintain on every gas-lantern when in use, whether owned by the city or said contractor, a Welsbach burner and mantle, and furnish gas and keep it burning in every such lantern during the hours shown on time cards to be furnished by said Superintendent, so as to give a sixty (60) candle light; shall keep all lanterns when in use in good repair and condition and well painted, and properly replace all broken or displaced glass and signs on said lanterns before the next time of lighting, the signs to be furnished by the city but placed and kept securely fastened by the contractor; shall clean all lanterns when in use as often as once a week, and oftener if required, to keep the light from being obstructed; and shall when it removes a lantern without substituting another therefor, properly plug the pipe so that the gas will not escape therefrom.

The Superintendent of Lamps and the contractor may agree at any time to install in lieu of gas-lamps as many Welsbach naphtha lights of sixty (60) candle power each with boulevard lanterns of approved pattern as may be necessary to fully carry out this contract, same to be kept and maintained as herein provided under and subject as to cost and other requirements to all the other provisions and obligations of this contract applicable thereto.

Article II. Said contractor shall report in writing at the office of said Superintendent on Thursday of each week, and on the ninth of each month, the number of said lanterns lighted on each night subsequent to the last report, giving in each report the name of each person engaged in lighting the lanterns and the number lighted by each person.

Article III. Said contractor shall have the use of all property now belonging to the city, and used by the Superintendent of Lamps in carrying on the duties of his Department, as the contractor considers necessary to carry out this agreement; shall keep the same in

good condition and repair, and replace any thereof that shall be destroyed or injured, and shall return the same to said city in like good order and condition when the lanterns to be placed within four months from the time this contract goes into effect are so placed.

Article IV. Said city shall lay and maintain all gas-pipes to the burners in the care and charge of said contractor and keep the same in good condition and repair; as full payment for everything furnished or done by, or resulting to, the contractor in carrying out this contract, shall for each year of three thousand eight hundred twenty-eight (3,828) hours pay for each and every lantern taken care of and lighted by said contractor as aforesaid, at the rate of thirty (30) dollars per year, in proportional monthly payments on the first day of each and every month; provided, however, that if any lantern has not been kept and lighted in accordance with this contract during all the hours required by said time card a proportional deduction as determined by said Superintendent, shall be made; and provided, further, that if at any time by reason of a reduction by any gas company in the price of gas, the contractor shall procure its gas supply at a lower average price per lamp for the whole number of lamps lighted than the average price paid for gas by the contractor when the system provided for herein is fully installed, the said rate paid by the city shall be reduced by the amount of the reduction in the price of gas so secured. (It is understood and agreed that any reduction made prior to the complete installation of the Welsbach system shall be calculated in the deduction from the rate to be made as before provided with like force and effect as if made thereafter, but the contractor shall receive the full rate until such installation is complete). The contractor shall render to the city statements every three months, showing such reductions, if any, and the amounts of same accrued during the prior three months shall be deducted from the next payments due the contractor. The said rate paid by the city shall then be adjusted in accordance with such reductions.

Article V. This contract shall take effect June 1, 1899 (which date may be changed by mutual consent), and shall continue in force subject to the necessary appropriation being made for gas-lighting, for the term of seven years from June 1, 1899,—but any change of date shall not relieve the contractor from its obligation to have the Welsbach system as provided herein fully installed and in operation within four months from June 1, 1899, and shall continue thereafter until a new agreement is made by the parties, or until the expiration of three months after notice in writing which may be given prior to said date by either party of its election to terminate the contract at the end of the period of seven years as herein provided, and on such termination the said contractor may remove its lanterns and all other property by it furnished under this agreement, providing the same is not purchased by the said city. If at the expiration of said term the Mayor of said city desires that the city shall purchase the lanterns, burners and mantles of said contractor, and notifies the contractor to that effect, the contractor shall convey the same to the city upon terms to be agreed upon by the parties at that

time, and, if they cannot agree, the same shall be fixed by three persons, one to be selected by the Mayor of said city, one by the contractor, and the third by the two so selected, and the decision of a majority thereof shall be binding upon the parties; and provided, further, that the contract shall continue for a second period of seven years if the Mayor of said city shall within three months from the expiration of the first period of seven years so notify in writing the contractor.

In witness whereof, the said Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, by its proper officer, and the said city by its Superintendent of Lamps, duly authorized and approved by the Mayor, have hereunto set their hands and seals on this thirty-first day of May, A.D. 1899.

The Rising Sun Street Lighting Company,
By WESLEY A. GOVE, President.
City of Boston,
By JAMES DONOVAN,
Superintendent of Lamps.
Approved: JOSIAH QUINCY,
Mayor of Boston.

WEST BOSTON BRIDGE.

The following letter from the Secretary of War, and report of the Board of Engineers, with regard to the reconstruction of the West Boston bridge, have been received by the Cambridge Bridge Commission.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Washington, June 1, 1899.

GENTLEMEN: Referring to the two projects submitted by your Commission regarding the reconstruction of the so-called West Boston bridge across Charles river, between Boston and Cambridge, Mass., the first for the construction of an island in the Charles river in connection with the bridge, and the second the elimination of the island feature and the substitution of a bridge without a draw giving a clear headway under the structure of twenty-five feet above mean high water, I have the honor to inform you that the subject has been under consideration by a Board of Engineers, which has held public hearings, thoroughly considered the question involved, and has now submitted a report.

The Board is of the opinion that the first project is objectionable for the reason that such an island would interfere with the tidal flow by obstructing the area of the waterway to the extent of about one-fifth of the present section; that it would diminish the tidal prism, and by causing changes in regimen, direction of currents, etc., would perhaps seriously interfere with the safe use of the draw passage.

Regarding the second project for the construction of a drawless bridge, the Board is of the opinion that such a bridge would be an unreasonable obstruction to navigation, and that any bridge across the Charles river at this locality should be a drawbridge with spans of eighty feet between centres, a centre pivot draw giving two clear openings of fifty feet each and a clear height under the draw-spans of not less than twenty-three feet above mean high water.

The foregoing views are concurred in by the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, and a copy of the report of the Board is transmitted herewith for the further information of the Commission.

Very respectfully,

R. A. ALGER, Secretary of War.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY and others, Cambridge
Bridge Commission, City Hall, Boston,
Mass.

UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE.

Boston, May 19, 1899.

BRIG.-GEN. JOHN M. WILSON, Chief of
Engineers, United States Army, Wash-
ington, D.C.

GENERAL: The Board of Engineer Offi-
cers, constituted by S. O. No. 39, Head-
quarters Corps of Engineers, dated Wash-
ington, D.C., December 28, 1898, beg leave
to submit the following report:

The order constituting the Board is as fol-
lows:

HEADQUARTERS, CORPS OF ENGINEERS,
UNITED STATES ARMY.

Washington, D.C., December 28, 1898.
Special Orders No. 39.

By authority of the Secretary of War, a
Board of Officers of the Corps of Engineers,
to consist of Col. George L. Gillespie, Col.
Charles R. Suter, Maj. Daniel W. Lockwood,
will assemble at Boston, Mass., upon the
call of the senior member, to consider and
report upon the request of the Commission-
ers to build a new bridge across Charles
river, between Boston and Cambridge, to
replace the present so-called West Boston
bridge, for permission to construct, in con-
nection with such bridge, an island in the
middle of said river, on or near the site of
the present bridge.

Upon the completion of the duty assigned
them, the members of the Board will return
to their proper stations.

The journeys required under this order
are necessary for the public service.

By command of Brigadier-General Wilson,
JOSEPH E. KUHN,

Captain, Corps of Engineers.

In compliance with the above order, and
on the call of the senior member, the Board
met in Boston on January 19, 1899, and gave
a public hearing to all parties interested in
the questions referred to it for report. This
meeting had been duly advertised with refer-
ence to the petition first referred to the
Secretary of War for permission to construct
an island in the Charles river in connection
with the rebuilding of the West Boston
bridge between Boston and Cambridge.

Shortly prior to the meeting, a second
petition had been submitted to the Secretary
of War and referred to this Board for report.
This last project was for a bridge without a
draw and having a clear height above mean
high water of not less than twenty-five feet.
During the hearing the fact was developed
that this last project had not yet received
legislative sanction from the State, and it
was also claimed by the opponents of the
scheme that they had not received sufficiently
timely notice to enable them to present their
objections in a proper manner. The Board
therefore decided to give a further hearing
at some future day and adjourned.

The second public meeting, duly adver-
tised, was held on April 12, 1899, two mem-
bers of the Board being present.

The Board was reconvened by S. O. No. 21,
Headquarters, Corps of Engineers, United
States Army, Washington, D.C., April 18,
1899, and met on the call of the senior mem-
ber, May 5, 1899, and adjourned the same
day.

In the first project presented for the con-
sideration of the Board a drawbridge was
contemplated, having a counter-balanced
draw spanning an opening with a clear
width of forty feet. An island was to be
constructed on the line of the bridge of oval
shape and of dimensions approximately 500
by 600 feet, the longest dimensions being at
right angles to the line of the bridge. A
canal of forty feet width and of depth
equal to that of the present channel was
to be cut through this island and spanned
by the draw above alluded to. To this
scheme, the Board of Harbor and Land
Commissioners had given their assent on
condition that the material composing the
island should be dredged from the bed of
the river. Prior to the organization of the
present Board, this project had been referred
to the officers in charge of the Boston Dis-
trict, and had received an unfavorable report
from both, the objections being that it would
interfere with the freedom of tidal flow by
obstructing the area of waterway to the ex-
tent of about one-fifth of the present section,
that it would diminish the tidal prism and by
causing changes in regimen, direction of
currents, etc., would perhaps interfere seri-
ously with the safe use of the draw passage.

The Board consider that these objections
were well taken and as the only arguments
advanced in favor of the unusual plan pro-
posed are that it would afford opportunity for
aesthetic decorative effects and perhaps
somewhat cheaper construction, the Board
is of the opinion that this special feature of
the plan, viz.: the island in the middle of
the river, is inadmissible and should not be
allowed.

The second project presented was for a
bridge without a draw, giving a clear head-
way under the structure of twenty-five feet
above mean high water.

On this subject a very full hearing was
given, as much opposition to the project was
developed.

The arguments advanced in favor of the
project may be briefly summarized as fol-
lows:

The commerce of the Charles river above
the West Boston bridge is not large and is
decreasing. Such as remains would be fully
accommodated by a bridge of the height
proposed, without a draw, but with
adequately wide spans. The Commonwealth
and the cities of Boston and Cambridge
have, with some few exceptions, acquired
both banks of the stream from Craigie bridge
to the Watertown dam and beyond, for park
and similar purposes. This has greatly
diminished the commerce of the stream.

A drawless bridge could be built for less
money than one with a draw, would cost less
to maintain as no drawtender would be re-
quired, and could be made architecturally,
more pleasing to the eye.

The enormous travel over this bridge
would be greatly incommoded by the delays
caused by the passage of vessels through a
draw of any description.

The opponents of the measure state that
the fact of the non-acquirement of their
property is sufficient evidence of its value,
and that this value is mainly due to its
facilities for water transportation. These
are largely utilized, and in any case constitute
an important check on railroad freight rates.
The principal commerce is in coal and lum-
ber, both of which are brought here by sea;
the former in sailing vessels, the latter in
barges. As these barges are masted they
cannot pass under a drawless bridge of the
height proposed and hence both classes of
vessels would be entirely shut out. It was
also stated that although some few mastless
barges are used in coal transportation, insur-
ance on them cannot be obtained, and to
trans-ship this bulky freight to barges capable
of passing the proposed bridge would not be
financially profitable.

The Charles river is, and has always been,
recognized as a navigable stream. All the
bridges which cross it below the Watertown
dam are provided with draws, and the
government has appropriated money for the
improvement of its navigation.

The acquisition of the banks of the stream
by parties or corporations who do not desire
to use it for navigation purposes would not,
in the opinion of the Board, in the least
change its status as a navigable stream, and
even if such acquisition were carried to its
extreme limit, the creation of obstacles to
free navigation would still be clearly illegal.

Any structure which interferes to an un-
reasonable degree with navigation as carried
on, is an obstacle to free navigation within
the meaning of the law, and, as the evidence
laid before the Board shows clearly that such
would be the effect of the drawless bridge as
proposed, they are of the opinion that the
permission to erect such a structure should
not be granted.

The whole subject of the bridges across
the Charles river was fully and ably discussed
in a report submitted to the Chief of En-
gineers under date of June 25, 1890, by a
special board composed of Colonels Abbot,
Gillespie and Mansfield and Major Liver-
more, of the Corps of Engineers, and with
the conclusions and recommendations of that
report the present Board entirely agree.

Among other things it was there recom-
mended that in all future bridges authorized,
or in the reconstruction of those then exist-
ing, metallic trusses resting on masonry piers
properly located with regard to the direction
of the current should be insisted on, and that
spans of from eighty to one hundred feet
should be required. The draw spans should
be centre pivot, and should give two clear
openings of from fifty to sixty feet carefully
located over the deepest portion of the chan-
nel. It was also recommended that the
clear height at the draw spans should be
made sufficiently great to allow mastless
barges, tugs and small vessels generally to
pass the bridge without requiring the open-
ing of the draw. These requirements are
considered judicious by the Board, but as the
Charles river bridge, the lowest of the series,
has recently been reconstructed on plans
approved by the Secretary of War, the Board
is of opinion that the accommodation afforded
by this bridge should be at least equalled
by those authorized above it, including the
West Boston bridge, now under consider-
ation. The Charles river bridge has spans
of eighty feet between centres, a centre pivot

draw giving two clear openings of fifty feet each, and a clear height under the draw spans of not less than twenty-three feet above mean high water.

The various papers referred to the Board for report are returned herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. GILLESPIE,
Colonel, Corps of Engineers;
CHARLES R. SUTER,
Colonel, Corps of Engineers;
D. W. LOCKWOOD,
Major, Corps of Engineers.

HOUSES ORDERED DEMOLISHED AND VACATED DURING MAY.

The following is a list of houses ordered demolished by the Board of Health during the month of May, 1899:

11 Hamburg street.
Stable, north-east corner of Fellows and Pike streets.
Shed, rear of 809 Albany street.
Shed, rear of 811 Albany street.
Rear of 621 Broadway.
62 and 64 and rear of 62 and 64 Hunneman street.
Fellows court, last left from Fellows street.
Old stable and sheds, 6 Fellows court.
992 Harrison avenue.
Shed in the rear of 990 Harrison avenue.
Second rear of 2249 Washington street.
Extreme end of passageway from 21 Vernon street.
3 Yeoman street.
Rear of 236 Friend street.
List of houses ordered vacated during May, 1899:
101 Ruggles street.
Rear of 140 Ward street.
Rear of 77 Longwood avenue.
95 Ruggles street.
9 Gilson court.
First rear of 40 Pitts street.
Second rear of 40 Pitts street.
Third rear of 40 Pitts street.
Rear portion of brick building in rear of 28 South Margin street.
10 Lyman street.
Rear of 230 Friend street.
Rear of 236 Friend street.
First and second rear of 252 Friend street.
1040 Harrison avenue.
1042 Harrison avenue.
Carleton street, rear of 39 Holyoke street.
4 Saxon court.
5 Saxon street.
11 Hamburg street.
3 Yeoman street.
First rear of 2249 Washington street.
2 Calvert place.
3 Calvert place.
3 and 5 Yeoman street.
36 and 38 Athens street.
4 Stillman street.
14 Morton street.
129 Endicott street.
131 Endicott street.
133 Endicott street.
56, 58 and 60 North Margin street.
22 Tileston street.
87 Reed street.
23 Thorndike street.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, May 31, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on Wednesday, May 31, 1899, at the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 3.30 P.M.

Present: All the members except Mr. Barry.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Minot called up assignment, viz.:

Communication from Mr. Henry M. Whitney, offering to contribute \$40,000 towards the expense of widening the north draw of the Chelsea bridge to seventy-five feet, and agreeing to deposit the money with the City Treasurer whenever the city is prepared to proceed with the work.

A hearing was given to City Engineer Jackson, who stated that he had not been able as yet to come to an agreement with the Lynn and Boston Street Railway Company, but that the portion of the expense which the city would probably have to pay for building a temporary draw for maintaining travel during the work on widening the present draw would be about \$8,000.

Mr. Dore called up the following assignment:

Communication from Trustees for Children stating that the number of boys at the Parental School has increased to such an extent that the present accommodations are entirely inadequate, and requesting that the appropriation of \$5,000 heretofore made for the drainage of land at the Parental School, West Roxbury, be transferred to an appropriation for the erection of temporary wooden buildings, and that an additional sum of \$10,000 be appropriated for said buildings.

Mr. Horatio A. Lamb, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Children, appeared before the Board and explained the conditions at present existing at the Parental School, and the need of increased accommodations, 206 boys being now cared for in buildings designed to accommodate only eighty.

The Board then went into executive session.

An order (passed by the City Council) was received, requesting the Board to give a public hearing to the citizens of Ward 6 in relation to the proposed tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on Travers street.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That City Engineer Jackson be requested to prepare a plan, and to make an estimate of the cost, of building a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on Travers street.

On motion of Mr. Dore, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

A communication was received from Mr. William D. Sohler requesting, on behalf of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, that an asphalt pavement be laid in front of the Infirmary's new building on North Charles street, in place of the present block pavement.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to give an estimate of the cost

of laying an asphalt pavement in front of the new building of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary on Charles street, near Fruit street, and also an estimate of the cost of asphaltting one side of Charles street, between Fruit and Allen streets.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, further consideration of the communication from Mr. Henry M. Whitney in regard to widening the north draw of Chelsea bridge was assigned to the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Dore, further consideration of the communication from the Trustees for Children in regard to the Parental School was assigned to the next meeting.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 5.36 P.M., to meet on Thursday, June 8, 1899, at 3.30 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on June 20, 1899, an examination will be held in any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners for the position of immigrant inspector.

Applicants for this position must be at least twenty years of age.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination, certification will be made to the position of immigrant inspector, immigration service (Treasury Department), at Tampa, Fla., at a salary of \$4 per diem.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. All such citizens are invited to apply. They will be examined, graded and certified, with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown by the grade given them in the examination.

Persons who desire to compete should at once apply to Mr. Edward E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office Building, Boston, Mass., or to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for application blanks (Form 304), which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the Commission at Washington, D.C.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

His Honor the Mayor has appointed Chairman Barry, of the Board of Aldermen, and Mr. Nat. G. Robinson, Private Secretary to the Mayor, as his agents in charge of the expenditures to be made for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

The joint City Council Committee in charge of the arrangements for the celebration consists of the entire Board of Aldermen and twenty-six members of the Common Council. The appropriation amounts to \$11,000.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

A special meeting of both branches of the City Council was held at 12 M., on Wednesday, June 7, 1899, in their respective chambers, City Hall, pursuant to the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 6, 1899.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

You are requested to meet in your respective chambers in City Hall on Wednesday, June 7, 1899, at 12 M., for the purpose of taking appropriate action upon the death of ex-Mayor Frederick O. Prince, which occurred this forenoon, and of expressing the sorrow felt by the citizens of Boston at the loss sustained through his death and their respect for his memory.

Yours respectfully,

DAVID F. BARRY, Acting Mayor.

The following message from His Honor the Mayor was received:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 7, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

It becomes my duty to announce to you the death, at the ripe age of 81, of Honorable Frederick O. Prince, who served four terms as Mayor of this city, and eleven years as a Trustee of the Public Library and as President of the Board of Trustees, having only resigned that office about a month ago.

The public career of Mr. Prince, his identification with our civic affairs, and his keen interest as a citizen in everything that affected the welfare and development of the city of his birth, is well known to all. His services to the Public Library, with which the later years of his life were so closely identified, will long be gratefully remembered. By his death Boston has lost one of its most distinguished and public-spirited citizens, and I am sure that the City Council will desire to pay every mark of respect to his memory.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

RESTORATION OF FORCE OF THE SEWER DIVISION.

The entire force of the Sewer Division of the Street Department, which was suspended by order of the Superintendent of Streets on May 19 on account of the Sewer-tax bill being declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, was put back to work on May 31, 1899.

The new law which provides for appropriations with which to carry on the work already under construction was signed by the Governor on June 1.

ICE-WATER FOUNTAINS.

Water Commissioner Murphy makes the following statement with regard to the establishment of ice-water fountains:

The object of the establishment of ice-water fountains is to furnish water to the public, during the hot months of the year, at a pleasant and agreeable temperature for drinking purposes. To accomplish this, the water is chilled by running it through small reservoirs and pipes surrounded with chopped ice, the ice and pipes being enclosed in a box insulated on the outside by a patent material. This ice box is constructed of two-inch spruce plank, four feet long, three feet wide and four feet deep, covered on the outside by the insulating material. The box is placed in the ground close to the fountain, and arranged with covers so as to be accessible from the sidewalk.

The cooling apparatus consists of about 315 feet of three-quarter inch enamelled iron-pipe arranged both vertically and horizontally around the four sides and bottom of the box. There is also a reservoir which consists of two sections of eight-inch cast-iron pipe, each two feet six inches long, laid horizontally and arranged with blow-off cocks on the bottom. These reservoirs accomplish two purposes, namely, that of holding in check a large quantity of water for a sufficient time to reduce its temperature before passing into the coils of pipe in which it acquires its lowest temperature, and that of holding any foreign matter that may be in the water. The capacity of the reservoirs and coils is about sixteen gallons. The ice is shaved and packed around the reservoirs and coils.

Of these fountains, there are now about eighteen running, and inside of two weeks there will be about forty. The ice with which they are supplied was cut from our reservoirs in East Boston and Brookline last winter, and stored in ice-houses on the grounds. The amount cut and stored was about 1,700 tons.

The Department also built an ice-wagon last winter, and purchased another. The force engaged in supplying the fountains consists of the driver and assistant on each team, who cart the ice from the ice-houses to the various fountains, where they place it in a chopped condition.

The temperature of each fountain is taken three times a day. The record shows that on June 6, with an air temperature of 90° to 94°, the average temperature of the water in the various fountains was less than 40°. In the crowded parts of the city account was kept of the number of people using the fountains, and it showed an average of over 600 an hour per fountain.

The fountain which has been adopted and will be in use hereafter is artistic in construction and has received the approval of the Art Commission.

In September, 1898, the number of pupils admitted to the Boston Normal School was 218. During the same month, 2,569 pupils, including 1,175 boys and 1,394 girls, were admitted to the Latin and High schools of the city; of these all but 378 came from the Boston grammar schools.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending June 3, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.1
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898	17.6
Number of deaths:	
Males	115
Females	105
Total	220
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	180
Increase	40

Of the 220 decedents, 215 were white and 5 colored; 150 were born in the United States, 67 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 42 were of American parentage, 148 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 30 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	48	4
Scarlatina	25	4
Typhoid fever	8	1
Measles	121	-
Totals	202	9

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	25
Pneumonia	25
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	18
Bronchitis	7
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	11
Total from principal causes	92
Total from infectious diseases	9
Total from other causes	119
Total from all causes	220
Deaths of children under 1 year	50
Deaths of children under 5 years	75
Deaths of persons over 60 years	46
Deaths in public institutions	65

A school of fire extinguishment to be conducted under the direction of ex-Chief Bonner of the New York Fire Department, has recently been established in New York City.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LIST OF BOSTON BILLS.

The session of the Massachusetts Legislature for 1899 was prorogued on Saturday, June 3, being the earliest date of prorogation since 1888.

During the session 1,160 bills and resolves, as against 1,268 in 1898, were presented to both branches for consideration. Of this number 584 were enacted and became laws. The remainder, 576 were rejected. Of the total number of matters presented,

about one-seventh related to the City of Boston.

The following list gives the titles of bills relating to the City of Boston which were passed by the Legislature and which received the approval of the Governor:

ACTS.

Chapter 64 — To cede certain land in Boston Harbor, and jurisdiction over the same, to the United States, for the purpose of extending the present limits of the United States navy-yard.

Chapter 65 — To authorize the Needham and Boston street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property.

Chapter 89 — To authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water.

Chapter 98 — To ratify and confirm the franchises and locations granted to Frank O. Squire and to the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston.

Chapter 109 — To authorize the Boston Dental College and the Trustees of Tufts College to unite.

Chapter 141 — To extend the time for building the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway.

Chapter 176 — To authorize the proprietors of the Catholic cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate.

Chapter 180 — To authorize the Cambridge bridge commission, with the consent of the United States government, to construct the bridge to be built between Boston and Cambridge without a draw.

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32. S. B. 143, an Act relative to tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (N. P.)							
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43. H. B. 20, an Act relative to Malden Bridge, so called, in the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Closed.	March 13. H. (H. B. 936)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 4.	April 5.	H. April 7. S. April 11.	April 17. App.
44. H. B. 21, an Act to authorize the West End Street Railway Company to replace its tracks on Tremont and Boylston streets in the City of Boston, p. 126.	Street Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 31. Feb. 2, 9, 13, 15, 24. Closed.	March 23. H. (H. B. 1,002.)	April 4.	April 18.	April 20. S.	May 1. Am.	May 8. Am.	H. May 16. S. May 18.	May 24. App.
45. H. B. 23, an Act to authorize the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to act as a common carrier of merchandise, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	March 22. H. (L.W.)							
46. H. B. 25, an Act to authorize the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 45.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.	Jan. 24. S. (H. B. 25)	Jan. 25.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 30. H.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 1.	H. Feb. 3. S. Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. App.
47. H. B. 31, an Act to repeal Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 10.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (L.W.)							
48. H. B. 38, an Act to establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District of the City of Boston, p. 30.	Public Service. Jan. 11.	Jan. 27. Closed.	Jan. 27. H. (L.W.)							
49. H. B. 80, an Act to provide for the Appointment of a Board of License Commissioners for the City of Boston and to define their powers and duties, p. 30.	Liquor Law. Jan. 12.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (L.W.)							
50. H. B. 87, an Act relative to the time for holding municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Election Laws. Jan. 13.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (H. B. 1018.)	April 12. Rej.						
51. H. B. 88, an Act relative to the termination of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 6. H. (L.W.)							
52. H. B. 89, an Act to establish a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 45.	Liquor Law. Jan. 13.	Feb. 23. Closed.	March 15. H. (N. P.)							

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53. H. B. 90, an Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston, p. 76.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (N. P.)							
54. H. B. 91, an Act to repeal Chapter 210 of the Acts of 1898 relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 31.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 13.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 3. S. (N. P.)							
55. H. B. 92, an Act to reorganize the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 77.	Election Laws. Jan. 16.	March 21. Closed.	March 30. S. (S. B. 272)	April 17.	April 21. Sub. H. B. 1121.	April 24. S.	April 26. Am.	April 27.	H. May 2. S. May 3.	May 9. App.
56. H. B. 99, an Act to enable the West End Street Railway Company to restore its tracks on Tremont street, between Boylston street and Scollay square, and on Boylston street, between Tremont street and Park square, p. 31.	Street Railways. Jan. 13.	Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 13, 24. Closed.	(See No. 44.)							
57. H. B. 129, an Act to establish two polling places for caucuses in Ward 10 in the City of Boston, p. 46.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Mch. 16, 23. Closed.	March 24. H. (L. W.)							
58. H. B. 162, Resolution relative to the placing of a steam launch and search-light at the Life-Saving Station in Dorchester Bay, p. 77.	Federal Relations. Jan. 17.	Jan. 31. Closed.	March 14. H. (H. B. 162)		March 15. Ad.	March 17. S.		March 20. Ad.		
59. H. B. 164, an Act relative to the Police Department in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Cities. Jan. 19.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (N. P.)							
60. H. B. 176, an Act to ratify and confirm the franchises and locations of Frank O. Squire and of the Eastern Cold Storage Company in the City of Boston, p. 77.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 19.	Feb. 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H. B. 176)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 10. S.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	H. Feb. 16. S. Feb. 21.	Feb. 23. App.
61. H. B. 182, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 15. S. (L. W.)							
62. H. B. 183, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. B. 184, an Act to establish the voting day in municipal elections in the City of Boston, p. 78.	Election Laws. Jan. 19.	Feb. 28. Mch. 10, 17. Closed.	March 29. H. (H. B. 1018.)	April 12. Rej.						
64. H. B. 187, an Act to enable the City of Boston to finish the construction of its public parks, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	March 1. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,013.)	April 4.	April 11.	April 13. S.	April 14.	April 17.	H. April 20. S. April 24.	April 25. App.
65. H. B. 189, an Act relative to the finances of the City of Boston, p. 78.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 9, 10. Closed.	April 25. H. (H. B. 1169) Sub.	May 15.	May 16.	May 17. S.	May 18.	May 23. Am.	H. May 25. S. May 26.	June 1. App.
66. H. B. 202, an Act relative to steamship passenger lists, p. 79.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 20.	Feb. 1, 3. Closed.	Feb. 3. H. (H. B. 811)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7. Am.	Feb. 9. S.	March 24. Rej.			
67. H. B. 214, an Act to authorize the City of Boston and the City of Newton to make contracts for the disposal of certain sewage and water, p. 79.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H. (H. B. 214)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 3.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 15.	Feb. 16. App.
68. H. B. 228, an Act relative to the construction of a boulevard from Morton street to Washington street in the City of Boston, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	March 1. Closed.	May 2. S. (S. B. 324.)	May 4.	May 16. Am.	May 18. H.	May 19. Am.	May 23. Am.	H. May 25. S. May 26.	May 29. App.
69. H. B. 258, an Act relative to contracts made by the City of Boston for public works, p. 79.	Labor. Jan. 25.	Feb. 9, 16. Closed.	March 20. H. (N. P.)							
70. H. B. 264, an Act to divide the City of Boston into Aldermanic districts, p. 79.	Metropolitan Affairs and Election Laws. Jan. 25.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
71. H. B. 279, an Act relative to granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Liquor Law. Jan. 26.	March 2. Closed.	March 7. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 303, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply. Jan. 26.	Mch. 23, 29. Closed.	April 21. H. (N. G. C.)							
73. H. B. 304, an Act relative to the assessing of men in the City of Boston for polls and for voting purposes; and for assessing women for voting purposes, p. 80.	Election Laws. Jan. 26.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 7. S. (N. G. C.)							
74. H. B. 305, an Act to provide for the better enforcement of the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 81.	Cities. Jan. 26.	Feb. 10. Closed.	Feb. 10. H. (H. B. 833)	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16. S.	Feb. 20.	March 15.	H. Mch. 20. S. Mch. 22.	March 24. App.
75. H. B. 321, an Act to repeal Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1897 relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 27.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (L. W.)							
76. H. B. 323, an Act to authorize the Common Council of the City of Boston to examine witnesses and obtain information in certain cases, p. 81.	Joint Judiciary. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	May 15. H. (H. B. 1211)	May 16.	May 16.	May 22. S.	May 24.	May 31. Am.	H. June 2. S. June 2.	June 3. App.
77. H. B. 331, an Act relative to the election of Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 81.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Mch. 21, 22. Closed.	March 24. H. (N. P.)							

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78. H. B. 332, an Act relative to the leasing of buildings and the granting of concessions by the Park Commissioners of Boston, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 27.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (N.P.)							
79. H. B. 333, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Election Laws. Jan. 27.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 10. H. (N.P.)							
80. H. B. 350, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13.	March 31. H. (L.W.)							
81. H. B. 353, an Act relative to the laying out and construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 8. Closed.	May 3. S. (S.B.340)	May 17.	May 18. Am.	May 19. H.	May 19. Am.	May 23. Am.	H. May 25. S. May 26.	May 29. App.
82. H. B. 377, an Act relative to certain departments of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (N.G.C.)							
83. H. B. 383, an Act relative to the election of the Mayor of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	Feb. 28. Closed.	March 1. S. (N.G.C.)							
84. H. B. 386, an Act to further regulate the inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13, 24. Closed.	March 13. H. (N.P.)							
85. H. B. 387, an Act to change the method of electing Aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Election Laws. Jan. 30.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
86. H. B. 396, an Act relative to playgrounds in the City of Boston, p. 82.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 30.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 22. H. (H.B.996)	March 28.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 7.	H. Apr. 12. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
87. H. B. 407, an Act to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston to purchase certain lands on Chestnut Hill avenue, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 10. Closed.	March 28. H. (H. B. 1,015.)	March 30.	March 31.	April 4. S.	April 5.	April 6.	H. Apr. 10. S. Apr. 14.	April 15. App.
88. H. B. 463, an Act to authorize the proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester to hold additional real and personal estate, p. 82.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 3. Closed.	March 6. H. (H.B.894)	March 7.	March 8.	March 10. S.	March 13.	March 14.	H. Mch. 16. S. Mch. 20.	March 21. App.
89. H. B. 464, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to abate a portion of certain assessments for the construction of highways, p. 82.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L.W.)							
90. H. B. 471, an Act relative to the construction of a tunnel from a point on or near Hanover street to a point at or near Maverick square in the City of Boston, p. 102.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 3, 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (L.W.)							
91. H. B. 476, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Charles Bulle, p. 82.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.476)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
92. H. B. 494, an Act relative to the laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L.W.)							
93. H. B. 517, an Act relative to the plotting and laying out of streets in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 15.	March 14. Closed.	May 3. S. (L.W.)							
94. H. B. 528, an Act relative to the tabulation of statistics of parent nativity in Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3.	March 3. H. (H.B.923)	March 10.	March 13.	March 15. S.	March 20.	March 24.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
95. H. B. 529, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1885 relative to the municipal debt of and rate of taxation in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H. (L.W.)							
96. H. B. 531, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Mary A. Davis, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.531)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
97. H. B. 532, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Edward Melia, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.532)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
98. H. B. 533, an Act relative to the extension of Cove street in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 14. Closed.	March 27. H. (N.P.)							
99. H. B. 551, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
100. H. B. 553, an Act to provide for the widening of Pine street in Boston, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 3. Closed.	March 3. H. (L.W.)							
101. H. B. 555, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of John McGrath certain money, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 2.	March 2. H. (H.B.561)	March 17.	March 20. Am.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
102. H. B. 562, an Act to require poles for wires in the City of Boston to be made of iron, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.	March 1. H. (N.P.)							
103. H. B. 570, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of James F. Ryan, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H. (H.B.570)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			

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104. H. B. 582, an Act to authorize the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners to construct roadways or boulevards from Squantum Head in the City of Quincy to the City of Boston and the Blue Hills reservation, p. 104.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 24. March 8. Closed.	April 12. H.(HB1186) H.(HB1187)	May 15.	May 16.	May 17. S.	May 19.	May 22.	H. May 23. S. May 24.	May 27. App.
105. H. B. 583, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Martin F. McDonald, p. 104.	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.583)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 18. Rej.			
106. H. B. 589, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of Boston, p. 104.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
107. H. B. 590, an Act to regulate the sale of railroad tickets in the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. March 8 Closed.	March 17. H.(N.G.C.)							
108. H. B. 600, an Act to regulate the use of carriages by members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston, p. 105	Cities. Feb. 1.	March 9, 10. Closed.	March 21. H.(H.B.890)	March 22.	March 29.	March 31. S.	April 1.	April 10. Rej.		
109. H. B. 607 an Act to authorize the City of Boston to issue loans for the extension of its water distribution system, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	March 6. H.(N.G.C.)							
110. H. B. 614, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	March 15. H.(H.B.957)	March 16.	March 21.	March 23. S.	March 24.	March 27.	H. Mch. 29. S. Mch. 31.	April 1. App.
111. H. B. 615, an Act relative to the right of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take certain lands in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 2. Closed.	(See No.110)							
112. H. B. 620, an Act to provide for the widening of Hampden street in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	March 15. S. (N. P.)							
113. H. B. 621, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the family of Martin F. McDonald, p. 105.	Cities. Feb. 2. (See No. 105.)									
114. H. B. 633, an Act to decrease the number of licenses in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Liquor Law. Feb. 2.	Feb. 24. Closed.	March 9. H. (L. W.)							
115. H. B. 637, an Act relative to Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 105.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 3. Closed.	April 25. S. (S.B.637)	April 27.	May 2.	May 4. H.	May 9.	May 15.	H. May 16. S. May 18.	May 24. App.
116. H. B. 640, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the sewerage works of the City of Boston," p. 106.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	April 3, 7. Closed.	April 24. H.(HB1168) Rec.May22.	May 2. Am.	May 8. Sub.	May 9. S.	May 11. Am.	May 17. Am.	H. May 31. S. June 1.	June 1. App.
117. H. B. 650, an Act to provide for the nomination of aldermen by districts in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Election Laws and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 21. Closed.	(See No. 55)							
118. H. B. 665, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Lucy G. Kelly, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.665)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
119. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the height of apartment buildings, hotels, tenements and lodging-houses in the City of Boston, p. 106.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 16, 24. Closed.	April 26. H.(HB1137)	May 3. Rej.						
120. H. B. 669, an Act relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 10. Closed.	March 10. S. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 670, an Act relative to the construction of highways in the City of Boston, p. 107.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.	(See No. 81)								
122. H. B. 673, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Ellen A. Murphy, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.673)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
123. H. B. 674, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John Rossiter, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.674)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 30. Rej.			
124. H. B. 676, an Act relative to the building laws of the City of Boston, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15. Closed.	April 12. H.(HB1092) T. April 20. March 15. S. (L.W.)							
125. H. B. 678, an Act to place the care and custody of public baths in the City of Boston with the Board of Health of said city, p. 107.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 14. 15. Closed								
126. H. B. 679, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the mother of Joseph D. Lane, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.679)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	April 26.	April 27.	H. May 1. S. May 2.	May 4. App.
127. H. B. 680, an Act to reorganize the Institutions Registration Department of the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 15, 28. Closed.	April 3. H.(H.B.680)	April 14. Rej.						

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128. H. B. 681, an Act relative to the height of buildings in the vicinity of the State House in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 17, 3, 30. Ap. 3. Closed.	April 26. H.(HB1197)	May 18.	May 19.	May 22. S.	May 23.	May 26. Am.	H. May 31. S. June 1.	June 2. App.
129. H. B. 686, an Act relative to the election of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.	March 7. S.(N.G.C.)							
130. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the duties of Assessors in the City of Boston, p. 108.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	March 27. H. (H. B. 1,091.)	April 10. Am.	April 20.	April 21. S.	April 28. Am.	May 2.	H. May 9. S. May 10.	May 11. App.
131. H. B. 691, an Act to amend "An Act relative to the appointment of Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston," p. 127.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15, March 17. Closed.								
132. H. B. 705, an Act relative to the Charles-river Embankment in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2, 15. Closed.	April 10. S. (L.W.)							
133. H. B. 706, an Act to repeal the act to authorize the construction of a dam across Charles river, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 9. H.(N.G.C.)							
134. H. B. 708, an Act to provide for voting by proxy at meetings of Boston Marine Society, p. 127.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
135. H. B. 714, an Act relative to the expenditures of the Board of Police for the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
136. H. B. 715, an Act relative to the removal of snow from public alleys in the City of Boston, p. 127.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 728, an Act relative to certain grade-crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 127.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H.(HB1174)	May 10.	May 10.	May 10. S.	May 17.	May 18. Am.	H. May 22. S. May 24.	May 25. App.
138. H. B. 729, an Act relative to the abolition of grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 128.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 6. Closed.	March 30. H.(L.W.)							
139. H. B. 738, an Act to amend the Act incorporating the First Church of Boston, p. 128.	Parishes and Religious Societies. Feb. 2.	March 2. Closed.	March 2. H.(L.W.)							
140. H. B. 742, an Act relative to special assessments in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	April 7. Closed.	April 25. H. (H.B. 1,132.)	May 1.	May 3.	May 4. S.	May 8.	May 11.	H. May 11. S. May 12.	May 12. App.
141. H. B. 762, an Act relative to lands and buildings under the control of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17, March 7. Closed.	March 28. H. (N.P.)							
142. H. B. 767, a Resolve to ratify and confirm certain action of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. March 7.	March 16. Closed.	April 26. S.(N.G.C.)							
143. H. B. 768, an Act relative to the connection of soil, waste and air pipes in the City of Boston, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 10. Closed.	March 19. H. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 783, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of Daniel F. Cadigan, p. 128.	Cities. Feb. 3.	March 7. Closed.	March 13. H.(H.B.783)	March 17.	March 20.	March 22. S.	March 31. Rej.			
145. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and the City of Newton, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 17, March 7. Closed.	March 27. H.(N.G.C.)							
146. H. B. 791, an Act relative to records of patients treated at free dispensaries in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 3.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H. (L.W.)							
147. H. B. 795, an Act to require steam railroad corporations to sell commutation tickets between Boston and cities within a radius of twenty-five miles, at a price not exceeding 1 cent per mile, p. 129.	Railroads. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15, March 1, 8. Closed.	March 17. H. (N.G.C.)							
148. H. B. 807, an Act relative to the construction of an extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street in the City of Boston, p. 129.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.	May 2. S.(S.B.324)	May 4.	May 16.	May 18. H.	May 19. Am.	May 23. Am.	H. May 25. S. May 26.	May 29. App.
149. H. B. 810, an Act to abolish the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 129.	Election Laws. Feb. 3.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 21. H. (L.W.)							
150. H. B. 840, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Eastern Express Company, p. 129.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 20.	March 6. Closed.	March 9. S.(N.G.C.)							
151. H. B. 846, an Act relative to the public schools of the City of Boston, and providing for a reorganization of the government thereof, p. 130.	Education. Feb. 20.	March 15. Closed.	April 4. H.(H.B.846)	April 12.	April 20. Rej.					
152. H. B. 858, an Act to authorize the County of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to S. Alice Osborne, p. 131.	Counties. Feb. 20.	March 14. Closed.	March 20. S.(H.B.858)	May 12.	May 15.	May 17. H.	May 18.	May 18.	H. May 22. S. May 24.	May 25. App.

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.) Ought not to Pass; (L. W.) Leave to Withdraw; Am., Amended; (N. G. C.) Next General Court; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted; Sub., Substituted; Rej., Rejected; Rec., Recommended; T., Tabled.

Awards of Contracts.

Metropolitan Water Board.

Proposals for excavating soil and building a road in West Boylston and Sterling were received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on Wednesday, May 31, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Peter J. O'Malley, Waltham . . .	\$17,840 75
Charles McDermott & Son, Brockton . . .	18,392 95
Newell & Snowling Construction Company, Uxbridge . . .	19,089 20
Devine & McBride, Clinton . . .	19,109 20
Long & Little, Leominster . . .	20,987 00
Busch Brothers, Buffalo . . .	22,904 50
T. H. Gill, Somerville . . .	23,141 69
Rowe & Hall, Boston . . .	23,472 05
Thomas Hurley, Lynn . . .	25,538 40
Henry W. Warner, Leeds . . .	25,782 50
Charles N. Taylor, Clinton . . .	25,904 70
Mignault & McGrain, South Framingham . . .	27,840 84
C. E. Trumbull & Co., Boston . . .	29,181 00

NOTE.—The work consists of 37,000 cubic yards of earth and rock excavation, laying of pipe, etc.

The contract was awarded to Peter J. O'Malley.

Proposals for improving the roadway on Lancaster street in West Boylston were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on Wednesday, May 31, 1899, as follows:

T. H. Gill, Somerville	\$5,890 60
C. E. Trumbull & Co., Boston . . .	6,308 50
Busch Brothers, Buffalo	6,645 75
Mignault & McGrain, South Framingham	6,813 40
Rowe & Hall, Boston	6,947 75
Newell & Snowling Construction Company, Uxbridge	7,357 60
David Scanlan, West Medford . . .	8,388 70
John J. Falvey, Boston	9,382 00

NOTE.—The work consists of 12,000 cubic yards of earth excavation, 1,000 cubic yards of rock excavation, laying of pipe, etc.

The contract was awarded to T. H. Gill.

The contract for excavating soil from a part of Section 5 of the Wachusett Reservoir and for excavating and refilling at the westerly portion of the North dike, at Clinton, Mass., proposals for which were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on May 17, 1899 (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 21, page 412), has been awarded to Cenedella Brothers, of Milford, Mass., on their bid of \$81,476.34.

JOHN N. FERGUSON,
Assistant Engineer.

Penal Institutions Department.

Proposals to supply the Houses of Correction at Deer Island and South Boston with bituminous and anthracite coal were opened at the office of the Penal Institutions Commissioner, May 27, 1899, and subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, the contracts were awarded as follows:

(1.) 3,500 tons bituminous, at \$2.34, for House of Correction, Deer Island; 165 tons

gas, at \$2.65, for House of Correction, Deer Island; 165 tons bituminous, at \$2.99, for House of Correction, South Boston, to Frank S. Pratt.

(2.) 1,250 tons bituminous, at \$2.87, for House of Correction, South Boston; 35 tons broken, at \$4.25, for House of Correction, South Boston, to Metropolitan Coal Company.

(3.) 500 tons broken, at \$3.67, for House of Correction, Deer Island; 250 tons range, at \$3.92, for House of Correction, Deer Island, to E. B. Townsend.

(4.) 75 tons range, at \$4.48, for House of Correction, South Boston; 230 tons gas, at \$3.16, for House of Correction, South Boston, to Henry T. Wood.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Public Buildings Department.

Proposals for furnishing for the three months ending October 1, 1899, whatever best quality hard, white ash broken, egg or stove coal that may be required for the Public Buildings and for the several departments of Boston, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings on Saturday, June 3, 1899, as follows:

BIDDERS.	Broken, Per ton.	Egg, Per ton.	Stove, Per ton.	Cumberland, for steam, Per ton.	Average, Per ton.
Metropolitan Coal Co. . .	\$3 95	\$4 18	\$4 41	\$2 73	\$4 09½
Thomas & Pike . . .	4 18	4 18	4 18	2 73	4 18

The contract was awarded to the Metropolitan Coal Company.

Proposals for furnishing for the year ending July 1, 1900, Cumberland coal for police and fire-boats were opened as follows:

BIDDERS.	Georges Creek or New River, Per ton.	Norfolk Coal, Per ton.	Pocahontas, Per ton.	Georges Creek, Per ton.
Metropolitan Coal Company . . .	\$2 53	—	—	—
Charles W. York Company . . .	—	\$2 98	—	—
Austin Gove & Son, . . .	—	—	\$3 00	\$2 75

The contract was awarded to Austin Gove & Son on his bid for Pocahontas coal.

JOHN DROHAN, Superintendent.

The Phoenix Bridge Company of Philadelphia has been awarded the contract for building six additional steel bridges for use on the Trans-Siberian railroad. These make eighteen bridges awarded to this company by the Russian Government.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, May 8, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings, and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending May 6, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	12	4	
2...	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	6	1	
3...	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	
4...	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	9	—	
5...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	
6...	—	9	—	1	—	—	2	—	6	18	
7...	2	10	—	1	1	—	2	—	5	36	
8...	1	2	—	1	2	—	2	—	6	17	
9...	—	3	—	—	4	—	1	—	5	15	
10...	1	5	2	—	12	—	—	—	6	12	
11...	15	5	1	—	1	—	—	—	16	11	
12...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	19	
13...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	
14...	5	1	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	13	
15...	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	10	
16...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	10	
17...	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
18...	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	12	
19...	4	2	—	—	1	1	1	—	4	11	
20...	36	3	4	2	5	2	—	—	17	50	
21...	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	21	
22...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	10	
23...	3	6	2	—	—	3	—	—	6	16	
24...	3	3	—	—	—	1	3	—	8	20	
25...	6	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	17	16	
T'ls.	83	70	11	6	27	10	15	—	152	332	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, May 22, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters filed in the City Clerk's office for the week ending May 20, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	113
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	25
Number of assignments	6
Number of attachments	1
Number of bills of sale	2
Number of assignments of wages	58
Number of married women's certificates .	5
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1
Number of ship liens	4

Accident notices have been filed as follows:

May 15—Susan French, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in Sterling street.

May 18—Dr. Israel T. Hunt, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in Monument square, Charlestown.

May 19—Mary Kelley, personal injuries caused by uncovered manhole corner Smith and Oregon streets; Morris Silverman, personal injuries and damage to horse and wagon, caused by alleged defect in Washington street.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, May 29, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending May 27, 1899, as follows:

William H. Gill, of Engine Company 23, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on Dudley street, May 13.

The following transfers have been made:

D. T. Dineen, Chemical 12 to Ladder 17; W. C. Stevens, Ladder 17 to Chemical 12; James M. Sullivan, Engine 44 to Engine 23; H. P. Brown, Engine 5 to Engine 44; W. H. Van Dalinda, jr., Engine 23 to Engine 5; J. P. Hanton, Engine 21 to Ladder 17; W. P. Costello, Ladder 17 to Engine 21; F. B. Miller, Ladder 4 to Ladder 1; J. H. Rose, Ladder 1 to Ladder 4.

Thomas J. Kenneale has been reappointed a permanent substitute, to take effect May 26.

A special draft has been drawn on the City Auditor for \$4,435.05 in favor of the Repair Division for material furnished and labor performed on the new Veterinary Hospital on Atkinson street.

There have been ordered of the C. Callahan Company 2,000 feet of 2½-inch jacket-hose at 70 cents per foot, and of the Eureka Hose Company 2,000 feet of paragon 2½-inch hose at 75 cents per foot.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, May 9, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending May 6, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	350
Defects reported	71
Defects corrected	28
Dead wire removed (feet)	8,500
Dead wire retained (feet)	300
Outtrigger removed	22
Notices of new work received	22
Poles set	6

A tree fire reported opposite 16 Centre street, at 9.15 P.M., May 1, calling Engine 14, and a tree fire opposite 30 Mt. Pleasant avenue, at 9.48 P.M., same date, calling Truck 4, were found to be due to wires of the Boston Electric Light Company grounding on limbs.

Pole locations in South Boston have been inspected in company with Boston Electric Light Company employees.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	258
Notices of new work received	85

The temporary wiring at the various theatres have been inspected.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	7
Building connections	8
Pole connections	6
Repairs	2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	51
Building connections	14
Repairs	10
Cable drawings	18
Installations of underground transformers	1

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	8,982
Feet of duct laid	59,229
Feet of cable drawn in	54,990
Manholes built	33
Service connections	29

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

PRINTING DEPARTMENT LETTER-BOX IN CITY HALL.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PRINTING.

611 Washington street, June 8, 1899.

For the accommodation of the departments, there has been placed in the City Messenger's office, in City Hall, a letter-box marked "Printing Department," wherein can be placed requisitions for stationery and printing, and any communications intended for the Department. A messenger from the Washington-street office will make hourly visits, which will insure promptness for orders and instructions deposited in the box.

THOMAS A. WHALEN, Superintendent.

COMMITTEE OF HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Mayor Quincy has appointed as a committee to represent the Executive Departments at the funeral of ex-Mayor Prince the following heads of departments:

Alfred T. Turner, Samuel H. Durgin, William H. Whitmore, George E. McKay and Linus E. Pearson, all of whom served as heads of departments during the entire four years of Mayor Prince's administration; and John S. Damrell, William Doogue, George F. Babbitt, John P. Dore and Thomas M. Babson, all of whom served as heads of departments during the last three years of his administration.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 5, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a telford macadam road in Columbia road, between Dorchester avenue and Buttonwood street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Tuesday, June 13, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

TO TAXPAYERS.

City Hall, May 1, 1899.

Your attention is called to our circular (now being distributed throughout the city), relative to making returns on property subject to taxation as early as possible before June 15 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Per order of the Board of Assessors,

GEORGE A. COMINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 6, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Moseley avenue, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway from Crescent avenue to Columbia road, with the name of Moseley street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twentieth day of June, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 6, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Cambridge street, at Brighton, be relocated as a highway, from Brighton avenue to Washington street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twentieth day of June, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 6, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Nottingham street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Bullard street to Bowdoin avenue, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twentieth day of June, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

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Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 7, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Perkins street, at West Roxbury, be relocated as a highway, between Centre street and the Jamaica way, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-first day of June, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



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Room 71, City Hall,

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting held on June 12, 1899, voted to confirm the following appointments by His Honor the Mayor :

(1.) Gordon Abbott, to be a Statistics Trustee for the term ending April 30, 1904.

(2.) Michael F. Codire, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay or Straw for the term ending April 30, 1900.

DEATH OF MR. WASON.

Thomas Henry Wason, a Sub-master of the Brimmer school, died on June 9, at the City Hospital in Quincy, from injuries received by being struck by a locomotive on the previous day. Mr. Wason's home was in Quincy.

Mr. Wason was born April 22, 1837, in Haverhill, Mass. After fitting for college at the Atkinson Academy in Atkinson, N. H., he became a teacher. In December, 1870, Mr. Wason entered the service of the City of Boston, as usher in the Brimmer school, in which school he served as Sub-master from November, 1880, till the time of his death.

DEATH OF GRIDLEY J. F. BRYANT.

The death of Gridley J. F. Bryant occurred at the Home for Aged Men on Thursday, June 8, 1899.

Mr. Bryant was born in Boston in 1816, and was well known throughout the country as a designer and architect of public buildings. Among others in this city he designed and supervised the construction of the City Hall, Post Office, the first State House extension, Charles-street jail and the State-street block. For a number of years he was Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department at Washington.

REORGANIZATION OF INSTITUTIONS REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

His Honor Mayor Quincy has relieved Penal Institutions Commissioner Marshall from the duties of Acting Registrar of the Institutions Registration Department, and has appointed in his stead as Acting Registrar Prof. William T. Sedgwick of the Institute of Technology and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Paupers. The Department will be divided into a Settlement Division and a Statistical Division, the heads of which will be Mr. John E. Gilman and Mr. John Koren respectively. The following letters to Penal Institutions Commissioner Marshall and Prof. Sedgwick are self-explanatory:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

June 12, 1899.

ERNEST C. MARSHALL, Esq., Acting Institutions Registrar, 28 Court Square.

DEAR SIR: The time has now come when I feel able to relieve you of the duties of Acting Institutions Registrar, which you have kindly assumed, at my request, in addition to the large duties of your own office since the act creating it went into effect. I feel particularly desirous of relieving you of this work and responsibility before the very large work connected with the camp for boys and the summer excursions for children is added to your regular work, and I also feel that, while I am not ready at this time to make any permanent appointment to the office of Institutions Registrar, it will be better, in view of my intention, at the desire of the chairmen of four of the boards interested in the registration office, to attach

Mr. John Koren to its work, to place it upon a somewhat new basis. I have accordingly appointed Prof. Sedgwick as Acting Registrar, to take office from June 14, and he has agreed to assume this duty. Two divisions are to be created in the office, a Settlement Division and a Statistics Division, and Mr. Gilman will continue the head of the former, while Mr. Koren will be appointed as head of the latter.

With full appreciation of the services which you have rendered as Acting Registrar, and of the zeal which you have brought to the performance of its duties, I am

Yours very truly,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

To Prof. Sedgwick the following notice of appointment was sent:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

June 12, 1899.

PROF. WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK, 20 Chestnut Street.

DEAR SIR: You are hereby appointed Acting Institutions Registrar, to take office from and after June 14, 1899. In accordance with our conversation, it is my desire that you should create at once two divisions of this office — a Settlement Division and a Statistical Division — and that you should appoint Mr. John E. Gilman as head of the former, and Mr. John Koren as head of the latter division.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Mr. Gilman, who was born in Boston in 1844, received his early education in the Quincy and Eliot schools. He enlisted in 1862 as a private in Company E of the Twelfth Massachusetts Regiment, and lost his right arm from the effects of a wound received at the second day's battle of Gettysburg. Mr. Gilman served as Settlement Clerk of the Massachusetts State Board of Charities from 1876 till 1883, in which year he was appointed Settlement Clerk in the Public Institutions Department of the City of Boston. Since the establishment of the Institutions Registration Department Mr. Gilman has had charge of the settlement work of that Department.

Mr. Gilman, who is Past Commander of the Thomas G. Stevenson Post No. 26, G.A.R., of Roxbury, on February 16, 1899, was elected Commander of the G.A.R., Department of Massachusetts, having served

as Junior Vice-Commander in 1896 and as Senior Vice-Commander in 1897.

Mr. Koren was born in Iowa in 1861. He was educated at Luther College and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., where he received the degrees of A.B. and B.D. For the last fourteen years Boston has been his home.

In 1891 Mr. Koren was sent abroad by the United States Department of Labor to collect material for the eighth annual report of the Department. He also assisted in the preparation of its fifth annual report, and later made a special study for it of the padrone system and padrone banks.

In 1893 he was sent abroad by the Massachusetts Commission, consisting of the late Judge Lowell, Dr. H. P. Bowditch and John Graham Brooks to study the workings of the Scandinavian system of liquor selling. For several years Mr. Koren was engaged in special investigations for the Committee of Fifty on the Drink Question, and with Dr. Frederic H. Wines gathered material for a volume entitled "The Liquor Problem in its Legislative Aspects," which was published in 1897, by a sub-committee of the Committee of Fifty, President Eliot being chairman of the sub-committee.

The Committee of Fifty's sub-committee on the Economic Aspects of the Liquor Problem, of which Hon. Carroll D. Wright is chairman, has recently published a volume entitled "Economic Aspects of the Liquor Problem." Mr. Koren is practically the author of this volume, the work of gathering the material for it and of preparing it for the press having been entrusted to him. Mr. Koren, who served as special statistical expert of the Statistics Department for the three months ending March 31, 1899, is a member of a Committee of Citizens appointed on January 9, 1899, by Mayor Quincy, to investigate the working of the laws for the punishment of drunkenness, and to report what changes, if any, should be made in the same.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN MAY.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of May, 1899, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 778; total number of mortgages, 729; total amount of mortgages, \$3,505,719.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	198
South Boston	68
East Boston	54
Roxbury	127
Dorchester	196
West Roxbury	70
Brighton	44
Charlestown	21
Total	778

SCHOOL-HOUSE AGENT.

At the regular meeting of the School Committee, held on Tuesday evening, June 13, 1899, Mr. Horace B. Fisher was elected on the third ballot to the newly-created position of School-house Agent, at an annual salary of \$3,300.

Mr. Fisher was born in North Ware, N.H., in 1837. In 1862 and 1863 he was a member of the Common Council from old Ward 10. Mr. Fisher was appointed Chief Clerk in the Public Buildings Department in 1872, and has served in that capacity ever since.

The duties of the School-house Agent are set forth in Chapter 9 of the Rules and Regulations of the School Committee, as follows:

Section 103. The School-house Agent shall be the executive officer of the Board in all matters relating to the construction, furnishing, repair and maintenance of all school buildings and grounds. Before entering upon the performance of his duties he shall give a bond conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, payable to the City of Boston, in such penal sum as the Board may, on recommendation of the Committee on School-houses, determine.

Sect. 104. He shall have authority to order to be made, on his own responsibility, current minor repairs upon school-houses at an expense not exceeding in the aggregate a sum to be fixed from time to time by the Committee on School-houses with the approval of the Board.

Sect. 105. He shall make a quarterly report of all needed repairs on school-houses, with an estimate of the cost thereof, and a monthly report of all his doings and expenditures, all of which shall be submitted to the full Board for its inspection.

Sect. 106. He shall certify to the correctness of all bills for expenses incurred for the construction, alteration, or repair of school-houses where an architect is not employed, and he shall have charge of all furniture and other school-house fittings in the possession of the Board.

Sect. 107. He shall be present at all meetings of the Committee on School-houses and of the Committee on New Buildings, and shall have a right to take part in the discussions.

Sect. 108. He may appoint such assistants as may be necessary, subject to the approval of the Board.

Sect. 109. He shall have the supervision of the janitors of the school-houses, and shall see that they carry out all regulations of the Board and directions of the Committee on School-houses, and shall report all cases of negligence or inefficiency to the Committee on School-houses. But nothing herein is to be construed as affecting or in any way impairing the responsibility of the principals of the schools for the control of janitors as provided in Section 198 of the Regulations.

Sect. 110. He shall perform such other duties as the Board or the Committee on School-houses may from time to time prescribe.

INSPECTION OF PRISONS.

Alderman Day, for the Committee on Prisons, submitted the following report on the prisons of Suffolk County to the Board of Aldermen at its meeting held June 12, 1899, which was accepted and ordered printed as a public document:

The special committee of the Board of Aldermen appointed to visit and inspect the prisons in the County of Suffolk, having made the inspection required by the statutes of the Commonwealth, respectfully submit their first semi-annual report:

SUFFOLK COUNTY JAIL.

The Committee visited the jail on Thursday, May 18, and found it to be in the usual cleanly and healthful condition. The inmates were questioned as to the treatment, food and cleanliness, and each one spoke in high praise of the management and the kindness shown them by those in charge. The Committee were impressed with the cleanliness of the institution and the quality of food furnished. They again recommend the erection of a new building for the detention of women, in which provision could be made for a modern laundry, and a part of the same building could be fitted for hospital work. At the present time, if inmates are taken sick they have to be treated in their cells. An appropriation for the construction of a brick wall to take the place of the wooden fence that partly surrounds the jail should be made at once.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION, SOUTH BOSTON.

The House of Correction in South Boston was visited on Thursday, May 18. The Committee feel, as has been recommended for the past five years, that a new institution should be erected for the sake of humanity, either on the mainland or on one of the islands in the harbor. The buildings are antiquated, and to appropriate any money to repair them would be a wasteful expenditure. The management of this place was commendable under existing conditions, and the Committee feel that everything that can be done for those unfortunate enough to be confined there is being done. The prison building, so called, where the cells are located, is not fit for human beings to live in, and immediate steps should be taken for the sake of humanity. The calisthenic drill and the school established here have both proved successful under their competent instructors.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION, DEER ISLAND.

The visit of the Committee to this institution was made on Thursday, June 1.

The institution and its inmates showed to the satisfaction of the Committee that its management was of the best. Cleanliness in every branch of it prevailed, and the food served to the inmates was good.

The hospital and its management was closely inspected, and the inmates asked as to their care and comfort. The replies received were confirmatory of the good opinion formed by the Committee of its supervision, and they were pleased to find that those confined there joined with them in that respect. Everything about the place showed that care and attention was afforded the unfortunate sick.

The only recommendation the Committee have to make for the improvement of this institution is the abandonment of the present building occupied by female prisoners, and the erection of a new building for their accommodation, containing not less than five hundred cells.

HOUSE OF REFORMATION, RAINSFORD ISLAND.

The Committee inspected the House of Reformation on June 1, Thursday, and found, in addition to a number of minor improvements, that an electric light plant was in process of construction. We believe that the new Superintendent has made considerable improvement in the conduct of the institution, and that he holds the respect and confidence of the boys. The Committee desire to call the attention of the Trustees to the fact that the treatment of the boys by the Athletic Instructor does not meet with the Committee's approval, and believe that under different methods the institution would be the gainer in kindly feeling and better discipline.

PARENTAL SCHOOL.

The Parental School was visited on Wednesday, May 24. The buildings are overcrowded, and the construction of new dormitories would be a very desirable improvement.

The Committee were satisfied that improvements in the methods of punishment might be made both at this institution and at Rainsford Island, and recommend that the Trustees should prevent unnecessarily severe treatment of the boys under their charge. The Committee also recommend a reduction of \$500 in the salary of the Superintendent of the Parental School, believing he is now overpaid for the character and amount of service he renders.

REMARKS.

The Committee find that the institutions under a one-head, salaried officer are much better managed than the institutions under a board of trustees. At all the institutions the Committee were received with courtesy, and every opportunity was freely given for the investigation the Committee are obliged to make under Chapter 220 of the Public Statutes, with the single exception of the Parental School. At this institution the Superintendent refused a direct answer to questions of the Committee relating to the treatment of the boys.

Believing that a community as populous as the City of Boston offers a field sufficiently large from which to secure employees in the Parental School and House of Reformation, we regret the employment by the Trustees of non-residents secured through employment agencies. We believe that such service is not for the best interests either of the city or of the children confined in these institutions.

The Committee believe that the House of Reformation for boys is out of place on an island, and the institution should be removed to the mainland, and the buildings given over to the Penal Institutions Department, to be used for a woman's prison, thus bringing about an effectual separation of the male and female prisoners.

The Committee are indebted to Penal Institutions Commissioner Marshall and Deputy Sheriff Bradley for the free opportunity

afforded for inspection, and believe them especially worthy of commendation for the manner in which the institutions under their charge are conducted.

FREDERICK W. DAY,
FRANKLIN L. CODMAN,
JAMES H. DOYLE,
EDWARD W. PRESKO,
MICHAEL W. BRICK,
Committee.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF TELEPHONES.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory of the Board of Health, in March last, began an investigation of the question whether telephone transmitters constitute a menace to the public health by reason of the presence of disease-producing bacteria. His report has recently been submitted to the Board of Health.

Thirteen telephones which are subjected to an extraordinary amount of daily use, were chosen. The attempt was made to secure specimens of bacteria from the inside and outside of the transmitters attached to the telephones in question. The results of the attempt were negative, as the cultures prepared from the specimens obtained failed to show the presence of bacteria dangerous to health.

"It may therefore be concluded," says Dr. Hill, "that these telephones did not on the day of examination constitute foci from which bacterial disease could be readily distributed, a conclusion quite in keeping with the views which may be deduced from ordinary bacteriological knowledge of the conditions to be considered. Nevertheless, it is doubtless possible that infectious diseases, particularly diphtheria, tuberculosis and syphilis may be conveyed from one user of a telephone to a subsequent user, not by infection of the transmitters through the expired air, strictly considered, of the diseased user, but through his saliva or sputum deposited on the transmitter either through actual contact of the wetted lips to the transmitter, or in the form of minute particles of liquid detached from the liquids of the mouth by coughing or other strong expiratory breaths. . . . Practically, then, the telephone transmitter cannot be considered a dangerous source of disease, while at the same time its possible action as an occasional medium for the carriage of infection must be admitted.

"From the æsthetic standpoint, however, it is evident that the regular cleansing and disinfection of telephone receivers, certainly of these used indiscriminately by the general public is to be advocated as a hygienic measure which may very occasionally present serious infection, while it will always add to the moral comfort and pleasure of those using the telephone."

Dr. Hill recommends the use of a liquid disinfectant, e. g., a one per cent. solution of formalin or a five per cent. solution of carbolic acid, applied by paper, cloth or brush or spray to the transmitter inside and out at all public telephone stations by the person in charge, after each use of the instrument.

SEVENTEENTH OF JUNE CELEBRATION.

On the morning of June 17, the Seventeenth of June Carnival Association will hold its customary parade in Charlestown, to defray the expenses of which the city has contributed the sum of \$1,700. The civic parade, of which Captain D. Percival Sawyer has been chosen Chief Marshal, will be held during the afternoon. The organizations participating in this parade, with the amount of appropriation made by the city to each, will be as follows:

Branch 34, National Letter-Carriers' Association	\$300
Charlestown Veteran Firemen	250
Division 5, A.O.H.	175
Division 37, A.O.H.	175
St. Francis De Sales Cadets	125
Conclave 114, Knights of Sherwood Forest	125
Knights of Pythias	125
Knights of the Golden Eagle	100
Company A, Fifth Regiment	100
Company H, Fifth Regiment	100
Company D, Ninth Regiment	100
Abraham Lincoln Camp, Sons of Veterans	50
High School Cadets	50

In addition to the above, the city, through its committee, has appropriated \$25 for the expenses of the Chief Marshal; \$680 for music; \$300 for decorations; \$200 for fireworks; \$100 for the observation-stand, and \$45 for incidentals. Thus the total appropriation for the celebration of the day amounts to \$4,825.

In the evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, there will be a display of fireworks and a band concert at Sullivan square. Band concerts will also be given during the evening at Bunker Hill Monument and at Hayes square.

FOURTH OF JULY EXERCISES.

His Honor Mayor Quincy has designated Hon. Nathan Matthews, jr., ex-Mayor of the city, to be the orator on the occasion of the one hundred and twenty-third anniversary of the Declaration of Independence to be observed on the Fourth of July. Rev. John S. Lindsay, D.D., rector of St. Paul's Church, will officiate as chaplain. The selection of a schoolboy to read the Declaration of Independence has not yet been made.

Owing to repairs at Faneuil Hall being in progress, the exercises of the day will be held in Tremont Temple, commencing at 10 A.M.

FOREST HILLS AND QUINCY STREET RAILWAY COMPANY.

In the matter of the petition of the directors of an association for the formation of a corporation under the name of the Forest Hills and Quincy Street Railway Company, asking for the approval by the Board of Railroad Commissioners, under Section 8 of Chapter 413 of the Acts of 1887, of a location of tracks in the City of Boston, as granted to said directors by an order of the Board of Aldermen of said city, under date of December 27, 1898.

After public notice and full hearing of the petitioners and remonstrants, and of all other parties desiring to be heard, the Board of Commissioners, on June 9, 1899, determined as follows:

The order of location referred to was presented to the Mayor of Boston for his approval on December 28, 1898, but was not approved by him, nor did he return the order before the end of the municipal year which expired January 2, 1899. The Board inclines to the opinion that the order was not duly passed, and is without legal force and effect; and so rules. If the order is void, it would be idle for the Board to approve the location.

Whether or not the above view is correct, and apart from any legal aspect of the case, the Board, moreover, is not satisfied upon the facts shown that the location ought under present conditions to be approved.

The evidence tended to show that on an important section of the route the street as now laid out and constructed is narrow and hardly adequate for the operation of a street railway and for the due safety and convenience of other public travel. Extensive plans for the widening of the street are now under consideration. The location and construction of the railway may properly await, as it seems to us, the fuller development of these plans and improvements.

It also appeared that considerable and essential sections of the location and route of the proposed railway are outside the limits of any public highway or street. No authority under general or special law was shown for the location of any part of this railway on private land. It was conceded by the petitioners that the Board of Aldermen had no power to grant, and that this Board had no power to approve, a location outside a public way. We cannot revise and amend the order of location as passed by the Board of Aldermen. If we approve the location, we must approve it as a whole. It does not seem to us proper affirmatively to approve a location for essential portions of which no warrant or sanction of law has been shown. Eliminating these portions, if this could be done, the location would be of little value to the petitioners or the public.

PUBLIC CREMATORY.

His Honor the Mayor has received the following petition with regard to the establishment of a public crematory:

We, the undersigned, respectfully petition the authorities of the City of Boston for the establishment of a public crematory for the

incineration of the remains of the departed, without distinction of class, creed, color or race.

The practice of burial, which means the increase and permanency of cemeteries within the limits or close neighborhood of cities, is attended with the following evils:

(1.) The appropriation of earth space required by the necessities of the living.

(2.) The disfigurement of the landscape and the casting of a gloom over the immediate vicinity.

(3.) The constant menace to health by the poisoning of the air and water.

(4.) The emphasis given to social distinctions and sectarian differences by ostentatious monuments by the side of humble graves, and the exclusion of "pauper" and "heretic" from the sacred inclosure.

(5.) The greater expense of this mode of disposing of the dead, which brings anxiety off-times to the mind of the dying.

(6.) The robbery and desecration of graves.

Cremation, therefore, which avoids all these evils, by the substitution of the quick purifying action of fire for the slower and loathsome process of decomposition, may be said to be justified by reasons at once economic, sanitary, æsthetic and humane.

Among the signers are Rev. William Bradley, Rev. Thomas Van Ness, Rev. Charles F. Dole, Dr. Thomas G. Reed, Dr. P. T. Buckley, Dr. A. B. Drake, Rev. B. Fay Mills and Dr. Francis J. Miller.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on July 11, 1899, an examination will be held at any city in the United States where it has a board of examiners, for the position of superintendent of tree planting (division of forestry), Department of Agriculture.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to the position of superintendent of tree planting, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum.

The Commission also announces that on July 11, 1899, an examination will be held for the position of instrument-maker, United States Naval Observatory (Navy Department).

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill the position of instrument-maker at the Naval Observatory, Navy Department, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who desire to compete. They will be examined, graded, and certified, with entire partiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown by the grade attained by them in the examination.

Persons who desire to compete should at once apply to Mr. Edward E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office building, Boston, Mass., or to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for application blank (Form 304), which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the Commission at Washington, D.C.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1899.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of May, 1899, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	541,827
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	19.49
Death rate for corresponding month, 1898	19.69

Number of deaths:	
Males	472
Females	408
	880

Condition:	
Married	263
Single	442
Widows	114
Widowers	54
Unknown	7

Color:	
White	855
Colored	25

Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	149
Under 2 years	191
Under 5 years	238

Deaths by diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	2
Under 2 years	5
Under 5 years	5
All ages	7

Nativity:	
United States	558
Ireland	166
England	12
Scotland	8
Germany	17
British America	68
Italy	14
Russia	9
Other countries	15
Unknown	13

Parentage:	
American	186
Irish	303
English	17
Scotch	11
German	25
British American	63
Italian	33
Russian	19
Other countries	52
Mixed	62
Unknown	109

Still-births during the month	46
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Causes of Death.

I. ZYMOTICS.

Alcoholism	7
Croup	2
Cholera infantum	1
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	16
Diarrhoea	3
Dysentery	3
Diphtheria	15
Erysipelas	6
Measles	4
Puerperal fever	2
Pyæmia	1
Rheumatism	3
Scarlatina	10
Small-pox	1
Syphilis (congenital)	3
Septicæmia	7
Typhoid fever	8
Whooping-cough	5
Other Zymotic diseases	3

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	32
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	18
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	14
Phthisis pulmonalis	117
Other Constitutional diseases	14
	195

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	24
Bright's disease	13
Bronchitis	27
Heart disease	77
Meningitis	22
Nephritis	25
Pleurisy	1
Pneumonia	114
Other Local diseases	147
	450

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Cyanosis	2
Inanition	16
Old age	29
Premature birth	19
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	5
Other Developmental diseases	22
	93

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	27
Homicidal	1
Suicidal	7
Other Violent causes	1
	36
Unknown causes	6

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

May 24, 1899.

General Order No. 602.

I. Patrolman Patrick Doherty, of Division 1, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty-six years, and having arrived at the age of sixty-five years, it is therefore hereby ordered, His Honor the Mayor having approved the same, that the said Patrolman Doherty be retired from active service and placed upon a pension-roll with pay at the rate of \$600 per annum, being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him in the office from which he is retired.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman James McFarland, of Division 2, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Leaving route without permission, entering a building and drinking intoxicating liquor while on duty, the Board finds the said Patrolman McFarland guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of twenty days' pay.

May 27, 1899.

General Order No. 603.

Patrolman William C. M. Tilton, of Division 13, having been commended by his captain for vigilance shown in arresting a housebreaker on the night of the thirty-first of December, 1898, he is hereby commended in General Orders.

June 3, 1899.

General Order No. 604.

In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Allen Hood, of Division 16, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the Board finds the said Patrolman Hood guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of one day's pay.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, June 8, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on Thursday, June 8, 1899, at the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 3.30 P.M.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with on motion of Mr. Barry.

Mr. Barry called up the following assignment:

Communication from Mr. Henry M. Whitney, offering to contribute \$40,000, towards the expense of widening the north draw of the Chelsea Bridge to seventy-five feet, and agreeing to deposit the money with the City Treasurer whenever the city is prepared to proceed with the work.

Mr. Kiley moved that, inasmuch as widening the draw to sixty feet had been decided upon, consideration of the matter of widening it to seventy-five feet be indefinitely postponed; carried.

Mr. Barry called up the following assignment:

Communication from the Trustees for Children, stating that the number of boys at the Parental School had been increased to 192, which number is greater than the accommodations available will provide for, and requesting that appropriation of \$5,000, heretofore made for the drainage of land at the Parental School, West Roxbury, be transferred to an appropriation for the erection of temporary wooden buildings, and that an additional sum of \$10,000 be appropriated for said buildings.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. Minot called up the following past assignments:

Communication (referred by the City Council) from Robert Treat Paine, enclosing petition of North Brighton Conference, District 5 of the Associated Charities of Boston, asking that \$300 be appropriated for the renting of a field of about eight acres, located on the south and west sides of Waverly street, and north of Lincoln street, as a playground.

Order (referred by the City Council) requesting the Board to appropriate \$300 for the renting of lot referred to above.

The Chairman stated that an order had now been passed by the City Council providing for the hiring, as in former years, of a lot on Everett street, as a playground, which lot is within five minutes' walk of the lot referred to in the above communication and order.

The communication and order were placed on file, on motion of Mr. Minot.

A communication was received from Water Commissioner Murphy requesting that an appropriation of \$2,000 be made for the erection of cold water fountains.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass a loan order making an appropriation for the said purpose.

Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be authorized to expend the sum of two thousand (2,000) dollars in erecting cold water fountains, and the said sum is hereby appropriated for said purpose; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The question came on the adoption of the order, and Mr. Kiley called for the yeas and nays.

The order was not adopted (four votes being required) — yeas, 3 nays, 2.

Yeas — Messrs. Barry and Dore and Mayor Quincy — 3.

Nays — Messrs. Minot and Kiley — 2.

Mr. Kiley moved that the order be indefinitely postponed, and asked that the yeas and nays be called on his motion.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was lost — yea, 1; nays, 4.

Yea — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Nays — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Streets, transmitting a letter received from the Superintendent of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, requesting that Charles street be asphalted in front of the Infirmary's new building.

In connection with the above, Mr. Kiley called up the following, under unfinished business:

Communication from Mr. William D. Sohier, on behalf of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary (received May 31), requesting that an asphalt pavement be laid in front of the Infirmary's new building on Charles street.

On motion of Mr. Kiley it was voted that the whole matter be assigned to the next meeting, and that the representatives of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary be requested to be present and confer with the Board at its next regular meeting.

A communication was received from the Chairman of the Pauper Institutions Trustees requesting an additional appropriation of \$10,000 to enable them to build a combination boiler-house, dynamo-room, bakeshop and laundry building, for which an appropriation of \$60,000 had already been made.

Professor William T. Sedgwick, Chairman of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, and Mr. Frank W. Howard, chief of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, were heard by the Board in regard to the matter, and presented plans of the proposed building, with estimates of cost.

They stated that every effort had been made to reduce the cost of the proposed building to the amount of the appropriation, but that, largely on account of the advance in the price of building materials, this had been found impossible.

On motion of Mr. Dore, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

A communication was received from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the City Hospital requesting that an additional appropriation of \$14,565.17 be made for new buildings, City Hospital, to replace the amount paid from the said appropriation on an execution of court in favor of Whidden & Co.

Mr. A. Shuman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, appeared before the Board, and explained the necessity of making the said appropriation, and that the Board of Trustees not understanding that the execution was to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings had contracted liabilities which it was now unable to meet.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass a loan order making an additional appropriation of \$14,500 for new buildings, City Hospital.

Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated, the Trustees of the City Hospital be, and hereby are, authorized to expend an additional sum of fourteen thousand five hundred (14,500) dollars for new buildings, which amount is appropriated for said purpose; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

On motion of Mr. Dore, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. Kiley moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board on February 7, 1899, appropriating fifty thousand (50,000) dollars for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden Bridge, and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue bonds of the City of Boston, payable in ten years from their date, to said amount and for said purpose, be, and hereby is, rescinded.

The order was adopted, and was signed by all the members of the Board.

A communication was received from Wire Commissioner Flood, requesting an additional loan appropriation of \$3,500, to be expended by the Department in carrying out the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

Commissioner Flood appeared before the Board and explained the necessity of said appropriation.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

Mayor Quincy called the attention of the Board to the fact that the appropriation, made in 1895, of \$125,000, for grounds for the parade, drill and target practice of the militia stationed in the City of Boston was now available for expenditure, under the provisions of Chapter 142 of the Acts of 1898; that he intended to send a message to the City Council recommending that the order making the said appropriation be rescinded, and that if this were done the borrowing capacity would be increased by this amount. The Mayor also stated that, if the City Council refused to rescind the order, he would probably transfer the said appropriation to the Street Department, Sewer Division, under the authority of Chapter 450 of the Acts of 1899.

Mr. Barry moved that as soon as the Board can agree upon the items it proceed to make up a loan order for general municipal purposes, to the aggregate amount of about \$150,000.

Mr. Dore moved to amend the motion by making the amount \$100,000.

The motion as amended was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, That a special meeting of the Board be held on Monday, June 12, at 2 P.M.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That the next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, June 14, at 3.30 P.M.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to pass an order making an appropriation for the purchase from the United States government of the gunboats "East Boston" and "Governor Russell," and for refitting the same for use as ferry-boats, and rescinding the order approved June 16, 1898, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to build a new ferry-boat, to take the place of the "East Boston," and making an appropriation therefor.

Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the order approved June 16, 1898, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to expend \$71,000 for a new ferry-boat, to take the place of the "East Boston," and appropriating for said purpose the sum of \$57,500 received from the United States government for the said ferry-boat, and the sum of \$13,500 from the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895, be and hereby is rescinded; that the Superintendent of Streets, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to purchase from the United States government the gunboats "East Boston" and "Governor Russell," being the former ferry-boats "East Boston" and "William E. Russell," which were purchased from the city by the United States government, and converted by it into gunboats for use during the late Spanish war, and to refit the same for use as ferry-boats; that the sum of \$57,500 received from the United States government for the ferry-boat "East Boston" be appropriated toward meeting the expense of purchasing said gunboats and refitting them as ferry-boats; and that the additional amount required to meet the expense of purchasing said gunboats and refitting them for use as ferry-boats, not to exceed forty thousand (40,000) dollars, be charged to the appropriation for new ferry landing, authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Dore.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Barry, at 6.09 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber on Monday, June 26, at 3 P.M.

An act of the Legislature of Illinois, approved April 17, 1899, provides for the establishment of free employment offices. The offices are to be known as Illinois Free Employment Offices, and each city with 50,000 population is entitled to one, while cities of a million population are entitled to three.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, June 12, 1899, at 3.52 P.M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1.) S. B. Keene, to be a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(2.) William J. Walter, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay or Straw for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(3.) Frederick A. Jones, to be a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery and a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Severally laid over under the law.

The following messages were also received from His Honor the Mayor:

Memorial Day.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 12, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith for your files the official copy of City Document 84, being the report of the Committee on Memorial Day, together with the order providing for the distribution recommended by the Committee of the appropriation of \$8,000, which document was referred to me by vote passed May 22, 1899. The distribution of the funds for this purpose made by me differed from that made by the Committee in the omission of the Vicksburg Command No. 15, U.V.U., from the list of organizations granted allowances, and the reduction of the amount allowed each of the other organizations in the list by \$5, the amount thus saved being used towards meeting the expense of decorating the graves of soldiers who died from injuries received in the late Spanish-American war. For this purpose, a committee of the Ninth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, were allowed the same amount given to Grand Army posts (\$365), the remainder of this sum over the amount saved by the above modifications being met by a transfer from the Reserve Fund.

The officers of each of the organizations granted allowances, when receipting for the money, signed a statement that the money received would not be expended for other than memorial purposes, and that they would submit to the City Council before July 1, 1899, a report giving a statement of the expenditures made from the amount received,

together with the actual number of members in the organization, and the number and location of graves decorated.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sent down.

Veto—Removal of Poles on K Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 2, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

In accordance with the recommendations of the Wire Commissioner, and for the reason stated in a communication from him submitted herewith, I return without my approval an order passed by your Board May 25, rescinding so much of the order passed by the Board of Aldermen, December 5, 1898, as authorized the Superintendent of Streets to issue a permit to the Boston Electric Light Company to erect poles on K street, South Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

WIRE DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, June 2, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the accompanying order "rescinding so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen, passed November 5, 1898, as authorized the Superintendent of Streets to issue a permit to the Boston Electric Light Company to erect poles in K street, Wards 14 and 15," and I respectfully submit the following report:

The number of poles called for in the original order and shown on the plan on file in this office is three, and they are to be used for the support of the circuits furnishing current to the street lights in this and other streets of South Boston. These wires are now attached to the shade trees in the street, a method which this Department condemns, particularly in the case of high tension wires of this class, as it is impossible to secure the supports therefor in a safe or permanent manner, owing to the corrosive effect of the sap in the trees on the nails, spikes, or screws used in fastening the necessary insulating supports, and for the further reason that the swaying of trees during the prevalence of strong winds tends to pull these supports from their fastenings, either breaking the wire, or causing it to drop within reach of persons in the streets, or on wires that are in themselves harmless, rendering both extremely dangerous to persons and property.

The exact location of these poles has been selected by representatives of this Department and are the least objectionable possible to the abutters.

It is my opinion that this company should be permitted to comply with the requirements of the Wire Department and at the same time reduce the dangers attending the transmission of high tension currents, by setting the number of poles (3) indicated in the original order of December 5, 1898.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS W. FLOOD,

Commissioner of Wires.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements and later in the session passed, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding.

Drinking Fountain, East Boston.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 1, 1899

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner in reply to your order of May 6, requesting certain information in regard to drinking fountains in East Boston.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, May 27, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Answering, in the order in which they are presented, the inquiries relative to drinking fountains in East Boston contained in the attached order of the Board of Aldermen, passed May 8, and referred by your Honor to me for report, I would say:

(1.) The drinking fountain referred to was originally located in the sidewalk around the enclosure known as Central Square. Some time in 1893 the sidewalk was abolished and the land taken for highway purposes. This, of course, necessitated the abandonment of the drinking fountain, and in its place a trough for beasts was established in the middle of the square, and a fountain erected for men on the sidewalk in front of Jackson & Caldwell's store, Central square, where it remained until August 1, 1897, when it was removed by request of the Common Council. We have many times attempted to relocate this fountain in this vicinity, but have been unable to secure a location on account of the refusal of abutters. I shall be very much pleased to restore this fountain if a proper location can be found.

(2.) East Boston will have four or five cold water fountains, one of which is already located and will be in service Memorial Day.

(3.) The following are the locations of the drinking fountains in East Boston:

Bennington street, junction Chelsea street.

Central square.

Maverick square.

Square at Winthrop Junction.

Lewis street, at Marginal street.

Neptune road, at Wood Island Park.

Saratoga street, junction Pope street.

Maverick street, corner Cottage street.

Prescott street, at Bennington street.

120 Marginal street.

Of these fountains, the first four are for beasts only, with continuous flow summer and winter, and the remainder are for men, in warm weather only. The fountain at 120 Marginal street is a "cold water" one.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Results of the Repair Division.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 2, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith for your information the accompanying report, made by a committee appointed upon my invitation by the Merchants' Municipal Committee and the Boston Society of Architects. The finding of the Committee, after its expert and impartial investigation, that a net profit of \$12,616.60 was earned by this Division between the date of its establishment in January, 1898, and April 1, 1899, is certainly a gratifying one, and in my opinion amply justifies the establishment of this Division, and reflects credit upon its management.

I suggest that the report be printed as a public document.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Boston, Mass., May 27, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Committee appointed on examination of Repair Division have attended to the duties assigned them, and beg leave to submit the following report:

A careful examination of the accounts from January 1, 1898, to April, 1899, including verification of pay-rolls and checking of all bills for work and material has been made, and the same found to be correct. The profit to the city during this period, as shown by enclosed statement, is \$12,616.60, and the work, so far as the Committee can learn, is of superior quality, and has been performed in a satisfactory manner. While it is difficult to form a correct estimate of the cost of repairs made in many departments, we have found by estimates made upon plans and specifications submitted by the City Architectural Department, that the estimates of the Repair Division were lower than those submitted by outside contractors who were invited to bid in competition, and in some cases the work was performed at less than the estimated cost.

In the opinion of the Committee, the establishment of the Repair Division has been a profitable undertaking for the city, and if its operations were large enough to enable it to purchase a larger machinery plant, and also purchase stock and materials in larger quantities, the Division would be able to do better service for the city.

The system of book-keeping should be changed from single to double entry, as the present method does not show the affairs of the Division in such a complete form as is desirable; and we recommend that this change be made, and the accounts so arranged that the amounts due to, and by the Division, together with the approximate standing of the Division, can be easily and correctly ascertained.

WILLIAM O. BLANEY,

Representing Merchants' Municipal Committee.

J. PICKERING PUTNAM,

C. H. BLACKALL,

EDWIN J. LEWIS, JR.,

Representing Boston Society of Architects.

W. O. BLANEY, Esq., Chairman Committee on Examination of the Repair Division.

DEAR SIR: I have made an examination of the accounts of the Repair Division of the Public Buildings Department of the city of Boston, and beg to submit the following report:

My examination has covered the period from January, 1898, the beginning of the Division, to April 1, 1899, and has included:

(1.) The addition of all pay-rolls as shown on the original pay-roll books, and the verification of their amount by the original paid pay-roll sheets in the City Auditor's office.

(2.) The checking of all bills rendered by the Division, for work performed, with the amounts of the bills deposited in the City Collector's office for collection, with the exception of bills for work done in March, 1899, on uncompleted work, and those bills I have examined.

(3.) The checking of all bills, for purchases of all kinds, made by the Division, with the bills as paid through the Public Buildings Department and City Auditor's office, or with bills remaining unpaid in the Public Buildings Department. The amount of stock on hand April 1 I take from the report of Mr. George H. Manson, and for tools, office furniture and fixtures, machinery and boilers, and horses, wagons, harness, etc., from the vouchers.

Total amount of bills rendered by the Division to April 1, 1899, and deposited in the City Collector's office \$201,038 51
Amount of bills for work in March, 1899, on uncompleted work 3,979 49

Total of bills \$205,018 00
Amount of above bills paid through the City Collector's office 175,482 71

Balance outstanding due this Division from other divisions April 1, 1899 \$29,535 29
Parker & Page, amount overpaid 4 60
Isaac Coffin, amount overpaid 50 40
Smith & Anthony 187 75

Total outstanding accounts due Division April 1, 1899 \$29,778 04

Total amount of bills for purchases of all kinds made by the Division to April 1, 1899 \$111,788 86
Amount of bills paid 106,598 77

Balance due by the Division April 1, 1899 \$5,190 09

Total amount of pay-rolls to April 1, 1899 \$96,727 32
Superintendent of Division 3,698 33

Total for pay-rolls to April 1, 1899, \$100,425 65

Amount of bills paid on account of this Division through the Public Buildings Department \$104,154 82

Amount paid on special draft 2,443 95
Amount overpaid on bills 55 00

Amount of pay-rolls paid through the Public Buildings Department 96,574 57

Amount of pay-rolls paid by special draft 152 75

Amount paid Superintendent 3,698 33

Total payments \$207,079 42

Amount of collections made on account of this Division from other departments . . . \$175,482 71
Amount collected for old brass 20 13

Total collections \$175,502 84

Excess of payments over collections \$31,576 58

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Total amount of bills rendered \$205,018 00
Old brass sold 20 13
Smith & Anthony 187 75

Total charges for labor and material \$205,225 88

Cost:

Total amount of bills for purchases . . . \$111,788 86
Total for pay-rolls and Superintendent . . . 100,425 65
\$212,214 51

Less:

Merchandise and stock (see inventory) . \$6,305 38
Tools, etc., (see inventory) . 3,566 88
Machinery, boilers, etc. (see inventory), 7,796 07
Horses, wagons, etc. (see inventory) . 1,179 40
Office furniture (see inventory), 757 50
Total of inventories 19,605 23

Net cost of materials and labor . . \$192,609 28

Net profit from January, 1898, to April 1, 1899 \$12,616 60

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, APRIL 1, 1899.

ASSETS.

Merchandise and stock on hand . . \$6,305 38
Tools, chest, pump, etc. 3,566 88
Machinery, boilers, blowers, etc., . 7,796 07
Horses, wagons, harness, etc. . . . 1,179 40
Office furniture and fixtures 757 50

Total \$19,605 23
Amount due this Division 29,778 04

Total assets \$49,383 27

LIABILITIES.

Accounts due for purchases . . . \$5,190 09
Excess of bills paid over the amounts collected 31,576 58
Profit and loss balance 12,616 60

\$49,383 27

The books of this Division have been kept by a system of single entry, and do not show the affairs of the Division in such a complete form as I believe it is desirable that they should. They show no merchandise, machinery, tools and fixtures, expense or other impersonal accounts, from which the standing of the Division can be easily obtained. I would recommend that the system of book-keeping be changed to double

entry, with the accounts so arranged that the amounts due to and by the Division, can be easily and readily seen, that machinery, tools and fixtures, merchandise, expenses or any other accounts, which may be desirable, be opened, so that, with a trial balance, and an estimate of stock on hand, the approximate standing of the Division can be seen each month.

I annex hereto a copy of the inventory of April 1, 1899.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS P. PARSONS, Accountant.
Boston, April 24, 1899.

INVENTORY OF REPAIR DIVISION.

MERCHANDISE ON HAND APRIL 1, 1899.

Lumber	\$2,673 03	
Hardware	564 54	
Glass	42 93	
Manila rope	70 50	
Plumbers', steam-fitters', roofers' and masons' stock and supplies	1,756 32	
Paints and brushes	888 06	
Canvas covering, 1,200 yards	125 00	
Miscellaneous	185 00	
		\$6,305 38
Tools as per vouchers. 2 shanties and tool chest	\$3,409 88	
1 Edison pump, hose, couplings and strainer	90 00	
		67 00
		3,566 88
Machinery, boilers, blowers, belt-ing, piping, etc., as per vouchers, Horses, wagons, harness, blankets, etc., as per vouchers	7,796 07	
Office furniture and fixtures, as per vouchers	1,179 40	
		757 50
Total		\$19,605 23

Ordered printed and sent down.

Contract for Gas Lighting.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 12, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of a contract between the city and the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, executed by the Superintendent of Lamps and approved by myself on May 31.

While this contract is a departure from the general policy, in which I am a strong believer, of having all work for the municipality performed, as far as practicable and reasonably economical, by its own employees, the Superintendent of Lamps and myself were satisfied after enquiry that the city could not in any other manner secure the very important benefits of better street-lighting, through the use of the incandescent mantle and the boulevard type of lantern. The fact that the use of this mantle, which is now admitted and demonstrated by patents, and that the policy of the owners of these patents, adhered to wherever the incandescent mantle has been introduced extensively, has been to take charge of the

care and maintenance of such lamps themselves, or through local companies, instead of entrusting them to municipal authorities, seemed to render it necessary for the city either to forego the important advantages of securing better lighted streets, at substantially the same cost as at present — thus falling behind other large cities both in this country and abroad, in which the mantle system of lighting has been or is being extensively introduced — or else to make an exception in this case to its general policy of employing its labor directly.

Under this contract the contracting company is to install throughout the city, at its own expense, boulevard lanterns of the latest improved type, and is to maintain such lanterns so that each will furnish a sixty candle-power light, which is nearly four times the light now furnished; any reductions in the price of gas which may be secured from any company furnishing it are to inure to the sole benefit of the city, and it is further understood that the company is to take into its employment all of the lamplighters now in the service of the city, at the same rate of pay.

While the Superintendent of Lamps and myself have taken a considerable responsibility in the making of this contract, we are entirely confident that the results will commend themselves to our citizens generally, and that the city will derive a material benefit from the change. I believe that it will be possible in many places to meet the demand for additional electric lights by the installation of these new lamps, and that the city will thus make a sufficient economy to fully make up for the slightly greater cost per lamp; and if necessary, the Lamp Department can be run without any increased expense whatever under the contract, and give a very greatly increased amount of street-lighting. I believe also that the substitution of ornamental boulevard lanterns for the present gas-lamps, many of which are in a poor state of repair, will tend to beautify the city and to improve the appearance of the residential sections; and the original cost of installing such lanterns, which is wholly borne by the contractor, must amount to a very considerable sum. I may add that the Superintendent of Lamps and myself will welcome any fair inquiry into all the circumstances surrounding the making of this contract if the City Council believes that our citizens desire any further enlightenment with reference thereto.

I think it proper to add that the making of this contract in no wise indicates any change in the general policy of extending rather than diminishing the direct employment of labor by the city, which I have favored since I have been in office, and that there is no foundation whatever for reports which have been

put in circulation that it was my intention to transfer to contractors any other work which the city is now performing through its own employees.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Accompanying the above was the copy of the contract referred to. This contract will be found printed in THE CITY RECORD, No. 23, page 438.)

In connection with the above, Alderman Doyle offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Lamps be instructed to inquire into the contract for lamp-lighting recently made with the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, and to report to this Board its conclusions regarding the same.

The communication and order were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Malden Bridge Loan Rescinded.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 12, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Apportionment rescinding the loan order providing \$50,000 for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden bridge, for the reason that this work is now otherwise provided for, under the provisions of Chapter 280 of the Acts of the year 1899, under which the sum of \$200,000 has already been charged off against the borrowing capacity of the city for the current year, and is available for this purpose.

This order requires to be passed in concurrence by both branches of the City Council before it can take effect, and of course it is desirable that this money, which is now tied up, should be made available for other uses.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

June 3, 1899.

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board on February 7, 1899, appropriating fifty thousand (50,000) dollars for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden bridge, and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue bonds of the City of Boston, payable in ten years from their date, to said amount for said purpose, be, and hereby is, rescinded.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Sent down for concurrence.

Loan For Militia Target Grounds.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 12, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Under the provisions of Chapter 142 of the Acts of 1898, this city was forbidden to acquire land "for a ground or place for the parade, drill and target practice of the militia," as had been required by a previous statute, prior to the first day of June in the current year, and it was further provided that the appropriation of \$125,000 made for such purpose by the City Council in the year 1895 should not be "divided or used or applied for any other purpose" prior to said date.

This statute was passed as a step toward carrying out the recommendation which had been made by the State Inspector-General of Rifle Practice that the Commonwealth should provide such a parade ground for the use of the militia of the cities and towns of the Metropolitan District, instead of having such a ground provided by the City of Boston for the use of its own militia. The policy thus presented received my hearty approval at the time, and I think that all competent authorities recognize that it is the correct one, particularly in view of the fact it is exceedingly difficult, if not altogether impossible, for the City of Boston to obtain a suitable piece of land for this purpose within its own limits, and of the complications which are met with in attempting to go outside of its limits. In view of the position of the authorities of the State having charge of rifle practice and of this statute, I believe that this city is fully warranted in taking no further steps for the acquirement of a rifle range, in awaiting action of the Commonwealth to provide for the establishment of a Metropolitan rifle range, and in devoting to other uses the appropriation made for this purpose, which has remained unused for the last four years; and I am confirmed in this opinion by the apparent futility, judging by past experience, of any efforts to secure the application of this appropriation.

I therefore desire, particularly in view of the urgent need of this money for other purposes, to recommend to the City Council the passage of the accompanying order, rescinding this appropriation (which order can be passed by a majority vote of each branch), which will add the sum of \$125,000 to the very limited amount of borrowing capacity for the remainder of this year. If this order should be passed, I should favor the appropriation of this money for the usual street improvements in the different wards of the city.

I think it proper to add for the information of the City Council, that if it should not see fit to pass such a rescinding order, I

should transfer this appropriation to the appropriation for the maintenance of the Sewer Division of the Street Department, under the authority of Chapter 450 of the Acts of the year 1899; so that it will not in any case be available for the purposes originally designated.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That so much of the order approved July 9, 1895, as appropriated \$125,000 for "grounds for the parade, drill, and target practice of the militia belonging to the City of Boston," be and hereby is rescinded.

Sale of Marcella-street Home.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 12, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Chairman of the Trustees for Children, calling attention to the very crowded condition of the Parental School, and to the need of authorizing the sale of the Marcella-street Home property, for which these Trustees have no further use, in order that means may be provided for making the necessary additions to the Parental School. In a communication to the City Council under date of May 16, 1898, I again renewed a recommendation which I had already once made, that authority be given for the sale of the Marcella-street Home property, but no action has yet been taken upon the matter. I now desire to earnestly renew the recommendation, and to urge the passage of the accompanying order, which turns this property over to the Street Commissioners for sale, following the usual course, instead of authorizing its sale directly by the Trustees for Children. In order to enable the Board of Apportionment to act intelligently upon the application of the Children's Trustees for additional appropriations for the Parental School, it should know whether the Marcella-street Home property is to be sold.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

June 9, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: The Trustees for Children desire to call your attention again to the overcrowding of the Parental School at West Roxbury, and earnestly trust that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may see its way clear to grant temporary relief.

We now have 213 boys in this institution, originally intended for 80. These boys are overcrowded, and it is not to the credit of our city to receive them without giving them proper accommodations.

In this connection the Trustees feel that the very valuable property, formerly known as the Marcella-street Home, containing 338,337 feet of land, in the heart of our city, should be sold, as it can no longer be used

by us, and in this way the means for taking proper care of the increasing number of truant boys in our city can be provided.

Respectfully yours,

H. A. LAMB, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Trustees for Children be authorized to transfer to the Board of Street Commissioners the Marcella-street Home property, the same being no longer used as an institution for children, and that said Board of Street Commissioners be authorized, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to sell the same for such price and upon such terms as they may deem advantageous.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Street-watering Districts.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 12, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a map showing a division of the city into street-watering districts, as prepared by the Superintendent of Streets, and I hereby recommend the passage of the accompanying order prepared by him, such order being in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 366 of the Acts of the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the territory of the city be divided into four street-watering districts, as shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Street-watering Districts, 1899. Benj. W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets," on file in the office of said Superintendent, and that the owners of estates abutting on public ways or parts thereof in said districts shall pay an assessment per linear foot of their estates so abutting, to be used for watering each way or part thereof to the same extent in the same district, as follows:

In District No. 1, seven cents.

In District No. 2, six cents.

In District No. 3, five cents.

In District No. 4, four cents.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending June 10, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week 19.9
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898, 14.2

Number of deaths:

Males 108
Females 100

Total 208

Total deaths in corresponding week,
1898 146

Increase 62

Of the 208 decedents, 204 were white and 4 colored; 129 were born in the United States, 75 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 42 were of American parentage, 142 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 24 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	45	4
Scarlatina	21	4
Typhoid fever	11	1
Measles	85	1
Totals	162	10

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	23
Pneumonia	21
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	11
Bronchitis	6
Marasmus	9
Violent causes	12

Total from principal causes	83
Total from infectious diseases	10
Total from other causes	115

Total from all causes 208

Deaths of children under 1 year	34
Deaths of children under 5 years	62
Deaths of persons over 60 years	37
Deaths in public institutions	69

There were two cases of small-pox reported during the week and one death.

IMMIGRATION FOR APRIL.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the month ending April 30, 1899:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Dutch and Flemish	2	2	—
East Indian	2	—	2
English	340	213	127
Finnish	218	149	69
French	5	5	—
German	11	10	1
Greek	1	1	—
Hebrew	10	10	—
Irish	1,880	942	938
Italian (Southern)	2	2	—
Polish	8	6	2
Russian	2	2	—
Scandinavian	950	610	340
Scotch	71	41	30
Welsh	8	5	3
West Indian	8	5	3
Total	3,518	2,003	1,515
Tourists or passengers en route	89	—	—
Total immigration for April	3,607	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS. — STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division—	
Maine	38
New Hampshire	42
Vermont	19
Massachusetts	2,358
Rhode Island	162
Connecticut	31
New York	253
New Jersey	7
Pennsylvania	39
Total	2,949

South Atlantic Division—	
Delaware	1
Maryland	1
Total	2
North Central Division—	
Ohio	6
Indiana	4
Illinois	186
Michigan	69
Wisconsin	44
Minnesota	111
Iowa	22
Missouri	11
North Dakota	12
South Dakota	8
Oklahoma	1
Nebraska	15
Kansas	7
Total	496
South Atlantic Division—	
Mississippi	2
Total	2
Western Division—	
Montana	20
Wyoming	1
Colorado	9
Arizona	6
Idaho	4
Washington	9
Oregon	6
California	14
Total	69
RECAPITULATION.	
North Atlantic Division	2,949
South Atlantic Division	2
North Central Division	496
South Central Division	2
Western Division	69
Total	3,518

Awards of Contracts.

Cemetery Department.

Proposals for the erection of a chapel and gateway at Mt. Hope Cemetery were opened at the office of the Cemetery Department on June 8, 1899, as follows:

BIDDERS.	Chapel and Gateway.	Chapel alone.	Gateway alone.
Connors Bros. . .	\$19,500	\$16,200	\$3,900
John A. Rooney, .	19,874	16,500	4,200
Cutting, Bardwell & Co. . .	20,446	16,634	4,089
W. H. Keyes & Co.	20,762	16,779	3,983
Jones & Meehan, .	20,890	17,800	3,900
D. J. McKim . . .	22,795	18,795	3,789
W. A. & H. A. Root	24,805	20,538	4,267

The contract for building the chapel alone was awarded to Connors Brothers (see report of the meeting of the Trustees of the Cemetery Department on this page).

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Metropolitan Water Board.

Proposals for constructing a drainage system at Spot Pond, in Stoneham, were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on Tuesday, June 6, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
C. E. Trumbull & Co., Boston . . .	\$22,508 00
George M. Bacon, Boston	22,945 00
M. Russo & Co., Boston	24,120 00
Bruno & Salamone, East Boston . .	25,592 50
Mirick & Wentworth, Malden . . .	27,087 00
Richard Falvey, Somerville	27,517 50
H. A. Hanscom & Co., Boston . . .	27,825 00

NOTE.—The principal items of work are 16,000 cubic yards of earthwork, 560 cubic yards of concrete masonry, laying 2,400 linear feet of thirty-inch cast-iron pipe and furnishing and laying 1,650 linear feet of twenty-four-inch vitrified pipe.

The contract was awarded to C. E. Trumbull & Co.

Proposals for excavating soil, Section 6, and building easterly portion of the North Dyke in Clinton, Mass., were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, on Friday, June 9, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
H. P. Nawn & N. S. Brock, Boston, .	\$1,096,300
Moulton & O'Mahoney, Boston . .	1,248,400
Busch Brothers, Buffalo	1,322,550
Jeremiah J. McCarthy & Co., Boston	1,341,525
Long, Little & Co., Leominster . .	1,484,500
The United Company, New York . .	2,825,625

NOTE.—The work consists of clearing and grubbing 850 acres; soil excavation, 3,250,000 cubic yards; earth and gravel excavation, 85,000 cubic yards.

The contract was awarded to H. P. Nawn and N. S. Brock.

JOHN N. FERGUSON,
Assistant Engineer.

Park Department.

Proposals for building a public landing and shelter on the Strandway were received by the Board of Park Commissioners on May 26, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
William T. Eaton	\$5,844
William L. Miller and C. C. Blanchard .	7,200
G. A. Cahill	8,436
W. H. Keyes & Co.	9,407

The contract was awarded to William T. Eaton.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

In the twelve months ending June 30, 1898, the number of immigrants who arrived in the United States was 229,299, or 1,832 less than the number who arrived during the previous year. Of the 218,562 immigrants who arrived by United States ports 178,748 arrived at New York, 12,271 at Boston, 10,735 at Baltimore, and 8,360 at Philadelphia. Of the total number of immigrants landed 91,014 gave the State of New York as their destination, 31,093 gave Pennsylvania, 23,849 gave Massachusetts, and 11,268 gave New Jersey. Illinois was the only State west of Pennsylvania which received more immigrants than New Jersey. Over 70 per cent. of all immigrants were bound to Eastern or Middle States.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Trustees, in City Hall, on Thursday, June 8, 1899, at 12 o'clock.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Fallon and Hersey.

Bids for the erection of a chapel and gateway at Mount Hope Cemetery were opened and read (see Awards of Contracts on this page).

The Board went into executive session.

It was voted, That the contract for erecting and completing a chapel alone be awarded to Connors Brothers, they being the lowest bidders, provided said concern comply with all the details of said contract, and that in addition to said sum of \$16,200 for building said chapel there be added the amount of \$1,100 for interior lining of stone walls in nave, chancel and vestibules of chapel, with best buff Philadelphia pressed brick and \$2,150 for the tracery work in chapel, all of which is to be of limestone, instead of as previously specified in contract.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, May 26, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, Lincoln, DeNormandie and Dwight.

Received: The report of Acting Librarian. John A. Lawrence was appointed library carpenter, with salary as at present.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$368.77; to trust funds, \$257.46; to Station "P," \$6.40; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$13.97; miscellaneous articles, \$329.06; also 4,500 copies of the annual report of the Trustees.

Various applications for special privileges were received, considered and disposed of.

JAMES DENORMANDIE,
Clerk pro tempore.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners held on May 8 and 15, 1899.

A request of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to put an automatic telephone in the Marine Park Headhouse at the company's expense, on condition that 10 per cent. of the receipts be paid to the city, was approved.

Executive Circular No. 61 was received, and it was

Voted, That half-holidays Saturday afternoons be granted by the Superintendent to all employees who can be spared, in accordance with the Mayor's circular.

Applications of George Layman for permission to operate a merry-go-round, and of H. M. Minott for permission to run a steam bicycle riding-school at the Charlestown

playground, on June 17, were received and referred to the Superintendent to make arrangements with the Committee on the Seventeenth of June Celebration to take charge of the granting of permits for said day, as in former years.

The Superintendent submitted a report calling attention to the danger of loss of life by allowing the use of light, double-ended boats and canoes on the waters under the control of this Department, and it was

Voted, To refer the matter to the Superintendent with full power to regulate the width of the boats authorized to be used on the park waters.

Voted, That the vote of this Board of February 6, 1899, adopting regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles on the public parks or boulevards be amended by inserting after the word "parks" in the last clause of said vote, the words,—"except upon the traffic roads."

May 15, 1899.

Notice that Charles E. Stratton, having been duly appointed by the Mayor, was confirmed by the Board of Aldermen as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899, was received and placed on file.

The Board reorganized by electing Mr. Stratton Chairman, and George F. Clarke Secretary, for the ensuing year.

Voted, That the steeple and other projections above seventy feet in height shown on the plans of St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church, to be built at the corner of Columbia road and Dorchester avenue, be approved, and that the Chairman endorse said approval on the plans.

Voted, That all employees of the Department whose services can be dispensed with be given a holiday without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, for the purpose of holding their annual picnic, on such day as they may select with the approval of the Superintendent.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, May 27, 1899.

The fifty-third regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, May 15, at 10 A.M.

Présent: Messrs. Sedgwick, Hunnewell, Rutan, Grainger, Miss Morse and Mrs. Lincoln.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted. Its principal recommendations were as follows:

(1.) That on and after May 15 the salary of the book-keeper and stenographer at Long Island shall be \$70 per month.

(2.) The salary of the storekeeper at Long Island shall be \$40 per month.

(3.) The salary of the relief officer shall be \$35 per month.

(4.) That the salary pertaining to the position of night watchman be fixed at \$25 per month.

(5.) That records of medical services and supplies furnished to Rainsford Island be kept.

(6.) That, in the opinion of the Committee, it is inexpedient to recommend an increase

in the salary of the engineer's assistants, or that a night fireman should be employed.

(7.) That the Superintendent be authorized to employ an additional painter at Long Island for a term of three months.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported that in connection with the tie-up for cattle it may be desirable to construct a silo. The Superintendent of Long Island was instructed to make investigations concerning this matter, and report.

The Water Commissioner has stated that in future Long Island will not be called upon to pump water to other islands in the harbor.

The following standing committees were appointed:

On Rules and Service — Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Rutan, Miss Morse and the Secretary ex-officio.

On Finance and Supplies — Mr. Rutan, Mr. Dobbins, Mrs. Lincoln and the Chairman ex-officio.

On Buildings and Grounds — Mr. Hunnewell, Mr. Rutan, Mr. Dobbins and Mr. Sedgwick.

On Medical Department and Dietary — Dr. Grainger, Mr. Hunnewell, Miss Morse and Mrs. Lincoln.

On Autopsies and Care of the Dead — Dr. Grainger and Mrs. Lincoln.

On Registration and Special Cases — Miss Morse, Mr. Rutan and the Chairman ex-officio.

A letter concerning the possible transfer of John Driscoll, a former inmate of the Charlestown Almshouse, was referred to the Chairman of the Committee on Registration and Special Cases.

A slight change in the agreement to be signed by persons applying for admission to the Boston almshouses was approved.

Dr. C. P. Putnam, Secretary of the Trustees for Children, came before the Board to state that the Children's Trustees are anxious to make some immediate temporary arrangement by which daily medical service can be furnished to Rainsford Island. There are about 150 boys in the House of Reformation. The Board agreed to make a temporary arrangement immediately, and the question of a more permanent and definite plan for furnishing such medical service was referred to the Hospital Committee and the visiting medical staff for Long Island.

The quality of the salt fish furnished by contract to the Long Island institutions was discussed and it was

Voted, That the question of quality and condition of the fish furnished to Long Island and whether it complies with the terms of the contract, be referred to the Committee on Finance with the power to investigate and report.

The Superintendent of Long Island reported that he had considered four candidates for the position of Deputy Superintendent and wished to recommend to the Board Mr. W. F. Clark, formerly Deputy at Long Island for two years, and now Superintendent of Gallop's Island. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 21, page 396.)

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to tender the position of Deputy Superintendent to Mr. W. F. Clark, at a salary of \$1,200 and maintenance for himself and wife, and that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to see Dr. Durgin, Chairman of the Board of Health, in regard to the transfer.

The Superintendent of Long Island stated that he wished to recommend for the position of receiving officer Mr. Thomas Maxwell, formerly night watchman.

Voted, That Mr. Maxwell be appointed to the position of receiving officer, at a salary of \$30 per month.

Father Brennan came before the Board, by request, to confer with the Trustees concerning the removal of the bodies interred in the cemetery at Long Island. The land now occupied by the cemetery forms part of the reservation which is to be taken by the United States Government, and while not insisting upon the removal of the cemetery, the Government would prefer that such removal should take place.

The following appointments were confirmed:

Arthur T. Hopkins, Superintendent, \$3,000 per year; James McGrath, ward tender, salary increased from \$20 to \$25 per month; William Schneider, night engineer, \$35 per month; J. E. Duffee, carpenter, \$60 per month; Eugene E. Crowell, farmer, \$25 per month; Blanche Gilmore, probationer, \$10 per month.

A letter from Dr. E. W. Taylor, secretary of the visiting medical staff, was read, regarding the reorganization of the salaries of the resident medical staff of the Long Island Hospital. In accordance with its chief recommendations, the following votes were passed:

Voted, That the salary of the first medical officer at the Long Island Hospital shall be \$1,200 per annum.

Voted, That the salary of the second medical officer at Long Island shall be \$900 per annum.

Voted, That the salaries of the house officers to be employed at the Long Island Hospital shall be fixed at \$100 each per annum.

The Mayor's Circular No. 62 was read and placed on file, as was also a notice from the Mayor stating the manner in which city officers should be elected.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse came before the Board and stated that she had received the resignations of Mr. and Mrs. Parmelee, farmer and matron at the Charlestown Almshouse.

Voted, That the resignations of Mr. Clayton H. Parmelee, farmer, and Mrs. Theresa L. Parmelee, matron, at the Charlestown Almshouse, be accepted, to take effect June 30, 1899.

Voted, That Mr. Clayton H. Parmelee and Mrs. Theresa L. Parmelee be granted leave of absence, with pay, from May 15, 1899.

Voted, That the Chairman of the Board have authority, on behalf of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, to accept the proposals of Messrs. O'Rourke & Nelson, for laying fresh and salt water mains at Long Island.

The following is the census for Long Island, May 13, 1899:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	69	143	212
Children	6	10	16
Dormitory	—	188	188
Institution	186	—	186
Totals	261	341	602
Last report	246	356	602

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

The following is a list of the principal matters filed in the City Clerk's office for the week ending May 27, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	89
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	16
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	6
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of assignments of wages	40
Number of married women's certificates,	6
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of ship liens	1

Accident notices have been filed as follows:

May 23 — Patrick Mullen, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in Baxter street. John Shea, killed by the caving-in of trench, corner Baldwin and Medford streets.

May 25 — F. E. Brigham, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in Columbia road.

May 26 — Letterio Lena, personal injuries caused by alleged carelessness of a workman on corner Blackstone and Hanover streets. Emma T. Plummer, personal injuries caused by caving-in of sidewalk on Hamilton street.

May 27 — Cornelius J. Sweeney, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Albany street.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Baths Department.

The following table shows the number of baths taken at the East Boston Gymnasium during May, 1899:

MAY.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1	185	—	—	—	185
2	—	25	—	18	43
3	50	—	54	—	104
4	—	23	—	17	40
5	140	—	—	—	140
6	6	—	180	—	186
7	170	—	—	—	170
8	191	—	—	—	191
9	—	18	—	29	47
10	104	—	116	—	220
11	—	24	—	30	54
12	170	—	—	—	170
13	90	—	100	—	190
14	140	—	—	—	140
15	160	—	—	—	160
16	—	31	—	40	71
17	102	—	118	—	220
18	—	50	—	51	101
19	120	—	—	—	120
20	191	—	70	—	261
21	130	—	—	—	130
22	152	—	—	—	152
23	—	40	—	50	90
24	100	—	111	—	211
25	—	30	—	50	80
26	180	—	—	—	180
27	178	—	133	—	311
28	140	—	—	—	140
29	162	—	—	—	162
30	—	16	—	23	39
31	100	—	110	—	210
Totals	2,961	257	992	308	4,518

NOTE. — At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Following is a summary showing the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of May, 1899, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

MAY.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount received.
1	632	196	84	73	985	\$16 00
2	271	83	32	47	433	6 20
3	223	79	65	52	419	5 75
4	789	142	53	97	1,081	7 00
5	304	96	53	32	485	9 54
6	361	142	68	53	624	12 71
7	512	206	602	345	1,665	19 09
8	255	97	63	42	457	6 13
9	322	96	73	48	539	7 05
10	328	110	79	51	568	7 98
11	352	110	64	53	579	7 94
12	465	174	87	104	830	12 43
13	587	198	522	310	1,617	14 00
14	647	196	61	73	977	17 69
15	321	86	32	43	482	7 70
16	255	96	34	52	437	6 60
17	302	89	68	44	503	7 42
18	275	96	41	32	444	4 88
19	302	163	49	26	540	7 97
20	502	187	445	263	1,397	10 52
21	521	133	61	48	763	12 61
22	253	86	58	47	444	6 69
23	305	138	64	56	563	9 46
24	412	156	69	48	685	10 43
25	522	153	85	68	828	12 21
26	575	226	93	78	972	15 21
27	578	210	784	475	2,047	15 00
28	648	187	62	51	948	16 90
29	336	124	52	47	559	8 72
30	535	181	96	87	899	13 28
31	648	205	82	67	1,002	15 90
Totals,	13,338	4,441	4,081	2,912	24,772	\$331 01

NOTE. — Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, May 27, 1899.

The following petition for the occupancy of a stable has been filed at this office:

Augustus Hallstrom, Whitford street, Roslindale, one cow; hearing June 8 at 11 o'clock A.M.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

T. Dunn, 36 Minot street, Ward 24, six horses; Ellen Hayes, 1 Vaughan avenue, Ward 20, one horse; Albert E. Leon, 37 Wales street, Ward 20, two horses; Herman Drake, 231 Condon street, Ward 1, three additional horses; Cousen Brothers, Commonwealth avenue, eight additional horses; Mary E. Pettie, 373 Adams street, Ward 24, two horses; Edward A. Clark, Parley Vale, Ward 23, four horses.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending May 27:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	13	17	30
Negative	55	40	95
No growth	6	3	9

Totals 74 60 134

Typhoid examination, seven cases; four cases positive, two negative and one unsatisfactory.

Old Court House, June 3, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

D. Whiting Sons, 8 Gibbs court, Ward 4, seventy-five horses; Marston Coal Company, Albany street, corner Lehigh street, seventy horses; P. J. Gately, Grover street, Ward 23, one horse.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending June 3, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	14	18	32
Negative	44	36	80
No growth	4	1	5

Totals 62 55 117

Remarks—Typhoid diagnoses, six cases; one case positive, five cases negative. Malaria diagnoses, two cases; negative.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the month of May, 1899:

Ten crates of asparagus, eighteen crates of beans, eight crates of cucumbers, eight crates of egg plant, 157 crates of peas, four crates of strawberries and three barrels of pigeons.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during the month of May, 1899:

Number of samples of milk examined:	
From milk wagons	759
From stores	509
Brought by citizens	51
	1,319
Number of samples of vinegar and cider vinegar	104
Number of samples of butter and oleomargarine	12
Number of samples of cheese	5
	121

Total samples 1,440

Number of examinations of premises of applicants for license to sell milk . . . 1,126

Number of complaints entered in the Municipal courts:

For possession of milk not of standard quality, with intent to sell	33
For sale of milk not of standard quality and containing added coloring matter	4
For sale of adulterated cider vinegar	2
For serving oleomargarine in a restaurant without notifying the guest	7

Total complaints 46

Number of convictions 28

Number of complaints dismissed on motion of inspector 2

Number of complaints pending 16

Total 46

Number of appeals to Superior Court . . . 9

Amount paid in fines \$524

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the month ending May 31:

Steers	1,338
New England cows	162
New England bulls	48
Western cows	135
Western bulls	32
Sheep	785
Calves	2,546

Total 5,046

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, May 29, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending May 27, 1899:

Cases pending	2	
Number of applications . . .	69	
	—	71
Number of Admissions:		
To State Almshouse	27	
Long Island Almshouse, . .	16	
Charlestown Almshouse, . .	2	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	6	
Boston Insane Hospital, . .	6	
Taunton Insane Hospital . .	3	
Dipsomaniac Hospital . . .	1	
Epileptic Hospital.	1	
	—	62
Number of applications re-		
fused	3	
Number of applications with-		
drawn	6	
Cases pending	—	71
Settlements investigated . .		83
Settlements reported to the		
Trustees for Children . . .		13

J. E. GILMAN, Acting Registrar.

28 Court Square, June 5, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending June 3, 1899:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications . . .	51	
	—	51
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	18	
Long Island Almshouse . .	5	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	4	
Boston Insane Hospital . .	6	
Taunton Insane Hospital, . .	1	
Foxboro' Asylum	2	
	—	36
Number of applications refused,		3
Number of applications with-		
drawn	11	
Cases pending	1	
	—	51
Settlements investigated . .		79
Settlements reported to the		
Trustees for Children . . .		9

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, May 29, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending May 27, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	124	13
Females	22	3
Totals	146	16
Offences:		
Against the person	9	—
Against property	12	14
Against public order		
and decency	126	2
Pardon revoked	1	—
Totals	* 148	16
Discharges:		
Males	162	15
Females	19	1
Totals	181	16

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence, . . .	163	11
Permit of Commis-		
sioner	4	2
Payment of fine	14	—
Transferred	—	3
Totals	181	16
Population:		
May 20, 1899	1,143	471
Committed since May		
20, 1899	146	16
Totals	1,289	487
Discharged since May		
20, 1899	181	16
May 27, 1899	1,108	471

*Two committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, May 16, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending May 13, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	334
Defects reported	75
Defects corrected	37
Notices of new work received	43
Feet of dead wire removed	15,800
Feet of dead wire retained	850
Poles set	6
Fixtures removed	8

The Department employees responded to a third alarm of fire from Box 839, May 12, at 3.30 P.M., for a fire on Western avenue.

An investigation has been made of cause of fire at 90-92 Hanover street, to which Chemical 1 and Truck 1 were called at 12.22 P.M., on May 12; said fire was found to be not due to electrical causes.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	283
Notices of new work received	110

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

An investigation has been made of reported electrical trouble at 69 Summer street which showed that trouble was due to the overheating of the resistance coils of a low potential arc lamp by an excessive flow of current due to short circuiting of magnet coil of lamp.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	8
Building connections	12
Lamp connections	1
Pole connections	1
Repairs	2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	38
Pole connections	6
Building connections	7
Repairs	9
Cable drawings	16

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.****IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:**

Boston, June 12, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that there be laid out, at East Boston, as a part of Bennington street, a highway, including Bennington street, from its junction with Chelsea street to its junction with Walley street, Walley street from its junction with Bennington street to its junction with Leyden street, Leyden street from its junction with Walley street to its junction with Beachmont avenue, and Beachmont avenue from its junction with Leyden street to Belle Isle Inlet, and that said highway be constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, including Chapter 319 of the Acts of 1897, and by authority of Chapter 226 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-seventh day of June, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:**

June 12, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 283 Dartmouth street, Ward 11, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second story, over public alley No. 435 in District No. 5, near the corner of said street. Dimensions: About fifteen feet high, seven feet wide, and four feet over line of street.

EUGENE H. SMITH.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

June 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.**TO THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:**

Boston, June 10, 1899.

The undersigned respectfully asks permission to erect two hard-pine poles, nine inches square at base and thirty-five feet in height, to support electric wires, to be located at points as shown by red dots on plan drawn by Charles A. Pearson, engineer, and dated June 8, 1899, on Kingston street, Charlestown District.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company,

GEORGE B. NEAL, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

June 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 12, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Providence street and St. James avenue, from Park square to Copley square, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, and also all necessary curves and connections, connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Columbus avenue, Church street, Berkeley street and Huntington avenue, with additional curves at the corner of Dartmouth and Boylston streets, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated June 9, 1899, and filed herewith. The precise location of the aforesaid tracks, or any of them, to be fixed by the Superintendent of Streets, upon the filing of a new plan showing change or changes approved by him.

Also that consent and permission be given said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said tracks herein petitioned for, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the necessary poles, wires, appliances, and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the tenth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Boston Globe, Boston Journal, and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, May 22, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Talbot avenue, from and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Blue Hill avenue, to and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Washington street and Norfolk street, with all necessary curves, cross-overs and connections, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C.E., dated May 22, 1899, and filed herewith.

Also that consent and permission be given said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said Talbot avenue, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the necessary poles, wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. GASTON, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the third day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Evening Record, THE CITY RECORD and Dorchester Beacon.

Passed.

A true record. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 14, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Corinth street, at West Roxbury, be relocated as a highway, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-eighth day of June, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Huntington avenue, corner Vancouver street, Ward 19, three bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Huntington avenue. Dimensions: twenty-three feet high, twelve feet wide, and three feet over line of street.

A. T. ROGERS,
By C. A. RUSSELL, Architect.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of June, at 3 o'clock P. M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 10, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 2499 and 2501 Washington street and Nos. 1, 3 and 5 Bartlett street, Ward 18, five bay-windows of the following description: To project from second, third and fourth stories over Bartlett and Washington streets. Dimensions: Each about thirty feet high, twelve feet wide, two at 2499 and 2501 Washington street two feet six inches and one each at 1, 3 and 5 Bartlett street eighteen inches over line of street.

LOUIS BERENSON.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 14, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the private way known as Boylston terrace, at West Roxbury, leading from Centre street, be laid out as a highway with the name of Oakview terrace, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-eighth day of June, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 10, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 733 and 735 Huntington avenue, Ward 19, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Huntington avenue. Dimensions: Each twenty-five feet high, twelve feet wide, and two feet six inches over line of street.

JAMES HARMON,
By SAMUEL RANTIN & SON, Architects.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto, may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 10, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Huntington avenue, corner Kenwood road, Ward 19, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Huntington avenue. Dimensions: Twenty-three feet high, twelve feet wide, and one foot six inches over line of street.

L. J. LYONS,
By C. A. RUSSELL.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 10, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Columbus avenue, corner of Coventry street, Ward 18, three bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories one over Columbus avenue, one over Coventry street and one over the corner of said streets. Dimensions: Each twenty three feet high, twelve feet wide, and the window over Columbus avenue two feet six inches and the other two, one foot six inches over line of street.

THOMAS F. MALOY,

By C. A. RUSSELL, Architect.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of June, at 3 o'clock, P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, June 15, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 of the Old Court House, on Friday, June 23, 1899, at 10 o'clock A.M., as to the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory now shown on plans numbered Y 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, Z 21, 22, 39, 40, 41, 42, 59, 60, made by them; said territory is in that part of Boston formerly West Roxbury, and is bounded, approximately by the West Roxbury Parkway, the Arnold Arboretum, and the West Roxbury Branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

JOHN P. DORE,

JOHN H. DUANE,

SALEM D. CHARLES,

Street Commissioners.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

Boston, May 29, 1899.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company respectfully petitions for permit to erect and maintain poles, wires, cables and fixtures upon Summer street, between Stoughton and East Cottage streets, and one pole on East Cottage street, Dorchester District, as shown by red dots on accompanying plan. This petition is presented for the reason that the telegraph poles now located upon Columbia way and Edward Everett square and Dudley street have been ordered removed.

Postal Telegraph-Cable Company,

By E. B. PILLSBURY, Superintendent.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Traveler, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston will receive proposals at its office, 64 Pemberton square, Boston, Mass., for building boundary walls, of seam-faced granite or seam-faced Roxbury stone, at Jamaica Park, Arnold Arboretum, Franklin Park and Dorchester Park, and furnishing a bond in a sum not exceeding one-half the amount of the contract, for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the Engineer's office, Jamaica Park, Boston, fill out and sign each proposal, and leave it at said office, 64 Pemberton square, before 4 o'clock of Wednesday, June 21, 1899, and leave it with a certified check for \$200, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal they deem best for the city, and notify all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,

LABAN PRATT,

JAMES M. PRENDERGAST,

Board of Park Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 8, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that the stream or watercourse, at Dorchester, known as the Southern Avenue Fork of the Canterbury branch of Stony brook be located anew between Colonial avenue and Norfolk street, that any parts of the original channel from which said watercourse may be diverted between said points be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and of acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-second day of June, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 8, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that the stream or watercourse, at Dorchester, known as the Canterbury Branch of Stony Brook be located anew between Lauriat avenue and Callender street, that any parts of the original channel from which said watercourse may be diverted between said points be filled up, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and of acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-second day of June, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

June 8, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that public necessity and convenience require that a surface drain be constructed, at West Roxbury, in the private ways known as Dent street and Pleasant street and in private lands, and that lands be taken for said purpose, substantially as shown on a plan of said lands deposited in the office of the Street Department of the City of Boston,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and of acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-second day of June, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 12, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Spencer street, between Athelwold and Park streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Tuesday, June 20, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 12, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Shirley street, between Massachusetts and Norfolk avenues, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Tuesday, June 20, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, June 12, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Thane street, between Athelwold and Park streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Tuesday, June 20, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, June 9, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 in the Old Court House, at 11 A.M. of Friday, June 16, 1899, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered W 89, 90, made by the Board of Survey and filed January 8, 1894, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is in that part of Boston formerly Dorchester and is bounded, approximately by Codman street, Granite avenue, the Cedar Grove Cemetery and Hutchinson street.

JOHN P. DORE,

JOHN H. DUANE,

SALEM D. CHARLES,

Street Commissioners.



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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,
Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale by the W. B. Clarke Company—Park Street Church stores A and B, Park and Tremont streets.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF MR. ISAAC T. CAMPBELL.

Mr. Isaac T. Campbell, for over twenty-five years a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, died at his home, 12 Thomas park, South Boston, on Saturday, June 17, 1899.

Mr. Campbell was born in Francestown, N.H., in 1824, and since 1845 had been engaged in the druggist's business at South Boston. He was appointed a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor in 1873, and had been reappointed continuously. In point of service, Mr. Campbell served on the Board longer than any other member since its reorganization in 1864. Mr. Campbell was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1857. He was appointed by President Lincoln in 1861 examiner of drugs for the Port of Boston, which office he held for twenty years. He was also an ex-Trustee of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH W. BURKE.

The death of Mr. Joseph W. Burke, a deputy collector in the City Collector's office, occurred on Wednesday, June 14, 1899.

Mr. Burke was born at Chelsea, Mass., in 1853. He entered the City Collector's office in February, 1899, and by reason of a knowledge of the Chinese language his services had become of much value to the Department. For twenty-five years previous to his appointment in the Department he had been engaged in mercantile business in China.

DEATH OF MR. W. W. GREENOUGH.

Mr. William Whitwell Greenough, formerly Treasurer of the Boston Gas Light Company, died at his home, 299 Marlboro' street, on the seventeenth instant. He was a native of Boston and was eighty-one years old.

Mr. Greenough was a member of the Common Council in 1847, 1848 and 1849. From 1856 till 1888 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library, and served as President of the Board from 1866 till 1888, when he retired.

MUNICIPAL CAMP FOR BOYS AT LONG ISLAND.

Arrangements have been made for the maintenance of a Municipal Camp for Boys at Long Island during the coming summer, on the same plan as that followed last year. The camp will be opened on Monday, July 10, and will be maintained for a period of eight weeks from that date. It is intended that each boy shall be allowed one week's stay at the camp, and it is expected that the camp will be able to accommodate between 125 and 150 boys each week.

The camp will be under the executive direction of Commissioner Ernest C. Marshall, as last year, and Mayor Quincy has appointed as an advisory committee on the camp the following persons: Mr. James F. Wise, Mr. William Colvard Parker and Miss Edith W. Marshall, of last year's advisory committee; Mr. William I. Cole, of the South End House; Mr. Fred G. Pettigrove, Superintendent of Prisons; Mr. Henry Dobbins, Pauper Institutions Trustee, and Miss Ellen H. Bailey, a member of the Board of Trustees for Children.

SEWERAGE WORKS ACT.

The following constitutes Chapter 450 of the Acts of 1899 regarding the sewerage works of Boston:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SEWERAGE WORKS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the year 1897, as amended by Chapter 257 of the Acts of the year 1898, is hereby further amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following: Section 1. The board or boards authorized to make appropriations for the City of Boston, by a majority vote of the members of such board or boards, approved by the City Council of said city by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of each branch thereof, taken by a call of the yeas and nays, or, if there should be no such board or boards, then said City Council by such two-thirds vote, may annually appropriate, to be met by the issue of bonds as hereinafter provided, sums not exceeding \$1,000,000 in any one year for constructing sewerage works in said city, and shall also appropriate, to be met by the annual income and taxes of said city, sums for maintaining and operating the sewerage works, and such sums as the City Treasurer of said city shall each year determine to be the amount to be used for interest on the bonds issued for sewerage works, and also the amount to be used for the sinking-funds for bonds issued for sewerage works, which, with all other amounts so used, and their accumulations, will pay all such bonds at maturity; and there shall also be used for said sinking-funds all premiums received from the sale of said bonds, and all amounts received for breach of any contract for constructing sewerage works, or for securities deposited as security for making such contracts and declared to be forfeited to the city, or for sales of property. All sewers, drains, pumping stations and other works for the collection or disposal of sewage, or surface or ground water in said city shall be included in the term "sewerage work," as used in this act, and no such work shall hereafter be constructed in said city, except under authority of this act, unless the same has been ordered to be constructed before the passage thereof.

Sect. 2. Section 5 of said Chapter 426 is hereby amended by inserting in the ninth line after the word, "Middlesex," the words: or for the County of Suffolk—and by inserting at the end of said section the words: In any case where a petition is filed by the Mayor in the County of Middlesex

the cause shall be transferred to the County of Suffolk if the owner, within thirty days after the filing of said petition shall file in the office of the Clerk of Courts for the County of Middlesex a statement in writing that he desires said cause to be tried in the County of Suffolk — so as to read as follows: Section 5. Said city shall pay all damages sustained by the owner of any land, water-course, right or easement taken by said Board, or injured in any manner, or by any person, in doing any act or thing under Section 4 of this act, the same to be agreed upon by said Board with the approval of the Mayor and said owner, and if they cannot agree the damages shall, on the petition of said owner or Mayor, be determined by a jury of the Superior Court for the County of Middlesex or for the County of Suffolk in the manner provided by law with respect to lands taken for highways in said City of Boston, and costs shall be taxed and execution issued in favor of the prevailing party, as in civil cases. Any person whose water rights are thus taken or injured may apply as aforesaid within three years from the time of such taking or injury, and not afterwards. In any case where a petition is filed by the Mayor in the County of Middlesex, the cause shall be transferred to the County of Suffolk if the owner, within thirty days after the filing of said petition, shall file in the office of the Clerk of Courts for the County of Middlesex a statement in writing that he desires said cause to be tried in the County of Suffolk.

Sect. 3. Section 7 of said Chapter is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following: Section 7. The Board of Street Commissioners of said city at any time within two years after any new sewer or drain for the collection or disposal of sewage or of surface or ground water is completed, shall assess upon the several estates especially benefited by such sewer or drain, a proportional part of the cost thereof, not exceeding in amount the sum of \$4 per linear foot. Any such assessment which shall be found to be invalid and is unpaid, or which shall have been recovered back, may be re-assessed by said Board to the amount for which, and to the person to whom, the original assessment ought to have been made. Every such re-assessment and every such original assessment shall be a lien upon the estate assessed or re-assessed for two years after such assessment or re-assessment, and shall be collected and paid into the city treasury in conformity with the provisions of Sections 16 and 17 of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891, and acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto. Said Board may assess upon any estate heretofore or hereafter connected with a public sewer a reasonable part of the cost of construction thereof: provided, that no owner of the estate has paid for such sewer or has paid any assessment for its construction. Every such assessment may be revised and corrected by said Board of Street Commissioners, and such assessments and revised and corrected assessments shall be subject to an appeal to the Superior Court in the manner provided for appeals from the Board of Assessors in the case of taxes, and they shall not be affected by the provisions of the statute requiring the filing of a list of estates liable to taxation as a prerequisite to an appeal.

Sect. 4. All votes heretofore passed by the City Council or by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of Boston under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the year 1897, and of Chapter 257 of the Acts of the year 1898, authorizing the issue of bonds of said city for the construction of sewerage works, are hereby ratified and confirmed; and all bonds heretofore or hereafter issued as authorized by said votes, shall be legal obligations of said city, and the interest and sinking-fund requirements thereof shall be paid from the income and taxes of said city. The Treasurer of said city, upon request of the Mayor, shall issue bonds of said city outside the debt limit thereof, payable in five years from their date, to the amount required to repay all sewerage charges collected by said city under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 426 of the Acts of the year 1897, prior to the date hereof, and use the proceeds of such bonds to repay said sewerage charges, and for no other purpose. The Mayor of said city may authorize the transfer of any loans or parts of any loans heretofore made or authorized, and not required to meet any contract, except loans for sewerage works, water-works or subways, to an amount not exceeding \$350,000, to meet the expenses of operating and maintaining said sewerage works until the first day of February in the year 1900; and the Treasurer of said city shall thereupon hold the proceeds of the loans or parts of the loans so authorized, and use the same to meet said expenses. The Board of Assessors of said city shall include in their assessment of taxes, tax lists and warrants for the current year, in addition to the amounts already authorized to be inserted therein, the further sum of \$122,669.88, to meet the interest and sinking-fund requirements for the current year of the bonds for the construction of sewerage works, issued prior to said first day of February.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

FOURTH OF JULY SUB-COMMITTEES.

Chairman Barry of the Board of Aldermen and also of the joint committee on the entertainments and sports for the Fourth of July has selected the following-named sub-committees to manage the various events:

Sailing regatta off City Point — Aldermen McDonald, Dixon and Codman; Councilmen Kiley, Bagley, Rice, Horgan and Turnbull.

Bicycle races at Franklin Park — Aldermen Berwin, Day and Doyle; Councilmen Leonard, Bordman, Armistead, Collins and Donahoe.

Veteran Firemen's playout — Aldermen Presho, McDonald and Doyle; Councilmen Chamberlain, Martin, Eddy, Connolly and Watson.

Athletic sports on Boston Common — Aldermen O'Toole, Colby and Brick; Councilmen Martin, Watson, Kiley, McInerney and Howard.

Celebration in Wards 1 and 2 — Alderman Day; Councilmen Bagley, Rice, Klemm, Donovan and Sanderson.

Celebration in Wards 16, 20 and 24 — Aldermen McDonald and Codman; Councilmen Hibbard, Jordan, Brauer, Leonard and Sanderson.

Celebration in Wards 12, 17, 18 and 19 — Aldermen Colby, Doyle and O'Toole; Councilmen Connolly, Watson, McInerney, Collins and Bordman.

Celebration in Wards 21, 22 and 23 — Aldermen Colby, McDonald and Berwin; Councilmen Klemm, Jordan, Brauer, Collins and Kiley.

Celebration in South Boston — Aldermen McDonald, Day and Codman; Councilmen Collins, Donahoe, Martin, Brauer and Sanderson.

Celebration in Brighton — Aldermen Colby, Doyle and Brick; Councilmen Sanderson, Hibbard, Leonard, Armistead and Donovan.

Whitehall race, North End — Aldermen Dixon, Berwin and Day; Councilmen Bennett, Bradley, Donovan, Cuddy and Leonard.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held June 13, 1899, in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 7.30 P.M., President Huggan in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mr. Fleischer.

The appointments and confirmations presented at the last meeting, by the Superintendent of Schools, and laid over under the rules, were approved.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and passed:

(1.) That the Committee on New Buildings be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Fagan for addition to and alteration of the Mechanic Arts High School-house, in the net sum of \$245.15 for new conductors in the forge-shop, taking down old brick flue in the coal-room, refacing the brickwork, building partition to separate furnace coal from smithing coal, and building door to coal-room, which amount includes a net deduction of \$54.27 for other miscellaneous changes.

(2.) That the amount paid by John Dunn, of Cambridge, Mass., for tuition from January 1, 1899, to February 1, 1899, of Annie C. Dunn, a non-resident pupil in the Normal School, viz.: \$8.32, be abated; said pupil having left the school January 1, 1899.

(3.) That James Mulcahy, architect, be selected to prepare plans for the new primary school-house, Warren District, Charlestown.

(4.) That there be paid to H. S. Dudley for the Denison House Association, the sum of sixteen (16) dollars for cleaning and heating the Denison House Kindergarten from February 27, 1899, to May 1, 1899.

The Chair read the following:

CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT.

June 8, 1899.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Esq., Secretary School Committee.

DEAR SIR: For the children's entertainments on July Fourth next the use of the following school-houses will be required, viz.:

Emerson, Blackinton, Frothingham, Hancock, Eliot, Wells, Phillips, Quincy, Franklin, Rice, Lawrence, Lincoln, Andrew,

Sherwin, Hyde, Martin, Comins, Lowell, O'Brien, Roxbury High, Shaw, Minot, Harris, Tileston, Pierce, and the High School drill hall for dancing.

I would like very much to have assurance by to-morrow that we can have the use of these schools, so I can go ahead with the printing. Will you kindly make arrangements with the Committee on School-houses, if possible, and have the necessary instructions given for the opening of the buildings on July Fourth, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

JOHN F. DEVER, Clerk of Committees.

P. S. Some of these schools may not be required, and, if so, I will notify you later.

Placed on file.

The resignations of six teachers were accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfers, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, which were laid over under the rules: The appointments of three teachers on probation, the confirmation of five teachers, and the transfers of two teachers. Leave of absence was granted to five teachers.

The Superintendent presented the following communication:

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

June 13, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

On April 11, 1899, the School Board passed the following vote:

"Ordered, That the Superintendent be requested to report to this Board the names of masters of the grammar schools, if any, whose removal would be for the best interest of the Boston public schools."

After careful consideration of this matter relatively to the grammar masters now in the service of the city, I have concluded that the good of the schools does not require the removal of any master at the present time.

The removal of a master by public action is a grave matter, and one which ought not even to be suggested publicly, except for strong reasons. A master guilty of crime or of discreditable behavior might properly be proceeded against at once, and publicly. But such cases are rare, and can be dealt with singly as they arise.

In all other cases, public removal, or public mention for that purpose, is a last resort, to be adopted only when other measures have failed. If, for example, a master is growing old and feeble, his friends can be relied on usually to suggest to him that the time has come for him to hand in his resignation. Or an informal suggestion to the same end made by officials in a proper way would seldom go unheeded. Even if it were necessary to proceed in a formal and official manner, it certainly would be best that the initial steps should take place privately, and that the master whose retirement was desired should be given an opportunity to offer his resignation without being publicly asked for it.

Publicity in relation to such matters is to be avoided for the very good reason that a teacher's professional standing and reputation ought not to be impaired unnecessarily.

Supposing then that there are masters whose retirement from the service might be desirable now, or at an early day, it would certainly be premature, and it might be unjust to publish their names to the world at the present time. For there is no doubt whatever that resignations would be offered in response to proper suggestion in all cases.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, March 28, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to consider the advisability of selecting a site and erecting thereon a new primary school-house in the vicinity of Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17, reported that this proposition has been brought to the attention of the School Committee a number of times, and your committee fully appreciate the efforts of the residents of this section to obtain additional school accommodations which are undoubtedly needed, and they recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the School Committee will take the necessary steps toward the selection of a site and the erection of a building as soon as an appropriation for the purpose can be obtained.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On the recommendation of the Committee on New Buildings, it was ordered

(1.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for selling to the city a lot of land containing twenty thousand (20,000) square feet, more or less, for a site for a new primary school-house in the Sherwin District, Roxbury, within the territory bounded approximately by Huntington avenue, Vancouver street, Ward street, Cottage place, Tremont street, and Camden street, extended to Huntington avenue.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to provide temporary accommodations in the Bigelow District substantially in accordance with the foregoing report, and at an expense not to exceed that specified therein.

(3.) That the plans and specifications prepared by Edmund M. Wheelwright, architect, for a plumbing system for the Mechanic Arts High School-house be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with William N. McKenna in the sum of \$4,198 for furnishing and installing a plumbing system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications, the said McKenna being the lowest bidder.

(4.) That the Committee on New Buildings is hereby authorized to sell at public auction the buildings now standing on the site bordering on Bartlett, School, and Pearl streets, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes April 14, 1899, and that any expenses incurred in connection with such sale shall be charged to, and any proceeds in excess of such expenses, credited to, the appropriation for new primary school-house, Warren District.

(5.) That the City Treasurer be requested to issue negotiable bonds of the city to the amount of three hundred thousand (300,000) dollars and to hold the proceeds of the same in the treasury, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for land taken and the construction and furnishing of a normal school building, under the provisions of Chapter 239 of the Acts of 1899.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred, February 14, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to provide school accommodations of the primary grade at that section of Ward 23 known as Central Station, reported that while they realize the importance of school facilities keeping pace with the development of this section of the city, they are yet constrained to state there are no funds at their disposal to meet the cost of a new building as suggested. They hope, however, to be able to provide the desired accommodations at no distant date, and recommend that the Common Council be informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that this matter will receive their favorable consideration at the earliest opportunity.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred, March 28, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to take such steps as may be necessary for the erection of a building for kindergarten and primary school purposes on the site of the present school building on Leon street, Ward 19, reported that the necessity of replacing the present Ora Allen School-house, referred to, by a new and modern building has long been recognized, and numerous efforts made to bring about the desired result. Your committee gave this matter very earnest consideration some months ago, but arrived at the conclusion that it would be wiser to obtain a better and more conveniently located site in the Sherwin District than to rebuild on the present Leon street lot. An appropriation to cover the cost of a new building is now available, the architects have been selected by this Board, and your committee understand that favorable action has been taken by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and by both branches of the City Council with regard to providing an appropriation to cover the cost of a new site. Your committee recommend that the information contained in the foregoing report be transmitted to the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred, March 28, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to consider the advisability of purchasing land and erecting a school-house thereon in the vicinity of Byron street, Ward 1, the expense of the same to be taken from the sum set aside by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the purpose of building new schools, reported that in consideration of the somewhat limited amount available for new school accommodations during the current year, and the urgent necessities existing in

various sections of the city for additional facilities, your committee felt that they could not consistently favor the proposition in question this year. They hope, however, to be able to give this matter renewed consideration early next year, and recommend that the Common Council be so informed.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Common Council.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, to whom was referred, March 28, a communication from the City Council requesting the School Committee to remodel the Chapman School building, and to add a six-room wing to it, etc., reported that they have considered the matter and recommend that the City Council be informed that it is the intention of the School Committee to replace the present Chapman School-house by an entirely new building, the plans for which are now being drawn and will be completed at an early date.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

It was ordered (1) that the Paul Gore street lot, in Jamaica Plain, be surrendered to the City Council for immediate sale, the said lot being no longer required for school purposes, and that the proceeds of such sale be appropriated for the purpose of adding six additional rooms upon the Wyman School in the Lowell District.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in Dorchester, containing thirty-five thousand (35,000) square feet, more or less, for a site for a new grammar school-house, within the territory bounded approximately by Blue Hill avenue, Lauriat avenue, the New England Railroad, and Walk Hill street.

(3.) That the City Council be granted the use of the following-named school-houses for children's entertainments July 4, 1899, provided that the regular janitors of said school-houses be employed to take charge of the buildings on that day: Emerson, Blackinton, Frothingham, Hancock, Eliot, Wells, Phillips, Quincy, Franklin, Rice, Lawrence, Lincoln, Andrew, Sherwin, Hyde, Martin, Comins, Lowell, O'Brien, Roxbury High, Shaw, Minot, Harris, Tileston, Pierce, and the High School drill-hall for dancing.

On the third ballot for School-house Agent, twenty-three votes were cast; one vote was defective and was not counted; F. L. Coolidge had one vote; M. W. Burlen had nine votes; Horace B. Fisher had twelve votes, and was accordingly elected School-house Agent.

Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Courses of Study and Text Books, presented the annual report of that committee in print (School Document No. 4, 1899).

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, May 15, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to adopt a regulation providing that the date for reopening after the summer vacation, all the high, grammar, primary and kindergarten schools of the City of Boston shall be the first Tuesday after the second Monday of September in each year, reported that they are not in favor of the proposition, and call attention to their report presented at the meeting of May 9 on the same subject.

They recommend, therefore, that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the School Committee deem it inexpedient to adopt the regulation suggested.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

On the recommendation of the same committee it was ordered (1) that the sessions of the Roxbury High School during the school year 1899-1900 shall extend from 9 o'clock A.M. to 4 o'clock P.M., with the understanding that no pupil shall be compelled to attend more than five hours per day.

(2.) That the average amount of a teacher's work per week in the Roxbury High School for the school year 1899-1900 shall be reckoned as six hundred and fifty (650) recitation periods of fifty minutes each for a single pupil.

It was also ordered

(1.) That the Board of Supervisors be requested to consider and to report to this Board relative to the following matters:

a. Whether it is expedient that in each school year there be not less than forty-five weeks, and whether said period shall be divided into three or four terms.

b. Whether, assuming that there should be four terms in each year, the course of study for the summer term should be radically different from that in the other three terms. Also whether the course of study and the grading should be so arranged that pupils not attending the summer term should be able to progress in regular class organization.

c. Assuming that the school year should not be essentially changed, what provision, if any, should be made to meet the present demand for vacation schools, to furnish occupation and training for the thousands of children now spending the long summer vacation in idleness or worse.

d. Whether the number of pupils per teacher should not be decreased and, if so, to what number.

e. Whether the course of study should not be so changed and simplified that pupils shall pursue less studies of the same time, to the end that sound scholarship and mental grasp may be encouraged, and smattering and superficiality be lessened.

f. Whether the course of study should be so changed and rearranged that pupils may select a specified number of courses adapted to their individual capacities and needs, and may not be granted diplomas more on account of development of power than because of time spent in alleged educational work.

g. Whether the rigidity of the present graded system should not be relaxed in other ways besides those specified above, to the end that pupils may have more time for continuous study, and be relieved from the distraction and confusion now the cause of so great nervous waste on the part of both pupils and teachers.

h. What other changes in the course of study and the arrangement of school terms, and in the administration of the schools, are necessary and expedient in order that the results achieved may be more consonant with the expense of equipment and maintenance and with the time given by children to the work of education.

(2.) That all persons in the employ of the School Committee during the month of

August, 1899, who will be deprived of a portion of their salaries for said month, on the ground that the School Committee might otherwise exceed their authority in making contracts beyond the appropriation allowed them by law, receive sums sufficient to make good such reduction in September, 1899, the same to be independent of any salary that may be due them for said month.

(3.) That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to put Arlington street, between Commonwealth avenue and Beacon street, in such repair that the lives of scholars and others passing over said street on bicycles may not be endangered.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, to whom was referred, May 23, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that the School Committee lay out and construct, as a park and playground, a portion of the yard of the Tileston School, Dorchester District, which is not now used for any purpose, reported that the proposition meets with their cordial approval, but they are not aware of any funds within the control of the School Committee which can be drawn upon to meet the cost of the suggested improvements. They, therefore, recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that there is no objection on the part of this Board to the proposed use of the unoccupied portion of the Tileston School lot until such time as it may be required for school purposes, provided that all expense in connection with this matter be assumed by the Common Council.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

It was ordered (1) that the members of the Board of Supervisors be requested to attend the next meeting of this Board, for conference and discussion with regard to the condition and needs of the public schools.

(2.) That an additional kindergarten be established in the Washington Allston and in the Robert G. Shaw Districts, the latter to be situated in the old Baker-street School-house.

(3.) That the Board authorize the establishment of a kindergarten in the Longfellow District.

(4.) That the salary due Samuel P. Howard, deceased, late janitor of the Bigelow School, be paid to his widow, Mary Howard.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, June 19, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held Monday, June 19, 1899, at 12 M. at the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present: All the members except Mr. Barry.

The records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Dore.

A communication was received from the Water Commissioner, requesting a loan appropriation of \$25,000 for extension of

mains, to enable various firms desiring to introduce the fire-sprinkler system to connect with the water mains.

Water Commissioner John R. Murphy, Mr. J. Richard Carter, for the Carter, Rice & Co. Corporation and for the H. H. Hunnewell heirs, and Mr. James W. Tufts, were heard by the Board in regard to the proposed loan. The Water Commissioner stated that such extensions had formerly been paid from such a loan, but that he had been paying for them out of his maintenance appropriation. This he could not do any longer, as his appropriation is not sufficiently large. Messrs. Carter and Tufts stated that they desired to introduce the sprinkler system as soon as they could obtain a supply of water.

An order (passed by the City Council) was received requesting the Board to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from the reserve fund to the appropriation for Assessing Department.

A hearing was given to Mr. Frank A. Drew, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, who stated that, largely on account of the increased work required of the Board by laws passed by the Legislature of 1899, the Board was unable to meet the expense of its work with the appropriation at its disposal. The Board then went into executive session.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass a loan order appropriating \$25,000 for the extension of water mains.

Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the additional sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Department in the extension of water mains; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a communication from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$5,000 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Assessing Department.

On motion of Mr. Dore, it was

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of five thousand (5,000) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Assessing Department.

The vote was signed by the four members present.

Mr. Dore called up the following assignments:

(1.) Communication from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the City Hospital, requesting that an additional appropriation of \$14,565.17 be made for new buildings, City Hospital, to replace the amount paid from the said appropriation on an execution of court in favor of Whidden & Co.

(2.) Message from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass an order making an additional appropriation of \$14,500 for new buildings, City Hospital.

(3.) Ordered, That in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated, the Trus-

tees of the City Hospital be, and hereby are, authorized to expend an additional sum of fourteen thousand five hundred (14,500) dollars for new buildings, which amount is appropriated for said purpose; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The communications were placed on file, and the order was adopted — yeas 4:

Yeas — Messrs. Minot, Dore and Kiley, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

The order was signed by the above members, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Mr. Minot called up the following assignment:

Ordered, That the order approved June 16, 1898, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to expend \$71,000 for a new ferry-boat, to take the place of the "East Boston," and appropriating for said purpose the sum of \$57,500 received from the United States government for the said ferry-boat, and the sum of \$13,500 from the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895, be, and hereby is, rescinded; that the Superintendent of Streets, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to purchase from the United States government the gunboats "East Boston" and "Governor Russell," being the former ferry-boats "East Boston" and "William E. Russell," which were purchased from the city by the United States government and converted by it into gunboats for use during the late Spanish war, and to refit the same for use as ferry-boats; that the sum of \$57,500 received from the United States government for the ferry-boat "East Boston" be appropriated towards meeting the expense of purchasing said gunboats and refitting them as ferry-boats; and that the additional amount required to meet the expense of purchasing said gunboats and refitting them for use as ferry-boats, not to exceed forty thousand (40,000) dollars, be charged to the appropriation for new ferry landing, authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 1.12 P.M., to meet on Thursday, June 22, at 1 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, June 15, 1899, President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Fire Department Employees' Vacation.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 3, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in reply to

your order requesting "a list of those employees in the Fire Department who have not been put on the vacation list."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol Street, June 2, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the request of the Honorable Common Council, I would respectfully report that the employees of this Department not included in the vacation list are the Commissioner, five men on the special force of the Fire-alarm Branch, and thirty permanent substitutes who had not been in the Department six months before the vacation season began.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

The communication was placed on file.

Veto — Farragut Day Celebration.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 2, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my approval the order passed by your body providing for the expenditure of not exceeding \$1,000 for the observance of June 28, for the reason that there is no balance in the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses, to which this expenditure is to be charged, and also for the further reason that all such celebrations should, in my opinion, be provided for at the beginning of the year in the regular appropriations for such purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The question came on the passage of the order, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor. The order was indefinitely postponed.

Veto — Map Order.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 2, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my approval the order providing for the purchase of 500 copies of a new map of Boston, for the reason that there is no balance in the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses, to which this expense is to be charged, out of which to meet the cost of carrying out the order, which would amount to nearly \$1,500.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The question came on the passage of the order over the veto of the Mayor. The order was indefinitely postponed.

The Common Council, at its meeting on the fifteenth instant, adjourned to meet on Thursday, June 29, at 7.45 P.M.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved June 15:

Ordered, That so much of the order approved September 21, 1898, as authorized the Cemetery Trustees to expend the sum of \$1,500 for the construction of a wall at Evergreen Cemetery be and hereby is rescinded.

The following were approved June 19:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to James Ottery the sum of \$300, being the amount paid by him for a license for the Trimountain Club, 75 Harrison avenue, which was granted but not issued by the Board of Police.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to pay Harris M. Stephenson the sum of \$230.45, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Centre street for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2582, fol. 8.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Reardon the sum of \$142.03, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Calumet street for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2498, fol. 614.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Bert C. Day the sum of \$113.34, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Perham street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 604.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William Clafin the sum of \$37.58, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mattapan street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2503, fol. 4.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles E. Loud the sum of \$122.55, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on southerly side of Dana place, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 105.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to James W. French the sum of \$289.50, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mountfort street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2580, fol. 228.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Guilford L. Stark the sum of \$111.97, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an

estate on Mt. Vernon street, West Roxbury (lot 49), for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 612.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Eugene C. Upton the sum of \$288.35, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Weld Hill street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 614.

Ordered, That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to allow for payment to the Superintendent of Streets, on account of the Ferry Division, the sum of \$25 and the said Superintendent is hereby authorized to accept the same in lieu of tolls for the ferries on July 4 next; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations, July 4.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved June 15:

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Anton Koerner, 78-80 Wyman street, Ward 22, of artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

John Sheehan, corner of Keyes street, Ward 23, of artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Jacob G. Ely, 20 Wyman street, Ward 22, of artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Ellen Spillane, 1522 Tremont street, Ward 19, of artificial stone.

John Mahan, 49 and 55 Dewey street, Ward 16, of artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Joseph Green, 78 Beverly street, Ward 8, of artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

A. G. MacKinnon, 102, 104, 106, 108 Norway street, Ward 10, of artificial stone.

Walter H. Pope, 64 Glendale street, Ward 16, of gravel, with granite edgestone.

William Murphy, Bremen street, corner 199 Putnam street, Ward 1, of brick, with granite edgestone.

J. G. L. Bartlett, Oakland street, Ward 24, gravel, with granite edgestone.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police and United States mail wagons, the following streets in Charlestown on June 17, 1899, during the formation and progress of the morning parade, viz.:

Bunker Hill street, Chelsea street, City square, Park street, Warren street, Winthrop street, Adams street, Chestnut street, Monument square, east and north sides Bartlett street, Elm street, High street, Monument square, south side, Monument avenue, Main street, Harvard street, Washington street, Union street, Main street, Cambridge street, Sever street, Gardiner street, Main street, Bunker Hill street, Elm street, High street, Monument square, south and east sides, Chestnut street.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions

expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Woodbury & Leighton, in and over Kingston street, Ward 7, one in front of 87 and one in front of 71.

Frank S. Robbins, one on Belvidere street and one on Bothnia street, Ward 10.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to move wooden buildings, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

T. J. Billings, one hip roof, twenty feet in length, by twenty feet in width, by twelve feet in height, from the corner of Walk Hill street and Blue Hill avenue, across said street to land of E. F. Eckett, Ward 24.

The John Cavanagh Building Moving Company, one pitch roof, fifty-five feet in length, by twenty feet in width, by thirty-four feet in height, from 70 Boston street across Dorchester avenue, thence along Kemp and Carpenter streets to stone foundation facing on Wesley street, Ward 16.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to construct, maintain and use openings in the sidewalks in front of estates, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

John E. Cullivan, bulkhead opening, two feet by five feet, with wooden cover, 33 Zeigler street, Ward 18.

Charles W. Alden, bulkhead opening, four feet by four feet, with wooden cover, 179 Bunker Hill street, Ward 3.

Harry E. Weston, bulkhead opening, three feet four inches by three feet nine inches, with wooden cover, 21 Guild-row, Ward 18.

Thomas L. Jenks, bulkhead opening, three feet by four feet, with wooden cover, 63 Green street, Ward 8.

Nathaniel B. Doggett, area, four feet by four feet, with iron cover, 34 Hollis street, Ward 7.

Henry D. Andrews, one and one-quarter inch iron-pipe, with screw cover attached thereto, corner of Pope and Swift streets, Ward 1.

J. Franklin Fuller, trustee, area, with covers of granite and sidewalk lights, 84 Kingston street, Ward 7.

Francis A. Bundy, coal-hole opening, not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with iron cover of rough upper surface, 144 West Canton street, Ward 12.

Estate of John S. Meserve, one and one-quarter inch pipe, with sewer cover attached thereto, 211 Bunker Hill street, Ward 3.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Superintendent of Public Grounds to concrete the short walk on the Border street side of Central Square Park, in a manner similar to the other walks in this park.

Ordered, That in part compensation for their services to the City of Boston, His Honor the Mayor be requested to authorize the Superintendent of Streets to grant a

holiday on Memorial Day, without loss of pay, to all employees of the Ferry Division who are members of posts of the Grand Army of the Republic or other veteran organizations.

Awards of Contracts.

Metropolitan Water Board.

Proposals for preliminary excavation and masonry, Wachusett dam, were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, on June 15, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Busch Brothers, Buffalo, N.Y.	\$12,770
Brodhead Contracting Company, Easton, Pa.	14,300
Long & Little, Leominster, Mass.	14,680
M. Murphy & Co., Clinton, Mass.	18,290
Moulton & O'Mahoney, Boston, Mass.,	18,860
Albert M. Banker, Gloversville, N.Y.,	19,400
C. N. Taylor, Clinton, Mass.	21,500
Ross & Fowler, Boston, Mass.	23,550
Rowe & Hall, Boston, Mass.	24,600
Merryman & McNiece, New York City,	26,050
D. Cuozzo, Brooklyn, N.Y.	30,850

NOTE.—The work consists of 13,000 cubic yards of earth excavation, 4,000 cubic yards of rock excavation and 1,000 cubic yards of stone masonry.

The contract was awarded to Busch Brothers.

Proposals for masonry core walls and earth embankments for dams, Spot Pond, Stoneham, were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on June 15, 1899, as follows:

Brodhead Contracting Company, Easton, Pa.	\$23,032 50
James Driscoll & Son, Brookline, Mass.	24,815 00
C. E. Trumbull & Co., Boston, Mass.	24,950 00
Merryman & McNiece, New York, N.Y.	25,700 00
D. Cuozzo, Brooklyn, N.Y.	26,755 00
Richard Falvey, Somerville, Mass.	26,930 00
Frank L. Allen, Worcester, Mass.	27,570 00
M. Russo & Co., Boston, Mass.	28,760 00
Harries & Letteney, Boston, Mass.,	29,067 50
The United Company, New York City	29,080 50
Charles N. Taylor, Clinton, Mass.,	30,075 00
Mirick & Wentworth, Malden Mass.,	30,239 00
H. A. Hanscom & Co., Boston Mass.,	32,057 50

NOTE.—The work consists of 8,000 cubic yards of earth and rock excavation, 6,000 cubic yards of borrowed earth, about 2,500 cubic yards of masonry and 2,400 square yards of plastering.

The contract was awarded to the Brodhead Contracting Company.

JOHN N. FERGUSON,
Assistant Engineer.

Park Department.

Proposals for iron fences at Mystic and Fellows street playgrounds were received by the Board of Park Commissioners on June 6, 1899, as follows:

Bids, per linear foot.	
Mystic Playground:	
W. A. Snow & Co.	\$1 55
W. A. Snow & Co. (similar to fence erected at Charlesbank)	1 69
Van Dorn Iron Works Company	1 27

Fellows-street Playground:

W. A. Snow & Co.	\$1 55
W. A. Snow & Co. (similar to fence erected at Charlesbank)	1 69
George T. McLauthlin Company	2 50
Van Dorn Iron Works Company	1 22

Both contracts were awarded to the Van Dorn Iron Works Company.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for macadam work on the following street were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on June 13, 1899:

Columbia road, between Buttonwood street and Dorchester avenue:

Bidders.	Bids.
P. Doherty	\$1,718 25
J. B. O'Rourke	1,751 26
J. McGovern	1,817 01
J. C. Coleman & Son	2,589 00
Collins & Ham	2,923 75

The contract was awarded to P. Doherty.

Proposals for macadam work on the following streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on June 20, 1899:

Thane street, Park to Athelwold street:

P. Doherty	\$567 90
J. McGovern	594 80
Collins & Ham	638 81
Jones & Meehan	771 50
J. Driscoll & Son	820 50
D. E. Lynch	869 50

The contract was awarded to P. Doherty.

Shirley street, Massachusetts avenue to Norfolk avenue:

J. F. Cullen	\$3,005 80
Collins & Ham	3,509 96
J. Doherty & Co.	3,554 74
J. C. Coleman & Son	3,583 50
Jones & Meehan	4,039 30
D. E. Lynch	4,145 90
J. Driscoll & Son	4,344 25

The contract was awarded to J. F. Cullen.

Spencer street, Park to Athelwold street:

J. McGovern	\$660 51
J. Doherty & Co.	705 20
Collins & Ham	767 80
Jones & Meehan	907 40
J. Driscoll & Son	920 50
T. A. Dolan	946 30
D. E. Lynch	975 30

The contract was awarded to J. McGovern.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

In the period January 1 to May 18, 1899, there were 12,755 mortgages, amounting to \$211,324,470 in value, received in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx and of Brooklyn, as compared with 11,873 mortgages, valued at \$134,400,893, recorded in the corresponding period in 1898.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

May 31, 1899.

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Boston City Hospital on May 31, 1899, at 5 o'clock.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Keany and Rueter.

It was voted that the proposal of the Paine Furniture Company for making 100 sets of bedroom furniture for the Vose House for Nurses be accepted for the sum of \$3,655; that the President be authorized to sign the contract, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for "Ann White Vose Building, equipment and furnishing."

The President reported to the Trustees upon the state of the Hospital finances, especially with reference to a letter addressed to His Honor the Mayor by him as President of the Trustees.

The Superintendent reported upon the status of the drafts in favor of the Poland Laundry Machinery Company and the Harrisburg Machine Company, drawn against the appropriation for "New Buildings."

The Medical Committee reported in favor of the nomination of house officers, as follows:

W. A. Griffin, A.B., first medical service; H. W. Thayer, A.B., second medical service; H. H. Smith, Ph.B., third medical service.

W. C. Howe, A.B., M.D., first surgical service; H. H. Germain, M.D., second surgical service; H. J. Hoyer, A.B., third surgical service.

L. V. Friedman, A.B., gynecological service; F. W. Murdock, ophthalmic and aural service; F. T. Fulton, B.S., A.B., pathological service.

It was voted that the report of the Medical Committee be accepted, and that the gentlemen named be appointed to the positions opposite their respective names, for terms of service beginning the first Monday in July.

The Secretary reported upon the matter of payment of the pay-rolls of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, upon the claim of Mr. F. W. Chandler, Consulting Architect—that upon consultation, and on the request of the Mayor, the Hospital pay the sum.

It was voted that, in accordance with the report, and on the request of His Honor the Mayor, the Hospital Department pay the pay-rolls of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, as requested, to an amount not exceeding \$446.14.

The Secretary reported upon the communication made to His Honor the Mayor respecting the erection of tents and condition of the Hospital finances.

The Medical Committee reported in favor of the appointment of Dr. E. P. Starbird as fourth assistant visiting physician for diseases of women for the six months beginning April 1, 1899.

It was voted that the report of the committee be accepted, and that the appointment be made as recommended.

The Medical Committee reported in favor of the appointment of Dr. John N. Coolidge as physician to out patients.

It was voted that the report of the committee be accepted, and that the appointment be made as recommended.

June 7, 1899.

A special meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the office of Mr. A. Shuman on June 7, at 1 o'clock. There were present Messrs. Shuman, Burnham and Rueter.

The President reported that he had received from Arthur F. Estabrook and C. Herbert Watson, executors of the will of the late Thomas T. Wyman, the sum of \$4,720.40, the same being the residue of the legacy due the Hospital under the will of said Wyman.

It was voted that said amount be accepted, and that the President be authorized to endorse the check and deposit the same with the City Treasurer of the City of Boston, to be added to previous amounts, and to be placed to the credit of the Wyman Building Fund; and that the President give the following receipt:

"Received of Arthur F. Estabrook and C. Herbert Watson, executors of the will of Thomas T. Wyman, the sum of \$4,720.40, being the residue of a legacy due the Boston City Hospital under the will of said Wyman. No deduction has been made by the said executors for the purpose of complying with the provisions of any statutes of Massachusetts or of the United States imposing taxes upon inheritances or legacies, said executors having been advised that this legacy is not liable to said tax. In the event that said executors shall be held liable by any competent official authority to pay a tax upon this legacy, or upon the entire legacy, of which the sum now received is the residue hitherto unpaid, this corporation hereby agrees to hold said executors harmless on account of the full payment of the entire legacy, and to refund to said executors whatever sum of money they may be held to pay as such tax, together with any interest due said executors thereon, and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such payment of said tax."

A communication was received from Wheelwright & Haven in regard to the cost and plans of the connecting corridor at the Ann White Vose Building.

It was voted that the matter be laid upon the table for further consideration.

The Superintendent presented plans for the alteration and extension of the Hospital kitchen as amended, in accordance with previous suggestions.

It was voted that the plans for the alteration and extension of the kitchen, as outlined in the sketch plans submitted by Wheelwright & Haven, be approved.

The Secretary reported the receipt of a communication from Dr. Charles F. Withington, chairman of the committee on training school of the senior staff, respecting a conference with the authorities as to the methods of instruction and examination, and as to the definite power that rests in the hands of the training-school committee.

It was voted that the communication be referred to the Superintendent.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, June 2, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, Lincoln, Dwight and DeNormandie.

Received: The Acting Librarian's report; the Auditor's monthly exhibit.

Salaries were fixed as follows: Shelf department, Bertha P. Richmond, \$14 per week, beginning June 1; Station "P," Benjamin Myers, \$6 per week, beginning June 3.

Employed temporarily: Cecilia W. Kueffner, grade B, branch division, \$12 per week, beginning June 1.

Bills allowed: For books, chargeable to city moneys, amounting to \$583.59; to trust funds, \$1,031.37; to Broadway extension appropriation, \$6.88; to the Numismatic fund, \$7.29.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$222.03; to trust funds, \$83.47; to Station "P," \$10.87; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$6.12; miscellaneous articles, \$331.02.

Friday, June 9, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Bowditch, Lincoln and DeNormandie.

Received: Communication from Charles S. Sargent, dated June 2; from Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, dated June 6; from Dr. Morton Prince, dated June 7; the Acting Librarian's report.

The Acting Librarian reported specially on the death on June 4 of Philip H. Savage, and it was

Voted, That a selection from his remarks be sent to the family of Mr. Savage as the expression of the Trustees.

Employed: Charles J. O'Keefe, on probation in the printing department as job pressman, \$10 per week, beginning June 10, 1899.

Instrument approved authorizing James L. Whitney, Acting Librarian, and Samuel A. Chevalier to make entries at the Custom House.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$278.79; to trust funds, \$380.43; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$11.37; miscellaneous articles, \$665.57.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation to the amount of \$4,170.29; to trust funds, \$463.94; to Library building furnishing appropriation, \$175; to Broadway extension appropriation, \$41.41.

JAMES DENORMANDIE,

Clerk pro tempore.

Overseeing of Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held June 7, 1899.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Mrs. Wolcott, Miss O'Brien and Messrs. Pierce, Mullen, Kerrigan, Plummer and Stuart.

The following certificate was read:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,

City Hall, May 8, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

You are hereby respectfully notified that Louise S. O'Brien, Michael A. Kerrigan and Mrs. Annie E. Quinn, having been duly appointed by the Mayor, were this day confirmed by the Board of Aldermen as members of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, for the term of three years beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,

Assistant City Clerk.

The members-elect were sworn by the Chairman.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasury for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending ending May 10, 1899, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To pay the expenses of the Secretary as delegate to the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, amounting to \$50.43.

Voted, To approve the purchase of Volume 1 of Higginson's "History of Massachusetts in the Army and Navy" at an expense of \$3.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor, with regard to care of the poor residing in Charlestown, was referred to the Committee of Investigation and Relief.

Circular No. 61 from His Honor the Mayor, with regard to half-holidays on Saturdays between May and November, was read and directions given for carrying out its provisions.

Circular No. 62 from His Honor the Mayor, with regard to an amendment to Section 12, of Chapter 3, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, passed by the City Council, was read and placed on file.

Circular No. 63 from His Honor the Mayor, with regard to salaries, was placed on file, the Chairman having replied to it.

An invitation was received from the Trustees of Pauper Institutions for the members of the Board to be present on the occasion of the graduation of the first class of "two years'" nurses from the Long Island Hospital, on Monday, June 12.

Voted, That the invitation be accepted with thanks, and that the members who can attend be requested to notify the Secretary.

A communication from the Superintendent of the City Hospital in reply to one from the Secretary of this Board, with regard to cases in the Hospital for which the Overseers are asked to collect pay, although the patients have means sufficient for that purpose, was referred to the Medical Committee.

It was also voted that the Secretary obtain the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to the right of the Hospital to claim payment from money placed in its charge by patients on entering the Hospital.

The following committees were nominated by the Chairman and confirmed by the Board.

Investigation and Relief—Mr. Fowler, Mr. Sproules, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Wolcott, Mr. Mullen, Dr. Stuart and Miss O'Brien.

Finance and Accounts—Messrs. Pierce, Mullen and Plummer.

Employments and Settlements—Miss O'Brien and Mrs. Quinn.

Supplies—Messrs. Fowler, Sproules and Kerrigan.

Temporary Home—Miss Rogers, Mrs. Wolcott and Mr. Sproules.

Lodge for Wayfarers and Woodyard—Mr. Fowler, Miss Rogers and Mr. Kerrigan.

Building—Mr. Sproules, Miss Rogers and Dr. Stuart.

Real Estate—Mr. Mullen, Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Quinn.

Medical Affairs—Dr. Plummer, Dr. Stuart and Mr. Pierce.

Burials—Dr. Stuart and Miss O'Brien.

Boylston Education Fund—Mrs. Wolcott, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Kerrigan.

Holton Funds—Messrs. Mullen and Plummer.

Widows with Children—Mr. Sproules, Miss O'Brien and Mrs. Wolcott.

Mrs. Wolcott presented the reports of the Temporary Home for April and May, and read the May report. Both were placed on file.

Mr. Fowler read the reports of the Wayfarers' Lodge and Woodyard for the months of April and May, and the report of the Treasurer of the Woodyard funds for the year ending April 30, 1899. Placed on file.

The Committee on the Lodge reported having accepted the resignation of Harry Reed and D. F. Sullivan. The report was accepted.

Mr. Fowler stated that the Industrial Aid Society had given up the special agent for getting places for lodge men, experiment having proven that but few of them are of a character or in a condition to be sent anywhere for employment. A full report of the experiment will be presented later.

The Medical Committee reported that it is not advisable to have any new dispensary in the building.

Voted, That the report be accepted, and the application of the Jewish Dispensary for a room be respectfully declined.

The Medical Committee was requested to report as to the expediency of allowing the dispensary, already here, to remain; also the vaccination department.

The Burial Committee reported having given up ten bodies in May, in accordance with Chapter 479 of Acts of 1898.

A communication from Mr. Robert Treat Paine, asking for a conference of a committee of District 10, Associated Charities, with a committee of the Board, with regard to cases aided in that district by the Overseers, was referred to the Committee of Investigation and Relief.

The Chairman and Secretary were authorized to arrange for the vacations of employees.

The Secretary reported his action as a delegate of the Board at the National Conference of Charities and Correction.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held on May 29, 1899:

Proposals for building a public landing and shelter on the Strandway, received

May 26, were considered, and the contract was awarded to William T. Eaton (see THE CITY RECORD, page 463).

Voted, That the Managers of the Fresh Air Fund be authorized to hold their annual picnics in the Long Crouch Woods at Franklin Park, from July 24 to August 2, inclusive, and to have music at the Old Folks' Party as usual.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to prepare plans and specifications for a new wall on Centre street, between the Arboretum entrance and Allandale street; also for a new wall on the Adams street boundary of Dorchester Park, and to repair the rest of the boundary wall of Dorchester Park.

Voted, To advertise for bids for a wall on Canterbury street, in accordance with plans submitted by the Superintendent.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to repair the wall on the southerly boundary of the Arnold Arboretum and prepare plans and specifications for a new wall at the Fairview-street entrance.

The City Engineer submitted plans of the fence for the bridge at Charlesgate West, over Ipswich street. The plans were approved and signed by the Board.

It was voted to take for a public playground 89,523 square feet of land in the rear of Columbus avenue, adjoining lands of the Boston Base Ball Association, and it was

Voted, To award payments on account of said taking as follows:

To Henry D. and Hetty B. Williams the sum of \$8,099.50 for a parcel of land containing 16,199 square feet, more or less (undivided half of estate), in the rear of Columbus avenue, in Boston, supposed to belong to Henry D. Williams and the heirs of Brice S. Evans.

To Edgar B., Minerva S., Charles R., Herbert S., Arthur W. and Percival A. Evans, Estelle E. Prescott and Isadore M. Nichols the sum of \$15,469 for a parcel of land containing 15,469 square feet, more or less, in the rear of Columbus avenue, in Boston, supposed to belong to the heirs of Brice S. Evans.

To Herbert J., Sumner P., Alice and Charles F. Willard and Mabel W. Tourtelotte the sum of \$14,956 for a parcel of land containing 14,956 square feet, more or less, in the rear of Columbus avenue, in Boston, supposed to belong to the heirs of Francis V. Willard.

To James H. Stark the sum of \$15,758 for a parcel of land containing 15,758 square feet, more or less, in the rear of Columbus avenue, in Boston, supposed to belong to James H. Stark.

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The above amounts are to be charged to the appropriation for playgrounds.

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to accept a deed from James H. Stark of land taken this day for a playground, notwithstanding a possible claim of dower in said land by the supposed widow of Henry S. Pearce.

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to accept a deed from Brice S. Evans of land taken this day for a playground, notwithstanding a possible claim of dower in said land by the possible wife of George S. Brown.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

A special meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, May 28, at 10 A.M., to consider certain matters connected with the medical department and the Randidge Excursions for Children.

Present: Messrs. Sedgwick, Hunnewell, Rutan, Grainger, Dobbins, Miss Morse and Mrs. Lincoln.

A letter from Dr. Taylor was read in regard to the reorganization of the medical staff of the Long Island Hospital.

Voted, That Dr. W. H. Gallagher, second medical assistant, be granted one month's vacation, with pay, from July 1, 1899.

A letter from Mayor Quincy was read in reference to use of land at Long Island for the Randidge Picnic Excursions for Children and the Municipal Camp for Boys.

Voted, That the same amount of land on Long Island as was granted last year for the use of the Randidge Picnic Excursions for Children and the Municipal Camp for Boys be placed at the disposal of the Mayor for the same purposes for the ensuing summer season.

Voted, That in compliance with the suggestion from His Honor the Mayor that a small committee of the Pauper Institutions Trustees should serve on these matters (the Randidge Picnic Excursions for Children and the Municipal Camp for Boys) the Committee on Buildings and Grounds serve as such committee and have full powers to deal with all questions that may arise.

Voted, That arrangements for the graduation exercises at the Long Island Hospital be referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Medical Department and Dietary.

Voted, That the question of an entertainment to be given at Long Island by the young people of St. Frances de Sales' Church at Charlestown be referred to the Superintendent of Long Island.

A report as to the total number and amount of salaries paid at Long Island was submitted to the Board. Copies were ordered to be made of same, and the report was referred to the next meeting.

A question in connection with the widening of the Malden bridge and the proposition to take a portion of the land immediately in front of the Charlestown Almshouse was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power, for immediate investigation.

Voted, That Miss Morris, Superintendent of Nurses at Long Island, be granted an additional vacation of one week, with pay, because of her recent illness.

Voted, That the almshouse in Charlestown be known hereafter as "The Boston Almshouse in Charlestown for Women and Aged Couples."

In accordance with the request of two of the departments of the city, the June

meeting of the Boston Society of Municipal Officers will be held at Long Island.

A letter from the Engineering Department was read, relative to the new power-house and electric plant at Long Island, stating that the present appropriation is insufficient to complete the work.

Voted, That the Chairman of the Board be authorized to appear before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and ascertain whether it will be possible to procure an additional appropriation of \$10,000 for this purpose.

By request, Drs. Minot and Taylor of the visiting medical staff met with the members of the Board to discuss the following questions:

- (1.) Whether medical inspection of persons to be sent to Long Island is desirable.
- (2.) Whether, in accordance with the request of the Trustees for Children, medical service shall be furnished to Rainsford Island, and, if so, at what compensation.
- (3.) Whether, in the event of such service being furnished, another medical officer would be required in the Long Island Hospital.

It was decided, on recommendation from the Committee on Medical Department, that hereafter patients who are continuously ill in such a way as to bring too severe a strain upon the attendants shall, at the discretion of the Superintendent, after consultation with the visiting physician of the almshouse, be removed from the Charlestown Almshouse to the Long Island Hospital.

There have been twenty applicants for the position of pupil nurse in the Long Island Training School.

The following appointments were confirmed:

Emma Grandstadt, housemaid, \$15 per month; Margaret Cummings, cook, \$25 per month; Daniel J. McLaughlin, painter, \$55 per month.

The question of compensation for United States soldiers cared for at the Long Island Hospital during the preceding summer was discussed, and the Superintendent was requested to ascertain whether payment has been made by the United States to other similar institutions.

The census for Long Island on May 27, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	72	135	207
Children	6	7	13
Dormitory	—	198	198
Institution	194	—	194
Totals	272	340	612
Last report	265	337	602

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Tuesday, May 9.

Public hearings were given in the matters of laying out the passageways from Worcester street to West Springfield street, next north-westerly from Newland street, and north-westerly from Newland street, between

Worcester street and West Springfield street, designated as Public Alleys Nos. 702 and 703.

It was voted to pay Howard B. Allen \$200 for damages occasioned his estate, on Fowler street, at Dorchester, by a taking made for a sewer; and Hannah McDonald \$1,890, for damages occasioned her estate, on Forest Hills street, by the widening of said street, the Mayor having approved their agreements to accept said sums; and upon advice of the Law Department it was voted to pay Eliza A. Seaver \$150, without interest, and Edward E. Seaver and others \$4,150 for damages occasioned their respective estates by the extension of Columbus avenue.

Petitions were received for a catch-basin in Parker street and for the laying out of Rockville street.

Thursday, May 11.

It was voted to pay the West Roxbury Heights Land Company \$30 for damages occasioned its estate by a taking made for a sewer.

Remonstrance was received from W. S. Dexter and others against the laying out of Public Alley No. 425, in District No. 5; and a petition was received for a culvert across Baker street.

It was voted to take a piece of land in the rear of Prince street for an addition to the Hancock School lot.

Friday, May 12.

Public hearings were given in the matter of changes on Board of Survey plans T 81, 82, 99, 100; U 90, 91; W 10; X 1, 2 (Plat 14) and N 82, N 83 (Plat 9).

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Congreve street.

Saturday, May 13.

A public hearing was given on the matter of relocating Blackington street, at East Boston.

Orders were received from the Common Council requesting the Street Commissioners to extend Phillips street, Ward 19; and to make an estimate of the cost of laying out Pine street, at Charlestown.

Tuesday, May 16.

A hearing was given on the petition of Daniel L. Demmon and others, in the matter of laying out Province court as a public street.

It was voted to pay Joseph M. Wade \$11,000 for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of Columbia road, and to pay Laura J. Cooper \$341 for damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Gaylord street.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to construct Blue Hill avenue, and to lay out and construct Montague street.

A petition was received for a sewer in Hichborn street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

SPECIMEN BOOK OF TYPE FACES.

The Municipal Printing office has just issued a book, of some ninety pages, containing printed specimens of the type faces used in the Department.

Copies of the book are being distributed to the various city departments, and, when ordering printing, will be found of much assistance in selecting the series and size of type desired for a particular work.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, May 15, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending May 13, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	2	—	2	—	—	1	—	1	4	6	
2...	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	6	2	
3...	1	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	5	
4...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
5...	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	5	
6...	—	4	—	—	—	—	3	3	9	29	
7...	1	7	1	1	1	—	7	1	6	35	
8...	—	7	1	1	—	—	5	1	6	13	
9...	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	2	8	9	
10...	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	3	21	
11...	—	3	—	—	2	—	3	2	8	18	
12...	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	5	28	
13...	2	—	1	—	3	2	2	—	1	11	
14...	2	1	—	—	—	6	—	—	5	9	
15...	—	2	1	—	—	1	3	1	4	7	
16...	3	16	4	—	—	—	14	—	2	8	
17...	2	—	—	—	1	1	4	—	2	13	
18...	—	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	4	7	
19...	1	—	—	—	3	18	1	4	19	10	
20...	5	1	—	—	2	2	4	21	21	46	
21...	16	2	1	—	4	16	—	—	2	7	
22...	—	2	—	—	1	1	1	—	5	3	
23...	—	1	1	—	—	5	—	—	3	12	
24...	2	1	—	—	1	4	—	2	15	18	
25...	2	6	1	—	—	9	8	3	10	5	
T'ls..	41	66	13	4	19	72	66	42	149	329	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,
Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, June 5, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters filed in the City Clerk's office for the week ending June 3, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	95
Number of discharges of mortgages . .	20
Number of assignments of mortgages . .	4
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of bills of sale	2
Number of assignments of wages	18
Number of married women's certificates, .	6
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1

City Hall, June 12, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters filed in the City Clerk's office for the week ending June 10, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	108
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	16
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	6
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	5
Number of attachments	1
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of wages	48
Number of married women's certificates . .	9
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3

The following accident notices have been filed:

June 7—E. B. Stiles, personal injuries and injuries to horse and carriage, caused by a collision with a team of the Sanitary Division. Helen M. Blesedell, personal injuries, caused by an alleged defect in Boynton street, Jamaica Plain.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, June 10, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending June 10, as follows:

There have been purchased of A. W. Davis one horse for \$170, and of Welch & Hall three horses at \$147.50 each.

The following permanent substitutes have been appointed permanent members:

Daniel W. Baker, Peter J. Sheridan, George H. Magwood, Florence J. Sullivan, Joseph Murphy, John H. Crowley, Michael J. Leary, Francis L. Dowd, William C. Swan, George J. Baumeister, Henry F. Brady, James J. Lunny, George H. Feeney, Alonzo C. Akerly, jr., Frank B. Miller, Francis H. Campbell.

There have been ordered of Charles T. Holloway two thirty-five-gallon tanks for Ladder Company 10, and of C. N. Perkins a three-horse hitch for Engine Company 45.

J. E. Downey, of Engine Company 6, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a pair of runaway horses at the corner of Causeway and Nashua streets, May 25.

Fire-alarm Box 762 has been established in the Home for Aged Men, Springfield street.

Fire-alarm Box 698, located in the City Marshal's office, Chelsea, has been cut out on account of removal.

William Kelley has been appointed a call substitute, with call-man's pay, and assigned to Engine Company 34.

A special draft has been drawn on the City Auditor for \$1,231.09 in favor of L. K. Marston in full for construction and extras of house for Combination Company 6 at Grove Hall.

The following transfers have been made:

Lieutenant M. J. Dunn, Engine 26-35 to Chemical Company 5; J. E. Connelly, Engine Company 4 to Engine Company 14; J. H. Phelan, Engine Company 14 to Engine Company 4; George A. Wyman, jr., Combination Company 6 to Ladder 7; John F. Eagan, Ladder Company 7 to Combination Company 6; Walter Davey, Chemical Company 5 to Engine Company 1.

Charges and specifications having been preferred by Captain Quigley, of Combination Company 6, against George A. Wyman, jr., of his command, a hearing was held on May 29, and the said charges were not proven.

B. F. UNDERHILL, JR., Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, June 10, 1899.

The following applications for stables have been filed at this office:

Warren D. Vinal, 27-35 Endicott street, Ward 6, 225 horses; hearing June 15, at 11 o'clock. Jeremiah O'Brien, 273 Columbia road, Ward 24, three horses; hearing June 22, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Harry L. Whittemore, Willow street, Ward 23, two horses; Augustus Hallstrom, Whitford street, Roslindale, one cow.

During the month of May, 1,499 pounds of diseased beef were condemned.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending June 10, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	13	6	19
Negative	48	28	76
No growth	2	—	2
Totals	63	34	97

Typhoid examinations, five cases, negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, June 12, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending June 10, 1899:

Cases pending	1
Number of applications	93
	94

Number of Admissions:

To State Almshouse	34
Long Island Almshouse,	19
Charlestown Almshouse,	1
Observation Hospital,	—
Deer Island	7
Boston Insane Hospital,	7
Taunton Insane Hospital	5
Dipsomaniac Hospital	7
Bridgewater Insane Hospital	1
	81

Number of applications refused 2

Number of applications withdrawn 10

Cases pending 1

— 94

Settlements investigated 109

Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children 6

E. C. MARSHALL, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, June 5, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending June 3, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	146	2
Females	17	1
Total	163	3
Offences:		
Against the person	10	2
Against property	14	—
Against public order and decency	143	1
Total	*167	3

Discharges:

Males	165	10
Females	27	5

Total 192 15

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence	165	15
Permit of Commissioner,	2	—
Payment of fine	24	—
Pardoned by Governor	1	—

Total 192 15

Population:

May 27, 1899	1,108	471
Committed since May 27, 1899	163	3

Total 1,271 474

Discharged since May 27, 1899	192	15
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June 3, 1899 1,079 459

* Four committed charged with two offences each.

The following appointments to fill vacancies have been made:

John J. Doherty, to position of watchman at House of Correction, South Boston, to date from May 12, 1899, to fill vacancy caused by the promotion of Ezra F. Baxter.

Ezra F. Baxter, to position of watchman at House of Correction, South Boston, to date from May 12, 1899, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Daniel M. Dukeshar.

Dennis H. O'Hara, to position of officer at House of Correction, Deer Island, to date from May 15, 1899, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles W. Roberts.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, May 23, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending May 20, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	401
Defects reported	83
Defects corrected	49
Notices of new work received	47
Dead wire removed (feet)	11,800
Dead wire retained (feet)	1,200
Fixtures removed	19

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	276
New notices received	109

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected, and at one of them a moving-picture machine was found in a dangerous condition, and its use ordered discontinued.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	5
Building connections	17
Pole connections	2
Ground connections	6
Repairs	4

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	48
Building connections	17
Pole connection	1
Repairs	7
Cable drawings	24

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS TRUSTEES.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Pauper Institutions Trustees of the City of Boston will receive proposals at its office, 28 Court square, Boston, Mass., for furnishing new boilers, etc., for new power-house, Long Island, Boston Harbor, and furnishing a bond in the sum of \$4,000 for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the office of the Architectural Division, Engineering Department, Room 70, City Hall, Boston, fill out and sign the proposal, and leave it at the office, 28 Court square, before 12 o'clock M., of Friday, June 30, 1899, with a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal they deem best for the city. Proposals should be addressed "Proposal for Boilers, etc., Power-house, Long Island."

W. T. SEDGWICK, Chairman Pauper Trustees.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS TRUSTEES.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Pauper Institutions Trustees of the City of Boston will receive proposals at its office, 28 Court square, Boston, Mass., for erecting new power-house, Long Island, Boston Harbor, and furnishing a bond in the sum of \$15,000, for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the office of the Architectural Division, Engineering Department, Room 70, City Hall, Boston, fill out the proposal and leave it at said office, 28 Court square, before 12 M., of Friday, June 30, 1899, with a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal deemed best for the city. Proposals should be addressed "Proposal for New Boiler-house, Long Island."

W. T. SEDGWICK, Chairman Pauper Trustees.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS TRUSTEES.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Pauper Institutions Trustees of the City of Boston will receive proposals at its office, 28 Court square, Boston, Mass., for furnishing and installing new pumps, heaters, etc. and running new mains, in connection with the erection of new power-house, Long Island, Boston Harbor, and furnishing a bond in the sum of \$5,000 for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the office of the Architectural Division, Engineering Department, Room 70 City Hall, Boston, fill out and sign proposal, and leave it at said office 28 Court square, before 12 o'clock M. of Friday, June 30, 1899, with a certified check for \$500 which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal deemed best for the city. Proposals should be addressed "Proposal for Pumps, Heaters and new Mains, Long Island, Boston."

W. T. SEDGWICK, Chairman Pauper Trustees.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BATH COMMISSION.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Bath Commission of the City of Boston will receive proposals at its office, 64 Pemberton square, Boston, Mass., for erecting public convenience station, Boston Common, and furnishing bond in the sum of \$5,000 for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the office of the Architectural Division, Engineering Department, Room 70, City Hall, Boston, fill out the proposal, and leave at the said office, 64 Pemberton square, before 12 o'clock M., of Friday, June 30, 1899, with a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal deemed best for the city. Proposals should be directed "Proposals for Public Convenience Station, Boston Common."

T. J. LANE, Chairman Bath Commission.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive proposals for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the East Boston High School, and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$6,000 for faithfully doing the work. The office copy of the plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the S. Homer Woodbridge Company, 4 Post Office square, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M. of June 26, 1899, with a certified check for \$1,000, payable to the City of Boston, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,

Chairman Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Boston, June 16, 1899.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive sealed proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in Roxbury containing about twenty thousand (20,000) square feet, for a site for a new primary school-house, within the territory bounded approximately by Huntington avenue, Vancouver street, Ward street, Cottage place, Tremont street and Camden street, extended to Huntington avenue, at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, until 12 o'clock M., on the fourteenth day after the date of this notice. Said proposals will at that time be publicly opened and read, and thereafter a public hearing will be given by the Committee on New Buildings of said School Committee at said office on July 10, 1899, at 4.30 o'clock P.M., at which hearing the proposals and the suitability of the lands offered therein will be considered.

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Chairman Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Boston, June 16, 1899.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive sealed proposals for selling to the city a lot of land in Roxbury containing about thirty-five thousand (35,000) square feet for a site for a new grammar school-house, within the territory bounded approximately by Blue Hill avenue, Lauriat avenue, the New England Railroad and Walk Hill street, at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, until 12 o'clock M., on the fourteenth day after the date of this notice. Said proposals will at that time be publicly opened and read, and thereafter a public hearing will be given by the Committee on New Buildings of said School Committee at said office on July 10, 1899, at 4.30 o'clock P.M., at which hearing the proposals and the suitability of the lands offered therein will be considered.

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NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY HALL, BOSTON:

Boston, May 29, 1899.

The Brookline Gas Light Company hereby respectfully petitions your Honorable Board for permission to erect and maintain two carrying poles for electric wires on the westerly side of Wirt street, Brighton, as shown on the accompanying plan (No. 431), dated May 26, 1899.

Brookline Gas Light Company,

By CHARLES D. BURRAGE, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Brighton Item and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

STEEL BRIDGE WORK.

Boston, June 21, 1899.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Wednesday, June 28, 1899, for building bridge on Summer-street extension over B street, in accordance with plans, specifications and form of contract to be seen at said office. Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 16, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Medway street, at Dorchester, be relocated as a highway, between Adams street and Branch street, and that an extension of Medway street be laid out as a highway, from Branch street to Vose street, and that said relocation and extension of Medway street be constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the thirtieth day of June, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 16, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Pontiac street, at Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from Hillside street to Tremont street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the thirtieth day of June, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY HALL, BOSTON:

Boston, May 29, 1899.

The Brookline Gas Light Company hereby respectfully petitions your Honorable Board for permission to erect and maintain seven carrying poles for electric wires on the easterly side of Oak Square avenue, Brighton; also five carrying poles on the easterly side of Brackett street, Brighton, as shown on the accompanying plan (No. 430), dated May 27, 1899.

Brookline Gas Light Company,

By CHARLES D. BURRAGE, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of June, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Brighton Item and THE CITY RECORD.

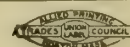
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A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

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BOSTON, THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1899.

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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

The Board of Aldermen voted, at its meeting on the twenty-sixth instant, to confirm the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor:

S. B. Keene, to be a Measurer of Grain, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

William J. Walter, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Frederick A. Jones, to be a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery and a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Following is a summary abstract of the annual report of the Public Buildings Department, recently issued as City Document, No. 28, 1899:

The public buildings in charge of the Department belonging to the City of Boston, number 125, together with two leased buildings and forty rooms in different buildings, variously occupied for city purposes.

This Department also has charge of the City Hall (Charlestown District), Faneuil Hall and Faneuil Hall Market-house, Charity

Bureau, Old State House, and the stables of the Department of Sanitary Police.

The Fire Department requires for its service the use of sixty-five buildings; and the buildings in use by the Police Department number twenty.

The amount expended in the year ending January 31, 1899, for rents and taxes for outside property was \$18,124.

The public buildings occupied 1,187,692 square feet of land, as compared with 1,342,929 square feet occupied last year.

The school-houses owned by the city number 206, occupying 4,041,382 square feet of land. In addition sixty-seven school-rooms in thirty-six buildings were leased for school purposes at a rental of \$33,736.

The total expenditures of the Department during the year for repairs, alterations, improvements, heating, furnishing, care and cleaning amounted to \$737,343, against \$1,018,390 in the previous year.

The principal objects of the year's expenditures are indicated in the following statement:

Public buildings:	
Public Buildings . . .	\$94,834
Electrical Construction	
Division	77,485
Armories	10,759
Ward-rooms	5,628
Repair Division . . .	120,891
	\$309,599
County buildings . . .	35,605
School-houses, public buildings .	249,973
Public buildings, special appropriations	39,366
School-houses, special appropriations	102,797
Total expenditures by Department	\$737,343

The income of the Department from rents of buildings in its charge, services rendered by the Electrical Construction and Repair Divisions, etc., amounted to \$271,673. The principal items of income are: Repair Division, \$100,735; Faneuil Hall Market, \$84,999; Electrical Construction Division, \$57,313; Old State House, \$11,850; and armories, rent from the Commonwealth, \$10,000.

The total cost of fuel supplied to the several departments during the year amounted to \$82,604. The quantity and character of the fuel furnished is shown in the following statement:

COAL.	
Furnace coal, tons	8,853
Egg coal, tons	3,664
Stove coal, tons	1,767
Cumberland coal, tons	6,408
Cannel coal, tons	158
Franklin coal, tons	6
Nut coal, tons	38
Total	20,894

WOOD.	
Nova Scotia wood, cords	53
Pine wood, cords	101
Total	154

The report contains the usual detailed statements regarding the receipts and expenditures of the several divisions of the Department, and the usual lists showing the location and use of the buildings under the charge of the Department.

The first annual report of Mr. Logue, Chief of the Repair Division, forms a part of the report of the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

The Division was organized on January 12, 1898, and was given the old Battery building on Plympton street as headquarters, on which the Division made extensive alterations to fit it with workshops in the various trades. Part of the building was set apart for the Electrical Construction Division, and was fitted up for them by this Division.

The Division has done work for the various city departments since its organization, to the amount of \$184,449; the principal items being for Public Buildings Department, \$45,562; Baths Department, \$44,275; Children's Institutions Department, \$16,392; Fire Department, \$15,512; Street Department, \$15,150; and for the Election Commissioners, \$12,066.

Some of the principal jobs are the following:

Heating and plumbing of Laundry Building, City Hospital; foundations and finishing of veterinary hospital for Fire Department; Wood Island Bath-house; floating bath-house, located at Harvard bridge, and said to be the finest in the country, was built by this Division at a cost of \$3,500 — which is \$500 less than has been paid for the old-style floating baths; gymnasium at Commonwealth Park; alteration of Mayor's and City Clerk's offices; building of twenty wooden

booths for the Election Commissioners at less than \$200 each; extensive alterations at House of Reformation, Rainsford Island, and rebuilding of bridge and wharf, carried away by storm of November 27; alterations at Austin and Pierce Farms, and building coal-run at pumping station.

Unsuccessful efforts have been made by the Division to obtain some of the repairs on school buildings.

Almost all of the work has been done on the basis of 10 per cent. over the net cost of material and labor, and out of this 10 per cent. and the profit made on some work on which estimates had been given, the Division has paid all its expenses and made a net profit of \$11,922.66.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

The Joint City Council Committee, in charge of the programme for the Fourth of July celebration, for which an appropriation of \$11,000 has been made by the city, has about completed its arrangements.

The use of some forty school-houses, halls, etc., has been secured by the city, and children's entertainments will be given in them during the morning and afternoon. A variety entertainment will also be given at the Grand Opera House, and dancing will be held at the High School Drill Hall.

An amateur athletic meeting, under the auspices of the New England Association of Amateur Athletic Unions, will be held on Boston Common at 9.30 A.M. Bicycle races will be held at Franklin Park at 9.30 A.M.

At Marine Park, South Boston, there will be an open sailing regatta for all yachts. The preparatory signal will be fired at 9.45 A.M. Rowing races will be held off Jeffries Point at 9 A.M.

Bicycle, sack and potato races, base ball and cricket matches will be held during the day at Wood Island Park. There will also be a celebration at Orient Heights.

Band concerts will be given in Dorchester during the afternoon and evening at Harvard street, Nightingale Field, Meeting House Hill, Neponset, Edward Everett Square, Ashmont, Forest avenue and Bird street.

In Ward 21, at the Dudley Associates' Grounds, band concerts will be given during the afternoon.

At Jamaica Plain, Jamaica Plain, under the auspices of the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association, bicycle races will be held during the morning, with other events during the remainder of the day.

A display of fireworks will be held at the Highland Club, at West Roxbury, and at Roslindale, during the evening.

There will be a hurling match at 9.30 and a base ball game at 10.30 at Commonwealth Park.

At the M street playground there will be a base ball game in the morning, bicycle races at noon, and other athletic games during the afternoon.

At Brighton there will be a display of fireworks during the evening.

For Wards 12, 17, 18 and 19 there will probably be a display of fireworks in the evening at the base ball grounds.

The oration of the day will be delivered by Hon. Nathan Matthews, jr., ex-Mayor of Boston, at Tremont Temple, at 10 A.M. Rev. John S. Lindsay, D.D., rector of St. Paul's Church, will officiate as chaplain.

COURT DECISIONS.

Judge Adams of the Municipal Court has decided against the City of Boston in all the cases growing out of the floodings which occurred in East Boston, in the neighborhood of Bennington street, last fall. In the last series of cases, in which judgment for plaintiff was given on June 16, 1899, the names of the plaintiffs and the awards of damages are as follows:

Names.	Amount of Damages.
Morris Bloom	\$150 00
Simon Bresth	246 61
Michael J. Connor	175 00
William Donovan	55 00
Ellen F. Fitzpatrick	85 00
Charles P. Forster	150 00
William Glynn	230 00
Thomas P. Gorman	650 00
Levy Hichkovitz	174 62
Anastasia Killilea	250 00
Henry Krupp	245 00
Frank Lally	394 00
Julia D. C. Marliave	240 00
Lucy McDonough	100 00
Mary McDonald	212 50
Michael McDonald	94 55
Mary L. McQuillen	165 10
Robert Oatt	100 00
Mary Solari	276 00
Abraham Waterman	275 00
John Carey	41 00
Mary Cogan	85 00
M. E. Hamilton	190 76
James R. Hobdell	149 00
Samuel B. Hodgkins	83 00
Ellen E. Howard	112 50
Patrick King	350 00
Mary King	90 00
Asa P. Lewis	117 00
Richard Marshall	118 00
John H. Morris	154 00
Daniel P. Noonan	325 00
Mary O'Hare	125 00
Daniel J. O'Rourke	90 00
Julia Shine	100 00

CONCERTS BY MUNICIPAL BAND.

On Sunday, June 25, the Music Commissioners began a series of open air concerts on Boston Common and at the Marine Park, South Boston. The concerts on the Common will begin at 3 P.M. and those at the Marine Park at 8 P.M. The concerts on the Common will continue every Sunday afternoon, weather permitting, at 3 o'clock,

during July and August. The dates of the series at Marine Park will be announced later. The Municipal Band for the season is composed of thirty-seven musicians and will be under the direction of Mr. Emil Mollenbauer. The band has been in rehearsal since the first of June, and the selections to be played during the season will be of a character to be thoroughly enjoyed by the public in attendance.

LIBRARY EXAMINING BOARD.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library on Friday, June 23, 1899, the following members of the examining committee were chosen for 1899-1900:

The Hon. Charles Allen, William F. Apthorp, Alfred Bowditch, the Hon. Henry W. Bragg, Francis H. Brown, M.D., the Very Rev. William Byrne, the Hon. P. A. Collins, the Rev. Arthur T. Donnelly, James C. Davis, the Rev. Dr. E. Winchester Donald, Charles F. Donnelly, William H. Ensworth, M.D., Joseph D. Fallon, Thomas J. Gargan, the Rev. George A. Gordon, D.D., Alfred Hemenway, Francis L. Higginson, Thomas Hills, the Rev. E. A. Horton, Miss Ellen F. Mason, Frank S. Mason, John Noble, William L. Putnam, Henry R. Reed, James J. Roche, the Rev. W. D. Roberts, Charles P. Searle, the Hon. Henry N. Sheldon, Mrs. Henry H. Sprague, Miss Frances H. Turner, Horace G. Wadlin, Mrs. Darwin E. Ware.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that it desires to establish an eligible register for the position of scientific aid, Department of Agriculture.

It will be noted that applicants will not be required to appear at any place for examination, but will be required to file with the Commission, prior to the hour of closing business on August 1, 1899, their statements and other material which will be required as specified in a special form, which will be furnished them by the Commission, together with application blank (Form 304), in order to have their names entered upon the register which will be made immediately after the date mentioned. Persons who are unable to file their applications prior to August 1, 1899, may file them at any subsequent time when they will be rated and the names of those attaining eligible averages will be entered upon the register.

The salary shall not exceed \$40 per month. The minimum age limitation for entrance to this examination is twenty years. There is no maximum age limitation.

The Commission also announces that on August 8, 9, 10, 1899, an examination will be held at any city where it has a board of examiners for the position of draftsman, on marine engines and boilers.

From the register established as the result of this examination certification will be made to the position of draftsman, on marine engines and boilers, at the Mare Island Navy Yard, California, at a salary of \$4.55 per diem.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. All such citizens are invited to apply. They will be examined, graded, and certified, with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save the ability as shown by the grade attained by them in the examination.

Persons who desire to compete should at once apply to either the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., or to the secretary of the board of examiners, at Room 141, Post Office Building, Boston, Mass., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the Commission, at Washington, D.C.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, June 22, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held today at the Mayor's Office, City Hall, at 1 P.M.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with on motion of Mr. Barry.

Mr. Minot called up the following past assignments:

Communication from Mr. William D. Sohier, on behalf of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, requesting that an asphalt pavement be laid in front of the Infirmary's new building on Charles street.

Communication from the Superintendent of Streets, transmitting a letter received from the Superintendent of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, requesting that Charles street be asphalted in front of the infirmary's new building.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Dr. John Homans, 2d, Mr. F. M. Stone, Secretary; Hon. Henry Parkman, Mr. Charles Lowell, Mr. George P. Gardner, Dr. H. W. Bradford, Dr. Clarence J. Blake, Mr. William H. Seabury and Mr. John G. Schroeder, representing the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, and Dr. E. G. Cutler, Dr. J. W. Eliot, Dr. S. J. Mixer, Dr. F. B. Harrington, Dr. William M. Conant, Dr. J. J. Minot, Dr. C. A. Porter, and Dr. W. A. Brooks, jr., representing the Massachusetts General Hospital, appeared and favored the making of an appropriation for asphaltting Charles street, between Fruit street and Allen street, representing that the noise made by teams passing over the present pavement was very annoying and injurious to the patients in the hospitals.

The Board proceeded to take up the following unfinished business:

Communication from the Chief of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, requesting an additional appropriation of \$8,000 to enable the department to finish the work of reconstructing Faneuil Hall.

Mr. Frank W. Howard, Chief of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, and Mr. Henry F. Cottle, Chief of the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department, were heard by the Board in regard to the necessity of making the said appropriation.

The Board proceeded to take up the following unfinished business:

Communication from the Chief of the Electrical Construction Division, urging the advisability of installing an electrical plant at the Dover-street bath-house.

Mr. Henry F. Cottle, Chief of the Electrical Construction Division, and Mr. Daniel D. Kearns, Secretary of the Bath Commission, were heard by the Board in regard to the desirability of making provision for the establishment of an electric plant at the said bath-house, representing that almost the entire cost of establishing such a plant could be saved in one year.

The Board then went into executive session.

Mr. Barry called up the following assignment:

Ordered, That the order approved June 16, 1898, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to expend \$71,000 for a new ferry-boat, to take the place of the "East Boston," and appropriating for said purpose the sum of \$57,500 received from the United States government for the said ferry-boat, and the sum of \$13,500 from the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895, be, and hereby is, rescinded; that the Superintendent of Streets, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to purchase from the United States Government the gunboats "East Boston" and "Governor Russell," being the former ferry-boats "East Boston" and "William E. Russell," which were purchased from the city by the United States Government and converted by it into gunboats for use during the late Spanish war, and to refit the same for use as ferry-boats; that the sum of \$57,500 received from the United States Government for the ferry-boat "East Boston" be appropriated toward meeting the expense of purchasing said gunboats and refitting them as ferry-boats, and that the additional amount required to meet the expense of purchasing said gunboats and refitting them for use as ferry-boats, not to exceed forty thousand (40,000) dollars, be charged to the appropriation for New Ferry Landing, authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, the order was amended by inserting, in the eleventh line, after the words "United States Government," the words "and from no other party."

The order was passed, as amended — yeas, 4 (Mr. Kiley not voting):

Yeas — Messrs. Minot, Barry, Dore and Mayor Quincy — 4.

The order was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the original order that the said

appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass an order making an appropriation for asphaltting Charles street, from Fruit street to Allen street, in front of the Massachusetts General Hospital and the new building of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Mr. Dore moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend nine thousand six hundred (9,600) dollars for asphaltting Charles street, from Fruit street to Allen street, which amount is hereby appropriated for said purpose; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet current expense.

The communications from Mr. William D. Sohier and from the Superintendent of Streets, in regard to asphaltting Charles street, upon which a hearing was given today, were placed on file.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass an order making an appropriation for reconstruction of Faneuil Hall.

Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the additional sum of eight thousand (8,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department, in reconstructing Faneuil Hall; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Mr. Kiley moved to reduce the amount to \$6,000.

On motion of Mr. Dore, further consideration of the whole matter was assigned to the next meeting, and the Secretary was instructed to invite Councilman Clarence W. Sanderson and Mr. Henry F. Cottle, Chief of the Electrical Construction Division, to be present at the next meeting of the Board to confer with it in regard to the matter.

Mr. Barry called up a past assignment, viz.: Communication from Trustees for Children stating that the number of boys at the Parental School has been increased to 192, which number is greater than the accommodations available will provide for, and requesting that appropriation of \$5,000, heretofore made for the drainage of land at the Parental School, West Roxbury, be transferred to an appropriation for the erection of temporary wooden buildings, and that an additional sum of \$10,000 be appropriated for said buildings.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass an order making an appropriation for additional buildings at the Parental School.

Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That so much of the order passed by this Board February 27, 1899, as

appropriated five thousand (5,000) dollars for the drainage of land at the Parental School be, and hereby is, rescinded, and the said amount is hereby appropriated for additional buildings at the Parental School; and the Trustees for Children are hereby authorized to expend an additional sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars for additional buildings at the Parental School, which sum is hereby appropriated for said purpose, and to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

No action was taken by the Board on the matter, and it went over to the next meeting, as unfinished business.

The Board proceeded to take up the following unfinished business:

Communication (received June 19) from Chairman of the Board of Cemetery Trustees requesting an appropriation for a fence at Evergreen Cemetery, in place of the former appropriation for a "wall," now rescinded.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass an order making an appropriation for a fence at the Evergreen Cemetery.

The communications were placed on file, and Mr. Kiley moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of fifteen hundred (1,500) dollars, formerly appropriated for a wall at Evergreen Cemetery, and now lying unappropriated in the City Treasury, be, and hereby is, appropriated for a fence at the Evergreen Cemetery.

The order was passed — yeas, 5.

Yeas — Messrs. Kiley, Minot, Barry, Dore and Mayor Quincy — 5.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass an order making an appropriation for the erection of steps from Leyden street to Gladstone street.

Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That of the amount of three thousand (3,000) dollars formerly appropriated for "Dam from Maverick street to Prescott street, East Boston," and now lying unappropriated in the City Treasury, the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars be appropriated for "Steps from Leyden street to Gladstone street, East Boston."

No action was taken by the Board upon the matter, and it went over to the next meeting as unfinished business.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass an order making an appropriation for the installation of an electric plant at the Dover-street bath-house.

The said communication, together with the communication from Mr. Cottle, concerning which a hearing was given to-day, were placed on file, and Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of thirteen hundred (1,300) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Department in installing an electric plant at the Dover-street bath-house; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed—yeas, 4; nay, 1.

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot and Mayor Quincy—4.

Nay — Mr. Kiley—1.

The order was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a communication from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$4,000 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for the Public Buildings Department, said sum to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings in providing the necessary facilities for transportation and target practice during the present year for the troops of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia stationed in Boston.

No action was taken by the Board, and the matter went over to the next meeting, as unfinished business.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to approve the following bills:

Boston Municipal Printing Plant, \$8.27; A. R. Andrews, \$1.25.

Mr. Minot called up the following assignments:

Communication from Water Commissioner requesting a loan appropriation of \$25,000 for extension of mains, to enable the Department to make connections with the sprinkler system, where introduced.

Communication from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass an order making an appropriation of \$25,000 for extension of mains.

Ordered, That the additional sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Department in the extension of water mains; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The communications were placed on file, and the order was passed—yeas, 5.

Yeas — Messrs. Kiley, Minot, Barry, Dore and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, to meet on Tuesday, June 27, at 3 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of importations and exportations, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of May, 1899, as compared with the corresponding month of 1898:

		Imports.		Exports.	
May, 1899	. . .	\$5,182,670		\$11,568,952	
May, 1898	. . .	4,337,964		13,172,528	
		Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.		No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
May, 1899	. .	202	201,160	201	183,396
May, 1898	. .	201	170,366	184	148,568
Arrival of passengers, May, 1899				4,821	
Arrival of passengers, May, 1898				2,617	

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Thursday, June 22, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding. Absent — Alderman Colby.

The Clerk read the following call:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 21, 1899.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Thursday, June 22, at 3 P.M., for the purpose of drawing jurors and of receiving appropriation orders passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

The following messages were received from His Honor the Mayor:

New Buildings, City Hospital.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 22, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment providing for a loan of \$14,500 for new buildings at the City Hospital. This loan is for the purpose of making good an execution of court for this amount secured by a contractor who brought suit against the city, the payment of such execution, which was charged by the Auditor against the appropriation for "New Buildings, City Hospital," having created a deficiency in that account, which now prevents the making of payments which have been earned by contractors.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

June 19, 1899.

Ordered, That in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated, the Trustees of the City Hospital be, and hereby are, authorized to expend an additional sum of fourteen thousand five hundred (14,500) dollars for new buildings, which amount is appropriated for said purpose; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount, for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

LAURENCE MINOT,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

JOHN P. DORE,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

It was voted to transmit the said order to the Common Council without alteration.

Extension of Water Mains.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 22, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed this day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making an appropriation of \$25,000 for the extension of high pressure water mains, to enable the Water Department to make connections with the sprinkler system, where introduced.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

Ordered, That the additional sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Department in the extension of water mains; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

It was voted to transmit the said order to the Common Council without alteration.

Dover-street Bath-house Electric Plant.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 22, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed this day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making an appropriation of \$1,300 for installing an electric plant at the Dover-street bath-house.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

Ordered, That the sum of thirteen hundred (1,300) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Department in installing an electric plant at the Dover-street bath-house; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

It was voted to transmit the said order to the Common Council without alteration.

Fence at Evergreen Cemetery.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 22, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed this day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making an appropriation for a fence at the Evergreen Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

Ordered, That the sum of fifteen hundred (1,500) dollars, formerly appropriated for a wall at Evergreen Cemetery, and now lying unappropriated in the City Treasury, be, and hereby is, appropriated for a fence at the Evergreen Cemetery.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

It was voted to transmit the said order to the Common Council without alteration.

Asphalting Charles Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 22, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed this day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making an appropriation for asphalting Charles street, from Fruit to Allen streets, in front of the Massachusetts General Hospital and the new building of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend nine thousand six hundred (9,600) dollars for asphalting Charles street, from Fruit street to Allen street, which amount is hereby appropriated for said purpose; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

It was voted to transmit the said order to the Common Council without alteration.

Purchase of Gunboats from the United States.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 22, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed this day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment rescinding the order passed last year providing for the building of a new ferry-boat, to take the place of the ferry-boat "East Boston," and for the repurchase from the United States government of the gunboats "East Boston" and "Governor Russell," and for refitting the same for use as ferry-boats, and providing that the amount of \$57,500 received from the United States government for the ferry-boat "East Boston" be used towards meeting the expense incurred, and that the additional expense of purchasing said boats and refitting them for use as ferry-boats, not to exceed \$40,000, be charged to the appropriation for New Ferry Landing, authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

June 22, 1899.

Ordered, That the order approved June 16, 1898, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to expend \$71,000 for a new ferry-boat, to take the place of the "East Boston," and appropriating for said purpose the sum of \$57,500 received from the United States government for the said ferry-boat, and the sum of \$13,500 from the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895, be, and hereby is, rescinded; that the Superintendent of Streets, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to purchase from the United States government and from no other party, the gunboats "East Boston" and "Governor Russell," being the former ferry-boats "East Boston" and "William E. Russell," which were purchased from the city by the United States government and converted by it into gunboats for use during the late Spanish war, and to refit the same for use as ferry-boats; that the sum of \$57,500 received from the United States government for the ferry-boat "East Boston" be appropriated toward meeting the expense of purchasing the said gunboats and refitting them as ferry-boats; and that the additional amount required to meet the expense of purchasing said gunboats and refitting them for use as ferry-boats, not to exceed forty thousand (40,000) dollars, be charged to the appropriation for New Ferry Landing, authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, June 26, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The following messages were received from His Honor the Mayor:

Veto — Land for Burial Purposes.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 26, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval the order passed by your Board granting permission to the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association to use for purposes of burial a parcel of land on Harvard and Walk Hill streets, Dorchester, containing about fifty-four acres, as I do not believe that the passage of this order is consistent with sound municipal policy.

This permit seems to be granted under Section 18 of Chapter 82 of the Public Statutes, which provides that "no land not already appropriated for burial purposes shall be so used in cities unless by permission of the Mayor and Aldermen." I base my disapproval of this order upon the following grounds:

First—I do not believe that it is desirable to further enlarge to any material extent the area of land within the city limits which is already devoted to cemetery purposes. Besides the seventeen cemeteries in charge of the Cemetery Department of the city there are an equal number within the city limits not owned by the city, and the aggregate area of desirable land thus dedicated to the disposal of the dead is very considerable. As all land devoted to cemetery purposes is entirely exempt from taxation, every new cemetery established and every addition to the area of an existing cemetery withdraws property from taxation; and while the taxes now received from land so withdrawn may not be considered at existing valuations, it must be remembered that such withdrawal is for all future time, and that with the growth of population all land within the city limits is bound to increase very largely in value in the future,

and, moreover, that the dedication of land to cemetery purposes exerts a decidedly unfavorable influence upon the value and development of adjacent property.

While the property which the Catholic Cemetery Association proposes to purchase if this permit is granted is only assessed at present for about two cents a foot, the fact that the price which is to be paid amounts to six cents a foot, or about \$140,000 for the parcel of land to be acquired, would seem to show that it already has a very substantial value; and from the character of the surroundings there can be no doubt that this property and the adjacent land would in the future acquire a considerable value for residential purposes, if present conditions remain unchanged.

I do not believe that it is necessary or desirable for a large city to undertake to provide burial facilities for all its people within the city limits, and it is well known that the dead of large cities are buried to a very considerable extent either outside of the city limits altogether, or, where such limits are very extensive, at a greater distance from the centre of the city than the land in question. Personally, I am opposed to the burial of the dead, alike upon sanitary, economic and sentimental grounds, believing cremation to be far preferable; but recognizing the established practice and the prevailing sentiment in favor of burial, as well as the fact that many persons have religious scruples against cremation, I should not feel warranted in standing in the way of the granting of such a permit as the present one merely because of such personal views. I feel, however, that everyone must admit the necessity of confining within proper limits the dedication to the purposes of burial of land within the limits of a large city.

If all residents of Boston were to be buried within the limits of the city, the amount of land taken up for the dead would in the course of time encroach very seriously upon that needed for the use of the living, and the financial loss of exempting such large areas of valuable land from taxation, to say nothing of the injury to adjacent property, would become very considerable. Sound policy and a due regard for the interests of coming generations require that we should consider the future as well as the present effects of allowing the withdrawal from taxation of additional considerable areas of land. I can see no exigency in the present case which requires a departure from what seems to me the sound general rule.

I am confirmed in these views by the fact that no permit for the addition of any considerable area to any cemetery within the city limits has been granted since 1890. I think it has been generally felt that the

boundaries of existing cemeteries could be taken as fixed, and that calculations for the development of real estate could be made upon this basis.

Secondly—The land covered by this permit is not immediately adjacent to the existing cemetery grounds; it lies on the other side of a public street, and it is not even directly opposite the present cemetery. The area which it is proposed to add will only approach the present cemetery at one corner, and will even there be separated by a street, and it seems to me that it should therefore be regarded rather as a new and separate cemetery, in everything except ownership and name, than as an enlargement of an existing cemetery.

Thirdly—The Boston Catholic Cemetery Association is the owner of another large cemetery, called the Mt. Benedict Catholic Cemetery, which is only about two and one-half miles distant from Mt. Calvary Cemetery, and is distant from City Hall less than a mile more than the former cemetery, and here there is a large area of land not yet developed, and entirely suitable for burial purposes. I cannot see that any great hardship will be occasioned to the members of the association if they are obliged to utilize Mt. Benedict Cemetery more fully, as Mt. Calvary Cemetery becomes filled up.

Fourthly—The owners of land in the immediate vicinity of the tract which it is proposed to take for this purpose seem to be pretty unanimous and strenuous in objecting to the granting of this permit, believing that the value of their property will thereby be considerably depreciated, and its future development prevented. The section in which this land is included has been fully and elaborately platted under the law establishing the Board of Survey, and there is little doubt that it will be developed in time as an attractive residential neighborhood, containing a large amount of taxable property, if the cemetery is kept within its present limits.

For these and other reasons it seems to me that the conclusions reached by the committee of your Board, which, after full hearings, reported that this order ought not to pass, were entirely warranted; and while I may not be fully aware of all the arguments which led the majority of your Board to decline in this case to follow the usual course and sustain the report of the committee which had heard the matter—although I have endeavored to ascertain them—I feel convinced that no public interest will suffer by the refusal of this permit.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Appointment of Constables.**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,**

City Hall, June 26, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Austin Bigelow, Thomas A. Dunn, Charles E. House Thomas F. Malone and Felice A. Reppucci, Constables of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1900.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Severally laid over under the law.

Removal and Resignation of Constables.**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,**

City Hall, June 26, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby notified that I have this day removed Messrs. Joshua Brothers, George C. Davis, Thomas J. Drury, Charles A. Horriggan, Parker N. Jenkins, Henry Martyn and Philip O'Brien from the position of Constable of the City of Boston, they not having filed bonds as required by law.

You are also hereby notified that the following-named persons resigned the position of Constable of the City of Boston on the dates specified, namely: Barnett White, May 18, 1899; John A. Duddy, May 19, 1899; Herbert W. Stebbins, May 19, 1899.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Reports on Building Department.**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,**

City Hall, June 26, 1899.

TO THE CITY CONUNCIL:

I transmit herewith the majority and minority reports made to me by a commission of four members, consisting of Hon. William F. Wharton, chairman; Osborne Howes, Herbert D. Jaques and Neil McNeil, appointed at the beginning of this year to examine into the organization, administration, system and methods of the Building Department, and I recommend that they be printed as a city document.

This Commission was made up from names submitted to me by the Boston Real Estate Exchange, the Boston Society of Architects, the Master Builders' Association and the Boston Board of Fire Underwriters, and I transmit herewith a copy of the letter addressed by me to the secretaries of these bodies, inviting them to submit names for this purpose. The Board of Apportionment provided by transfer the sum of \$2,000 to meet the expense of this Commission.

I have not yet had an opportunity to give sufficiently mature consideration to the recommendations contained in these reports to form an opinion as to what, if any, action

is required either on the part of the Executive or of the City Council, but I deem it proper to make these reports public at once.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Annexed were the reports and letters referred to.)

Ordered printed as a city document, and assigned to the next meeting.

Appointment by the Mayor.**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,**

City Hall, June 26, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint William M. Robinson an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay or Straw for the term ending April 30, 1900.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

IMMIGRATION DURING MAY.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the month ending May 31, 1899:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
African (black)	1	1	—
Dutch and Flemish	3	3	—
English	308	177	131
Finnish	210	125	85
French	2	1	1
German	9	8	1
Greek	3	1	2
Hebrew	83	56	27
Irish	2,587	1,047	1,540
Italian (Southern)	6	3	3
Japanese	1	1	—
Polish	7	4	3
Scandinavian	637	341	296
Scotch	87	44	43
Syrian	1	1	—
Welsh	9	3	6
West Indian	3	2	1
Total	3,957	1,818	2,139
Tourists or passengers en route	132	—	—
Total immigration for May	4,089	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS. — STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division —		
Maine		119
New Hampshire		101
Vermont		20
Massachusetts		2,996
Rhode Island		146
Connecticut		9
New York		115
New Jersey		7
Pennsylvania		30
Total		3,543

South Atlantic Division —

Maryland	4
Total	4

North Central Division —

Ohio	10
Indiana	14
Illinois	90
Michigan	66
Wisconsin	18
Minnesota	108
Iowa	8
Missouri	6
North Dakota	17
South Dakota	11
Nebraska	10
Kansas	1
Total	359

South Central Division —

Kentucky	1
Total	1

Western Division —

Montana	3
Wyoming	2
Colorado	14
Washington	18
Oregon	1
California	12
Total	50

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division	3,543
South Atlantic Division	4
North Central Division	359
South Central Division	1
Western Division	50
Total	3,957

City Government Orders.**ORDER PASSED — REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.****By the Board of Aldermen.**

The following was approved June 23, 1899:

Ordered, That Mt. Pleasant avenue be closed to travel by vehicles, except fire, police and United States mail wagons, from opposite 32 to opposite 54 on Saturday, July 1, 1899, from 10 A.M. to 12 midnight.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.**By the Board of Aldermen.**

The following matters were presented to the Mayor June 13, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Renewal of permit to Anthony Volta to maintain three bootblack stands in front of 13 Franklin avenue.

Whereas, The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston are of the opinion that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration should be made in the crossing of the New England Railroad and Dudley street, in the approaches to said crossing, and in the location of said railroad and said public way and in

the grades thereof, so as to avoid a crossing at grade; therefore be it

Ordered, That the Justices of the Superior Court, sitting in equity for this County of Suffolk, be, and they hereby are, petitioned to appoint a commission of three disinterested persons to proceed in the premises as provided by Chapter 423 of the Acts of the year 1890, and the acts in amendment thereof and addition thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light on Hamilton street, between Stonehurst and Bowdoin streets, Ward 20, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light on Bainbridge street, Ward 21, about opposite No. 25 on said street, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish three gas lamps on Hillsdale street, Ward 24.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of premises of William Addison, 24 Symmes street, Ward 23, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be authorized to remove five trees on Harrison avenue, between Beach street and the Boston and Albany Railroad, such removal being necessary for the construction of its road on said avenue, said work to be done under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Grounds.

ORDER PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT AND PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

The following order, having been passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, was passed by the City Council, and approved by the Mayor June 20, 1899:

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board on February 7, 1899, appropriating fifty thousand (50,000) dollars for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden bridge, and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue bonds of the City of Boston, payable in ten years from their date, to said amount for said purpose, be, and hereby is, rescinded.

BATHS DEPARTMENT.

The following list, furnished by the Baths Department, gives the names of the bath-houses of the city, whether for the use of men or women, or both, with the names of superintendents and matrons in charge, recently appointed by the department:

Malden Bridge (men and women)—William Brickley, superintendent; Mary Kelley, matron.

Charlestown Beach (men and women)—James R. Coyle, superintendent; Marietta Philbrick, matron.

Chelsea Bridge (men and women)—Joseph Kelley, superintendent; Bridget Doherty, matron.

Wood Island (men and women)—John McQuillan, superintendent; Johanna Fitzgerald, matron.

Border Street (men and women)—Edward Swett, superintendent; Louise Godfrey, matron.

Jeffries Point (men and women)—William T. Bibbey, superintendent; Margaret English, matron.

North End Park (men and women)—John W. Lawton, superintendent; Fanny Boyle, matron.

Warren Bridge (men and women)—John Gallagher, superintendent; Catherine Boyle, matron.

Craigie's Bridge (men)—John Kaveny, superintendent.

West Boston (men and women)—John Mullally, superintendent.

Harvard Bridge (men)—Peter Duffy, superintendent.

Dover Street (men and women)—Joseph Hennessey, superintendent; Margaret Madden, matron.

L Street (men)—Charles Cox, superintendent.

K Street (women)—Elizabeth Norton, matron.

Orchard Park (men and women)—Jerome Kelley, superintendent; Catherine Ward, matron.

Cabot Street (men and women)—Patrick Crowley, superintendent; Lizzie McGowan, matron.

Spring Street (men and women)—William McDonald, superintendent; Catherine Cassidy, matron.

Commercial Point (men and women)—Frederick F. Ford, superintendent; Elizabeth Fitzgerald, matron.

Neponset Bridge (men and women)—Frank Gill, superintendent; Mary White, matron.

Neponset Beach (men)—John Kelly, superintendent.

The East Boston Gymnasium (men and women)—John Holmes, superintendent.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending June 17, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	15.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898	17.0
Number of deaths:	
Males	83
Females	76
Total	159
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	174
Decrease	15

Of the 159 decedents, 156 were white and 3 colored; 103 were born in the United States, and 56 in foreign countries; 33 were of American parentage, 108 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 18 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	40	2
Scarlatina	19	—
Typhoid fever	10	2
Measles	76	—
Totals	145	4

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	20
Pneumonia	14
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	14
Bronchitis	7
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	13

Total from principal causes	73
Total from infectious diseases	4
Total from other causes	82

Total from all causes	159
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Deaths of children under 1 year	32
Deaths of children under 5 years	48
Deaths of persons over 60 years	30
Deaths in public institutions	46

One case of small-pox was reported during the week.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending June 24, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	16.1
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898	16.8

Number of deaths:

Males	81
Females	87

Total	168
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	171

Decrease	3
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Of the 168 decedents, 156 were white and 12 colored; 106 were born in the United States, 59 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 31 were of American parentage, 105 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 32 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	54	3
Scarlatina	11	—
Typhoid fever	8	1
Measles	68	—
Totals	141	4

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	19
Pneumonia	16
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	18
Bronchitis	2
Marasmus	2
Violent causes	8

Total from principal causes	66
Total from infectious diseases	4
Total from other causes	98

Total from all causes	168
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Deaths of children under 1 year	30
Deaths of children under 5 years	46
Deaths of persons over 60 years	38
Deaths in public institutions	39

There were reported two cases of small-pox during the week.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

June 14, 1899.

A meeting of the Trustees of Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on June 14, 1899, at 5 o'clock, all the members of the Board being present.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$20,854.74.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of furnishing surgical buildings, amounting to \$81, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, the same to be charged to the appropriation for "Furnishing Surgical Buildings."

Communications were received from the Superintendent as follows:

(1.) Concerning receipts from paying patients. The same was placed on file.

(2.) Concerning the contract for flour. It was voted that the bid of James W. Roberts & Co., to furnish 200 barrels of Minnesota Patent Flour at \$4.09 per barrel, be accepted, and that the President be authorized to sign the contract therefor.

Voted, That the bid of Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, to furnish 200 barrels of St. Louis flour at \$3.70 per barrel, be accepted, and that the President be authorized to sign the contract therefor.

(3.) Enclosing a letter from the Civil Service Commissioners, regarding the "employment of boys." The same was referred to the Committee on Service.

(4.) Concerning the issuing of third year diplomas to nurses designated. The communication was referred to the Committee on Service and Training School, with full powers.

(5.) Enclosing a request of the Chairman of the Children's Institutions Department for the loan of tents. Upon this matter, the President reported that he had already communicated with the Children's Institutions Department concerning said request; and upon further consideration, it was

Voted, That the Children's Institutions Department have the use of six huts (voting booths), said Department to be informed that these huts, with others, had been used in the care of invalid soldiers suffering in part from malaria, typhoid fever and erysipelas.

(6.) Concerning diplomas for house officers and certificates for surgical dressers and clinical clerks. This communication was referred to the Medical Committee, with full powers.

A communication was received from Dr. Rowe, with one from Dr. McCollom, making the following recommendations for diplomas and certificates:

That Dr. John Philip Carroll be given a diploma at the expiration of his term of service on the first Monday of July.

That Dr. Henry Hamblin Seely be given a certificate for three months as clinical clerk, three months junior house officer and one month senior house officer.

Also making the following recommendations for promotion and nomination of house officers:

That Mr. Charles Norton Fiske be promoted from the position of senior house officer to that of house physician for the term of service beginning the first Monday in July, 1899; that Mr. Timothy George Herrick be promoted from the position of senior house officer to that of house physician for the term of service beginning the first Monday in July, 1899; nominating Charles Edward Williams for the position of junior house officer; also his promotion to the position of senior house officer for the term of service beginning the first Monday of July, 1899; nominating Mr. Norman Thomas McLean for the position of junior house officer from May 1, 1899; also his promotion to the position of senior house officer for the term of service beginning the first Monday, of July, 1899; nominating Mr. Philip Challis Bartlett for the position of junior house officer for the term of service beginning on the first Monday of July, 1899; the matter was referred to the Medical Committee.

It was voted that the Superintendent be requested to instruct Wheelwright & Haven to proceed with carrying out the plans for the connecting corridor between the two Nurses' Homes, leaving out the marble balustrade and the steps, thereby reducing the estimate for the construction of said corridor by \$2,000, and said architects to advertise for bids for the construction of said corridor, and that the President be empowered to sign the contract therefor.

The President reported upon his presentation to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the request of the Hospital for an appropriation, particularly for one of \$14,565.17, to make good the amount taken from the new buildings appropriation and paid to Whidden & Co. by execution of court.

Voted, That during the months of July, August and September, two Trustees may constitute a quorum for the approval of drafts upon the City Treasurer, for bills, pay-rolls, etc.

Voted, That during the months of July, August and September any member of the Trustees may sign the weekly pay-rolls and draw upon the Auditor for the amount of the same.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Park Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners held on June 2, 6 and 9, 1899:

June 2, 1899.

It was voted to advertise for bids for the construction of a wall on Morton street in accordance with the Engineer's plans.

Voted, That the specifications for the wall on Pond street be modified to provide for a three-foot wall instead of one three and a half feet high.

Voted, That A. W. Longfellow, jr., be asked to design gates for the entrances to Peter's Hill extension of the Arboretum.

June 6, 1899.

It was voted that the Metropolitan Park Commission be authorized to lay a four-inch water-pipe across North Brighton Playground, forty feet from the Park line and so as not to interfere with the building of the proposed swimming-pool.

The Superintendent submitted bids for iron fences, and the matter was laid over. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 475.)

Voted, That this Board acquire, by taking or purchase, under the provisions of Chapter 412 of the Acts of 1898, as amended by Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1899, the estate at Savin Hill owned by the heirs of William Worthingham, consisting of beach, upland and flats, extending from land of S. A. B. Abbott, trustee, on the easterly boundary, to Springdale street on the westerly boundary, said parcel of land being shown on Plate 9 of the Dorchester volume of Bromley's Atlas of the City of Boston, third edition, and being there marked to contain 120,000 feet of land and 450,000 feet of flats; and that the Chairman be authorized to have the necessary taking-papers and plans prepared.

Voted, That this Board take for playground purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 412 of the Acts of 1898, as amended by Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1899, the tract of land shown on Plate 27 of the Dorchester volume of Bromley's Atlas of the City of Boston, third edition, bounded by private ways known as Brent street, Carlisle street, Melbourne street and Joseph street, the said parcel of land being supposed to be owned by James J. Costello, and that the Chairman be authorized to have the necessary taking-papers and plans prepared.

June 9, 1899.

A report was received from the Superintendent on the matter of the location of the Columbia Yacht Club-house with reference to the building line on the Strandway. Communications were received from Commodore E. J. Powers, of the Columbia Yacht Club, stating that it is the intention of the club to build an addition to the club-house, which would extend the front out to the building line, and from Professor F. W. Chandler, recommending the approval of the revised plans. It was thereupon

Voted, That the plans of the Columbia Yacht Club-house, revised by the architect, in consultation with Professor Chandler, be approved.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, June 19, 1899.

The fifty-fourth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, June 5, at 10 A.M.

Voted, That the report of the Committee on Rules and Service be accepted and adopted.

Voted, That the report of the Committee on Medical Department and Dietary be accepted and adopted.

Some of its recommendations were as follows:

(1.) The board for patients from Rainsford Island should be at the rate of \$3 per week.

(2.) That temporary medical service should be furnished to Rainsford Island, details to be arranged later.

The following appointments with monthly salaries were confirmed:

Annie M. Peasley, book-keeper, \$70; A. W. Davidson, storekeeper, \$40; Nelson H. Lane, relief officer, \$35; Mrs. Kate Holton, matron, \$35; John J. Galvin, watchman, \$25; L. I. Dell, engineer, \$83.33; Thomas Maxwell, receiving officer, \$30.

Circular No. 63, from His Honor the Mayor, was submitted to the Board.

The Chairman of the Board had already replied to this communication.

The Superintendent of Long Island came before the Board and reported that special care is being observed in regard to the medical inspection of inmates arriving at Long Island; also that one inmate had been locked up for insubordination.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse reported that a woman had refused to work, and was violent and abusive. On being taken into court she received a sentence to the House of Correction, Deer Island.

On recommendation of the Superintendent it was

Voted, That a room for disciplinary purposes be provided in the Charlestown Almshouse.

The question of fire-drill for both the Long Island and Charlestown Almshouses was discussed.

A delegation from the labor unions came before the Board with the request that, in making future contracts, the Pauper Institutions Department shall insert a clause requiring the employment of citizens of the United States, and giving the preference to citizens of Boston; also a clause requiring contractors "to pay their employees not less wages, or keep them at work more hours than the standards established for the several trades at which the employees work." The delegation requested that the Board would take action on this matter, and report its findings to the organization of which these delegates are representatives. Attention was called to the fact that other departments of the city have favored union prices and hours in awarding contracts. The matter was taken under advisement by the Board.

The number of inmates at Long Island on June 3, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	64	125	189
Children	6	7	13
Dormitory	—	199	199
Institution	179	—	179
Totals	249	331	580
Last report	272	340	612

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Statistics Department.

The forty-third meeting of the Statistics Department was held in Room 73, City Hall, on Monday, May 15, at 3.45 P.M., Messrs. Dewey, Folsom, Jackson, Minot and Weld being present. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

Mr. Edward M. Hartwell was nominated to serve as Secretary of the Board for the year beginning May 1, 1899, or until his successor shall be qualified, and was unanimously elected by a viva voce vote passed in accordance with Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1899.

Mr. Laurence Minot was nominated to serve as Chairman of the Board for the year beginning May 1, 1899, or until his successor shall be qualified, and was elected in accordance with Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1899. Messrs. Dewey, Folsom, Jackson and Weld voting for Mr. Minot; Mr. Minot not voting.

Mr. Minot reported the appointment, in accordance with the Civil Service regulations, of Miss Carrie E. Taylor to the position of stenographer and typewriter at an annual salary of \$720, in place of Mr. A. W. Stockwell, resigned; said appointment to take effect May 15, 1899. It was voted to approve, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the action of the Chairman in appointing Miss Taylor.

Circular No. 63 from the Mayor to heads of departments was read and considered.

It was voted that the old scale of salaries, excepting the salary of stenographer and typewriter, be re-established, to take effect for services rendered after June 1, 1899.

A communication from Mr. E. C. Marshall, Acting Institutions Registrar, was read and placed on file.

It was voted that Mr. Marshall's communication be referred to Mr. Koren for such report thereon as he may wish to make to this Board.

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary.

Street Laying-out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Wednesday, May 17.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out as Public Alley No. 102, the passageway leading from Marshall street to Creek square; and in the matter of widening L street.

Friday, May 19.

Public hearings were given in the matters of the relocation of Salem street and of Bartlett place.

Orders were passed widening L street, and relocating Salem street and Bartlett place, and sent to the Mayor for his approval.

Petitions were received for surface drainage for the Parental School; and for a sewer in Browning avenue.

It was voted that all persons employed in the Sewer Assessment Division of the Street Laying-out Department be suspended on and after this date until further notice.

Saturday, May 20.

It was voted to pay the Arboretum Land Company \$11,500 for damages occasioned its estate by the relocation and construction of South street.

Tuesday, May 23.

On the recommendation of the Law Department, it was voted to pay John A. Burnham \$725, and Clarence H. Knight \$750, for damages occasioned their respective estates by the widening of Centre street.

A petition was received for a sewer in Cross street.

Thursday, May 25.

It was voted to pay Martha C. Ford \$500 for damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Columbia road, and Elliven Savage \$800 for damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Harold street.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Aberdeen street, and for an extension of Wyoming street.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Boylston terrace with the name of Oakville terrace.

An order was received from the City Council requesting the Street Commissioners to lay out Alexander street.

Friday, May 26.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out and constructing Congreve street.

The owners were authorized to lay out French terrace, at Roxbury.

Wednesday, May 31.

The resignation of Mr. J. W. Morrison from the position of Chief Surveyor of the Surveying Division of the Street Laying-out Department was received and accepted; and it was voted to appoint Acting Chief Surveyor Mr. F. O. Whitney to the position thus made vacant, with the title of Chief of the Surveying Division of the Street Laying-out Department.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out and constructing Montague avenue, and of constructing Blue Hill avenue.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out and construct Williams street; and an order was passed laying out Gainsborough street.

Saturday, June 3.

An order was passed relocating Blackinton street.

Petitions were received for the widening of Morton street, the extension of Florida street, the widening of Spring street, and for a change in the Board of Survey lines on its plans W 89, 90, Plat 3.

Tuesday, June 6.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Moseley avenue, Nottingham and Cambridge streets.

A petition was received for a sewer in Read avenue.

It was voted to give a hearing at 11 o'clock, Friday, June 16, in Room 25 of the Old Court House, in the matter of changes on Board of Survey plans W 89, 90.

It was voted to pay Frances M. Perkins \$6,500 for damages occasioned her estate on Columbia street by the laying out of Columbia road.

Wednesday, June 7.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Perkins street.

It was voted to pay John J. Merrill \$1,376 for damages occasioned his estate on Adams street by the widening of said Adams street.

A petition was received that the sewer in private land, between St. John street and Parley Vale street, draining into Rockview street, be made a public sewer.

Thursday, June 8.

A petition was received that changes be made in Board of Survey lines, as shown on plan O 42, Plat 8.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to relocate the Canterbury Branch of Stony Brook, and the southern avenue fork of Canterbury Branch of Stony Brook, and to build a surface drain in Dent and Pleasant streets, and in private lands.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out the private way known as Boylston terrace with the name of Oakville terrace.

Friday, June 9.

It was voted to authorize the owners to lay out a private way designated as Silloway street, from Mather street.

An order was passed laying out Andrews street.

Saturday, June 10.

A public advertised hearing was given in the matter of widening Morton street and extending it to Washington street. A number of the residents of the district appeared.

Monday, June 12.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Bennington street, at East Boston; and the order was passed laying out Montague street.

It was voted to make changes on Board of Survey plan Ee 20, Plat 3.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Templeton street, and for the extension of Florida street; and for a change in the lines of Hamilton street.

Remonstrance was received against the laying out by the city as a public sewer a sewer in private land at Jamaica Plain.

Wednesday, June 14.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the relocating of Williams street.

Voted, To agree with the trustees of Bradley M. Clark upon the sum of \$6,500, and with B. L. Keith and the heirs of W. H. Keith upon the sum of \$8,200 as payment for their respective estates taken for school purposes in Charlestown.

It was voted to pay J. M. Cross \$450 for damages occasioned his estate on Sydney street by the taking of land for sewerage purposes.

A second hearing on Board of Survey plans in Plats 10, 11 and 12 was advertised for Friday, June 23, at 10 o'clock, in Room 25 of the Old Court House.

Petitions were received for the extension of Malvern street, for a catch-basin in Stanwood street, and for sewers in Harrishof and Carter streets, at Charlestown.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Oakview terrace and to relocate Corinth street.

Thursday, June 15.

A public hearing was given in the matter of widening Hancock street, at Dorchester.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Sumner terrace, at Dorchester; and for a catch-basin in Cunningham street.

Friday, June 16.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Medway and Pontiac streets; and an order was passed laying out Draper street.

A petition was received for the extension of Leonard street.

A public hearing was given in the matter of changes on Board of Survey plans W 89, 90, Plat 3.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

The consumption of water during 1898 in the twelve cities and towns comprising the Metropolitan Water District was 28,935,140,000 gallons, of which 27,769,070,000 gallons were supplied by the Metropolitan Water Works, and 1,166,070,000 were received from local sources. The average daily consumption was 79,274,000 gallons, and that of each inhabitant per day was 103 gallons.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, May 22, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings, and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending May 20, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	1	1	1	-	2	2	-	6	-	
2...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	
3...	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	2	2	
6...	1	8	-	-	2	1	13	2	6	27	
7...	-	4	-	1	-	1	15	-	12	31	
8...	1	2	-	1	-	-	2	2	2	3	
9...	-	5	-	1	-	-	4	-	3	10	
10...	-	2	2	-	-	-	9	-	6	12	
11...	4	5	1	-	4	-	9	-	10	13	
12...	-	4	-	-	-	2	5	-	6	12	
13...	1	-	1	-	-	4	2	-	5	5	
14...	5	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	16	
15...	-	1	1	-	-	5	2	-	7	5	
16...	2	1	2	-	-	1	2	-	11	11	
17...	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	16	
18...	1	2	1	-	-	-	4	-	7	6	
19...	6	-	6	-	-	1	2	1	3	7	
20...	24	2	18	-	3	9	3	5	7	51	
21...	2	3	1	2	-	2	4	1	5	13	
22...	7	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	5	
23...	9	2	4	-	-	2	8	1	11	10	
24...	6	2	3	-	4	4	6	5	1	16	
25...	3	3	1	-	-	5	6	-	3	15	
T'ls.	75	53	44	7	14	40	105	18	134	292	

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, June 26, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters filed in the City Clerk's office for the week ending June 24, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	112
Number of discharges of mortgages	18
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of wages	36
Number of married women's certificates	6
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2

The following accident notices have been filed:

June 22—Addie A. Prescott, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in Alford street, Charlestown.

June 23—Lizzie McFeeley, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in Charter street.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, June 19, 1899.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Margaret E. Heckinger, 874 Adams street, Ward 24, six horses; hearing June 29, at 11 o'clock. Frank Schworm, 46 Chestnut avenue, Ward 23, four additional horses; hearing June 22, at 11 o'clock. Henry C. Turner, Avon street, Ward 11, 150 horses; hearing June 29, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending June 17, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	14	11	25
Negative	34	15	49
No growth	1	-	1
Totals	49	26	75

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses, three cases; two cases positive, one case negative. Pneumonia, one case; pneumococcus. Bursitis, one case; streptococci.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, June 8, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Wabon street, near Warren street, Ward 21; Topliff street, between Westville street and Bowdoin street, Ward 20; Mansfield street, between Alcott and Cambridge streets, Ward 25; Washington street, corner of Dudley street, Ward 18; King street, between Adams street and Train street, Ward 24; Wait street, near Huntington avenue, Ward 19; Centre street, between Grove street and Baker street, West Roxbury, Ward 23; Market street, third pole from Lincoln street, towards Western avenue, Ward 25; Western avenue, corner of North Harvard street, Ward 25; East Second street, second pole from M street, towards L street, Ward 14.

Also to remove poles from Washington street, corner of Dudley street, Ward 18; Wait street, near Huntington avenue, Ward 19; Centre street, between Grove street and Baker street, West Roxbury, Ward 23; Market street, third pole from Lincoln street, towards Western avenue, Ward 25; Western avenue, corner of North Harvard street; East Second street, second pole from M street, towards L street, Ward 14.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 26, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the tenth day of July, at 3 o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard; said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD, Jamaica Journal, Dorchester Beacon, Boston Post, Jamaica Plain News, Brighton Item, Boston Globe, South Boston News and Roxbury Gazette.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 15, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Columbus avenue, corner Ruggles street, Ward 18, two bay-windows of iron of the following description: To project from second and third stories, one over each street. Dimensions: Each twenty feet high, ten feet wide, and two feet six inches over line of street.

FREDERICK J. HERTHEL, JR.,
212 Ruggles street, Roxbury.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 26, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the tenth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 21, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 559 Columbus avenue, corner Wellington street, Ward 12, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second, third and fourth stories over Wellington street. Dimensions: Each thirty-six feet high, one eleven and one fourteen feet wide, and each two feet over line of street.

ALBERT GEIGER,
131 Devonshire street,
By A. H. VINAL.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 26, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the tenth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASS.:

Boston, May 29, 1899.

The West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company respectfully asks that it may be allowed to exchange its cars with cars of the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company at the Boston line at Spring street, and use said cars on its railway in lieu of cars of its own from Spring street to Forest Hills for the purpose of accommodating the public with through cars from Forest Hills to Needham, and avoiding the inconvenience of changing cars at Spring street.

The West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company,
By THOMAS T. ROBINSON, President.
By FREDERICK N. TIRRELL, Treasurer.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 26, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the tenth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 13, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a single curve at the junction of Washington and Eustis streets, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated June 12, 1899, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 26, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventeenth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition, and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 26, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Washington street, in the Dorchester District, so-called, from and connecting with the company's existing tracks on said street, near Ashmont street, to Codman street; thence on said Codman street, to and connecting with the company's existing tracks on Dorchester avenue, with all necessary curves, switches, cross-overs and connections, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated June 24, 1899, and filed herewith.

Also that consent and permission be given said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said tracks herein petitioned for, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the necessary poles, wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 26, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventeenth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Traveler, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 28, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Gibson street, at Dorchester, be relocated as a highway, from Dorchester avenue to Adams street, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twelfth day of July, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 13, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a short piece of single track at the junction of Washington and Roxbury streets, connecting with the existing tracks of said company on said Washington and Roxbury streets, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated June 12, 1899, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 26, 1899.

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Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 26, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Boston street, corner Rawson street, Ward 16, one bay-window of wood of the following description: To project from the side of the second and third stories over Rawson street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, twelve feet six inches wide, and two feet six inches projection over line of street.

JOHN LORGENFELD,
382 Broadway, South Boston,
By H. S. CLARK.

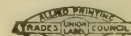
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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 26, 1899.

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

At its meeting on Monday, July 3, 1899, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the following appointments by His Honor the Mayor:

(1.) Austin Bigelow, Thomas A. Dunn, Charles E. House and Thomas F. Malone, to be Constables for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(2.) William M. Robinson, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term ending April 30, 1900.

DEATH OF JUDGE WALSH.

Mr. James L. Walsh, special justice of the East Boston District Court, died at the City Hospital on Sunday, July 2, 1899.

Mr. Walsh was born in East Boston in 1843. He was graduated from Holy Cross College in 1866 and from Harvard Law School in 1873. He represented the Second Suffolk District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives during 1877 and 1878. When the East Boston District Court was established he was appointed one of its special justices.

VACATION PLAYGROUNDS IN SCHOOLYARDS.

For several years the School Committee has granted the use of certain schoolyards during the summer vacation to the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association to be used as playgrounds for children. During the summer of 1898 the Association maintained and managed twelve such playgrounds at its own expense. In addition nineteen schoolyards were opened at the instance of Mayor Quincy, and placed under the management of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. (See Vol. I., THE CITY RECORD, page 502.)

The appropriation of the School Committee for the current year contains an item of \$3,000 for vacation playgrounds. On May 9, 1899, the School Committee passed the following order:

Ordered, That in order to carry on the vacation work of the present year, for which the School Board appropriated the sum of \$3,000, there be granted the use of such yards and basements as, in the opinion of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, may be needed.

At its meeting, held June 27, the School Committee voted to approve the list of schoolyard-playgrounds and the list of persons to be employed in them during the summer of 1899, as presented by the Committee on Playgrounds of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 498.)

The following statement includes the names and locations of the vacation playgrounds, and a list of the persons charged with their management:

Superintendent, Emma A. Phelps.
Assistant superintendent, Marion L. Dally.
Directors of boys' yards, J. H. A. Smith and Louis Schmitt.

Assistant directors of boys' yards, Clark K. Peterson and Gordon Trowbridge.

Assistant directors of children's yards, Cora J. Livingston and Annie B. Russell.
Drummers from the drum corps, Second Regiment, Boston School Cadets, Thomas H. Murphy, Benjamin T. Leland, Charles V. Russell and G. H. R. Randall.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS.

Ware School, North Bennet street, Abby G. Wheeler, matron.

Wait School, Shawmut avenue, M. Blanche Tozier, matron.

Andrews School, Genesee street, Lura W. Sanborn, matron.

Quincy School, Tyler street, Teresa A. Long, matron.

Sherwin School, Madison square, Roxbury, Annie M. Farrell, matron.

George-street School, Roxbury, Gertrude F. Briggs, matron.

Dearborn School, Dearborn place, Roxbury, Honora A. Lennon, matron.

Joshua Bates School, Harrison avenue, Frances S. Sanborn, matron.

Everett School, Northampton street, Ruth Blanchard, matron.

Comins School, Tremont street, Roxbury Crossing, Ellen E. Phalen, matron.

Lawrence School, corner B and Third streets, South Boston, Helena M. Doherty, matron.

Parkman School, Broadway, South Boston, Mary C. Drum, matron.

Ticknor School, Dorchester street, South Boston, B. Frances Logue, matron.

Cudworth School, Gove street, East Boston, Mary L. R. Woodbury, matron.

Adams School, Belmont square, East Boston, Elizabeth F. Woodbury, matron.

Lyman School, Paris and Gove street, East Boston, Katharine MacDonald, matron.

Harvard School, Devens street, Charlestown, Annie F. Mellish, matron.

Warren School, Pearl and Summer streets, Charlestown, Anna Sheehan, matron.

Twenty-nine young women have been appointed as assistant matrons for service in the children's playgrounds.

BOYS' PLAYGROUNDS.

Cyrus Alger School, Seventh street, South Boston, open all day, Louis Schmitt, director.

Quincy School, Tyler street, open in the afternoon; Dearborn School, Dearborn place, Roxbury, open in the forenoon, J. H. A. Smith, director.

The establishment of boys' playgrounds is an experiment.

All of the playgrounds are now open; some of them were opened on Monday, June 26.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

The annual report of the Park Department for the year 1898, constituting Document 24, 1899, has been submitted to His Honor the Mayor.

In their report the Commissioners state that during the winter the original plans for park construction were carefully revised, and by the omission of expensive buildings

and other features the amount finally considered necessary to complete the parks was cut down one-half; that is to say, from about \$3,000,000 to about \$1,500,000. Of this sum \$500,000 have been obtained.

After the expenditure of the remaining million it is believed that the period of park construction will be ended.

The work of the year may be summarized by saying that it has consisted principally in building boundary walls and planting boundary trees, and in planting trees along the parkways, and in other parts of the parks where they have been much needed, notably in Wood Island Park, and in pruning and otherwise taking care of the old trees and shrubs much neglected during the many years of road building and other construction, thus giving freedom for new life and vigor to the trees and shrubs, and letting in the sunlight to the encouragement of the undergrowth and of the song birds who make it their home; in building roads, in somewhat delayed performance of our contract with Harvard College, on Peters Hill, and the new Francis Parkman road by Jamaica pond in both localities opening delightful views to the public; in Franklin Park, substituting a grassy glade for the expensive greeting or concourse; in much loaming where no loam has been before, or where it has been put in insufficient quantities, covering over the old gravel pits; taking down the "Galvin House" and the sheep barn, and otherwise removing artificial blemishes.

The Department has endeavored to put things in such condition that the city will in the future be called upon for the least annual expense for park maintenance.

The act of the Legislature, authorizing the Board, with the approval of the Mayor, to purchase playgrounds in different parts of the city, and appropriating \$500,000 therefor, not more than \$200,000 to be spent in any one year, was not approved by the City Council till December 31, 1898. Therefore no action under this statute has yet been taken. The crying need of the children in the densely populated parts of the city for something better than the streets to play in is manifest to all our citizens, and in view of the high value placed upon Boston real estate, \$500,000 seems all too small.

Following the report of the Commissioners are the reports of the Superintendent and of the Engineer. These contain a detailed account of the work done at each of the parks and playgrounds, with an outline of future plans for their further development.

In addition to these, the general report embraces various financial statements of the Department; statistics and tables concerning the parks of the city; a report of the committee of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association regarding Charlesbank; copies of the statutes passed by the Legislature during 1898 relating to public parks in Boston, and a summary of such statutes since 1866.

The expenditures of the Department for land, construction and maintenance from February 1, 1898 to January 31, 1899, have been as follows:

	Land.	Construction.	Maintenance.	Total.
Main Park System	\$2,525 50	\$332,774 62	\$81,548 00	\$416,848 12
Marine Park System	6,435 00	102,778 16	6,865 34	116,078 50
Wood Island Park	—	17,140 93	5,020 24	22,161 17
Charlesbank	—	1,704 81	9,008 37	10,713 18
Charlestown Heights	—	5,107 60	1,950 91	7,058 51
Charlestown Playground	—	360 41	347 19	707 60
Dorchester Park	—	265 05	16 25	281 30
Franklin Field	—	9,256 75	2,527 29	11,784 04
North End Park	—	8,271 08	10,136 12	18,407 20
Chestnut Hill	—	529 17	3,866 08	4,395 25
Trinity Triangle	—	—	5 25	5 25
North Brighton Playground	—	407 59	123 00	530 59
Neponset Playground	9,005 02	3,536 68	799 87	13,341 57
Billings Field	225 00	1,935 41	784 18	2,944 59
First-street Playground	—	—	942 52	942 52
North-End Playground	31,269 21	—	308 22	31,577 43
Mystic Playground	—	—	100 93	100 93
Fellows-street Playground	—	—	1,497 62	1,497 62
Christopher Gibson Playground	—	—	521 38	521 38
Paris-street Gymnasium	—	—	2,857 72	2,857 72
Office expenses	—	—	10,773 52	10,773 52
Totals	\$49,459 73	*\$484,068 26	\$140,000 00	\$673,527 99

*Includes the sum of \$73 drawn for but not yet paid by Auditor.

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS, NO. 3.

The Statistics Department has issued the third number of a series of publications analyzing the finances of the city. For convenience and clearness of presentation the accounts of the city have been divided into four parts: (1) Ordinary Receipts and Expenditures. (2) Extraordinary Receipts and Expenditures. (3) Trust Funds. (4) Book-keeping Items.

Special Publications, No. 3, is in form a consolidation of Special Publications No. 1 and 2, but the tables have been continued and brought down for another year. It gives a complete review of the Ordinary Receipts and Expenditures for the five years ending January 31, 1898.

The total amount of Ordinary Receipts and Expenditures together with the relation of this total to the total Receipts and Expenditures of the other three classes and to the total Receipts and Expenditures of the city and county are set forth in a general financial statement for the five years.

The Ordinary Receipts and Expenditures are separately stated in a fuller form, and

balanced to show the amount of ordinary revenue used for extraordinary purposes, or vice versa, in a series of tables headed "Summary of Ordinary Receipts and Expenditures." In these tables the receipts and expenditures of the Water Department are separately stated in order to facilitate comparisons in which these figures must be excluded. A further set of tables headed "Analysis of Ordinary Revenue" give for each year a summarized statement of the city income, excluding the receipts of the Water Works, by certain classes of revenue.

These tables may be compared with a series of tables published annually by the City Auditor in his report, in which the same income is classified by the department through which the income is received. It has not been deemed advisable to republish these tables, as they are already available in that report. The several classes of revenue, as summarized in the present analysis, have been developed in detail in a series of tables (see Detail Tables—Ordinary Revenue), so that by comparing the various items here stated with the Auditor's report, it is easy to identify every item included in a given class.

A series of tables headed "Analysis by Departments of Expenditure for Ordinary purposes," give (1) the funds available for current expenses of each department, namely, the appropriation made by the City Council at the beginning of the year, the income credited directly to the department during the year and balances available from the previous year; (2) the actual expenditures, of the department for ordinary purposes; (3) the surplus or deficit of available funds with respect to the appropriations made at the beginning of the year. Supplementary appropriations and transfers made during the year are not taken into consideration in preparing this table. The details of these facts, for each department by classes of expenditure, have been developed in a special series of tables (see Detail Tables—Ordinary Expenditures).

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Following is the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the Boston Elevated Railway Company vs. Edward W. Preshe et al., Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston acting as County Commissioners for the County of Suffolk:

HOLMES, J. This is a petition for a writ of prohibition to prevent the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston from adjudicating the damages suffered by a land-owner whose land was taken by the petitioner under Section 11 of its charter. Stats. 1894, Chap. 548. The question is whether that somewhat blind section gives jurisdiction to the above mentioned Board.

After authorizing the petitioner to take land for the purpose of constructing its railway, etc., the section goes on: "and for such purposes may take any private property in the manner in which land may be taken for the construction of railroads as set forth in Sects. 95, 96 and 97 of Chapter 112 of the Public Statutes." These are the words relied on by the respondents. The section then requires the petitioner to pay all damages, etc., and concludes: "such damages on the application of either party shall be estimated and determined in the manner provided in reference to the assessment of damages occasioned by the laying out of highways." These are the words relied on by the petitioner. The argument for the petitioner is admitted by it to require at least the rejection of the reference to Sections 95 and 96 of the railroad act. That for the respondents requires a somewhat unnatural interpretation of the words in which that reference is made, and a restriction of the later words by which the manner of estimating the damages is to be made the same as in the case of highways.

We are unable to reject the express reference to Pub. Stats. Chap. 112, Sects. 96 and

97. It is true that those sections do not prescribe a manner of taking in the usual and literal sense of the words referring to them. They authorize a taking and prescribe a manner of estimating damages, upon the application of either party to the County Commissioners. But the words referring to those sections clearly enough show the intent to adopt their contents, and only need to be taken with a vagueness not exceeding the common latitude of speech.

In Section 97 there is a special provision for security to those whose land is taken. In view of the experimental nature of the system of construction approved by the Act of 1894, we cannot doubt that it was intended to give persons whose land should be taken by the petitioner the benefit of this provision. But if we once admit that some part of the reference to the manner of providing for payment of damages was made understandingly, it is more difficult than ever to suppose that the rest of it was made through mistake. If not, then we have a consistent scheme, and a right of either party to apply to the County Commissioners within three years for the assessment of damages as well as for the security for which, as we have said, it must have been intended to provide.

In some way or other the last part of the section which we are trying to construe (Stats. 1894, Chap. 548, Sect. 11) must be reconciled with this view. The last part of Sect. 11, it will be remembered, adopts the manner of assessing damages in highway proceedings. One of the incidents of a complete adoption of that manner would be that petitions of land-owners in Boston would go before the Street Commissioners, Pub. Stats., Chap. 49, Sect. 84, instead of before the Board of Aldermen.

As the plaintiff's charter contemplates its having lines in different counties, and as there is no reference in terms either to Aldermen or to Street Commissioners, possibly either substitute for the County Commissioners in Boston would be consistent with the retention of the reference to Pub. Stats., Chap. 112, Sects. 95 and 96. But the contrary is assumed by the petitioner, and we agree that the retention of the reference to those sections more naturally would be taken to refer to petitions for damages to the tribunals sitting in railroad cases, that is to say in Boston cases to the Board of Aldermen, who also are the general representatives in Boston of County Commissioners. We think that the reference to highway proceedings is sufficiently accounted for if it be regarded as a sort of drag-net to secure to land-owners whatever rights could be secured in that way, which were not already provided for by the reference to Pub. Stats., Chap. 112, Sects. 95 to 97. It may be that it will be necessary to rely upon it to secure both parties a trial by jury, as that matter is not dealt with in the chapter on railroads until Sect. 99. How this may be we express no opinion at the present time. We are of the opinion that the Board of Aldermen have jurisdiction of the cases before them.

Petition denied.

By a recent act of the Legislature of Vermont, the first Monday in September will hereafter be a legal holiday, to be known as Labor Day.

PUBLIC CHARITY IN NEW YORK CITY.

According to Mr. Coler, the Comptroller of New York City, whose article, entitled "Abuse of Public Charity," is published in the June number of the "Popular Science Monthly," 10 per cent. of all persons who die in that city are buried at public expense in the Potter's Field, although less than 1 per cent. of the living are paupers or dependent persons.

Mr. Coler estimates that the city will contribute directly and indirectly nearly six and one-half millions of dollars for public charity in 1899—a sum equal to between 14 and 15 per cent. of the ordinary expenses of the city for the year.

The direct contributions of the city, and of the counties included in it, are as follows for 1899: Appropriation for the Department of Public Charities, \$1,941,215; appropriation divided among 215 private charitable and correctional institutions, over which the city has no direct control, \$1,784,846; contribution for the support of paupers, derived from excise, \$1,000,000; payments to the State for similar purposes by the counties of New York, Kings and Richmond, \$206,196; \$50,000 from license fees divided among 82 private societies—total, \$4,982,257.

Mr. Coler estimates the indirect contributions of the city, through loss of taxes on exempted property belonging to charitable institutions and from the defrayment of assessments on such property for public improvements, at \$1,500,000, which being added to the amount appropriated for charitable purposes gives a total of \$6,482,257.

Mr. Coler states that nearly one-half of the charitable societies and institutions which receive aid from the city treasury have been organized during the last ten years, and that very many of them could not exist six months without such aid. He is of the opinion that a disproportionate portion of the money appropriated for charitable purposes is expended for the salaries and wages of persons engaged in relief work, and among the cases cited in support of his opinion is that of one of the oldest and best managed charitable institutions in the city, which out of a total expenditure of \$309,000 in 1898 reported a salary account of over \$114,000.

The lack of control by the city authorities over the expenditures of public money by private institutions and associations; extravagance in the item of salaries and wages, and the assistance given to professional beggars and other unworthy persons are the principal abuses against which Mr. Coler inveighs.

SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES.

The following act constitutes Chapter 387 of the Acts of 1899, and the appended list gives the names and addresses of Justices of the Peace who have been designated to solemnize marriages in the City of Boston in accordance with the provisions of the new law.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. No Justice of the Peace shall solemnize a marriage in this Commonwealth unless he also holds one of the following offices: City or Town Clerk or Assistant City or Town Clerk; City Registrar or Assistant City Registrar; Clerk of a court or Assistant Clerk of a court; or unless he shall have been specially designated by the Governor as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 2. The Governor may, at his discretion, designate Justices of the Peace who may solemnize marriages in the city or town in which they severally reside. The number so designated shall not exceed one to every 5,000 inhabitants of the city or town: provided, however, that one such justice may be designated in each town. Such designation may be revoked by the Governor at any time for cause.

Sect. 3. Each Justice of the Peace designated as provided in Section 2 shall receive a certificate of such designation, for which he shall pay to the Secretary of the Commonwealth a fee of \$5; and he shall not solemnize a marriage until he has received such certificate and qualified thereunder.

Sect. 4. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall annually in January send to the several city and town clerks and city registrars a list of all Justices of the Peace designated under this act, with the dates of termination of such designations.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect on the first day of July in the year 1899. [Approved May 23, 1899.]

Nathaniel G. Robinson, City Hall.
Robert Herter, 15 Catawba street.
Charles E. Silloway, 87 Rockland street.
Gustave Magnitzky, 127 Chestnut avenue.
Otto Kalmus, 281 Chestnut avenue.
Henry W. Shepard, 145A Tremont street.
Charles E. Feyhl, 449 Shawmut avenue.
Thomas D. Roberts, 15 Davis street.
Peter A. Frederickson, 686 Shawmut avenue.
Charles S. Jaeger, 1174 Columbus avenue.
Luther L. Jenkins, 31 Allen street.
Wolf Baron, 106 Union park.
William A. Blossom, 21 Kenilworth street.
Walter H. Binns, 1043 Tremont street.
Benjamin F. Powell, 5 Anderson street.
Curtis J. Wright, 61 Phillips street.
Edward J. Holland, 290 West Newton street.
Horace A. Jordan, Brighton.
Harry H. Newcomb, 104 Norfolk street.
Charles E. Kettell, 250 Main street.
Thomas J. Sproul, 270 Parker Hill avenue.
John E. Andrews, 65 Walnut avenue.
Hippolyte M. Prud'Homme, 840 Huntington avenue.
James W. Porter, 614 Dudley street.
Clarence W. Rowley, 2A Wellington street.
James Ray, 267 Lamartine street.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

June 14, 1899.

General Order No. 605.

In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Samuel W. Clark, of Division 4, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Intoxication, the Board finds the said Patrolman Clark guilty and orders that he be dismissed from the police force of the City of Boston.

June 28, 1899.

General Order No. 606.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Thomas F. Walsh, of Division 2, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, the Board finds the said Patrolman Walsh guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of three days' pay.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Thomas B. Kennedy, of Division 10, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty and intoxication, the Board finds the said Patrolman Kennedy guilty and sentences him to be dismissed from the police force.

June 30, 1899.

General Order No. 607.

I. Whereas, It appears that Patrolman Charles F. Vaughn, of Division 12, has performed faithful service in the Police Department for seven years; that he is an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion, and that he has requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898, it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Vaughn be retired from active service in the Police Department and placed upon the pension-roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly, said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement.

II. This order will take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock P.M. Saturday, July 1, current.

RESIGNATION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

The following letters from the Corporation Counsel, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, and the reply of his Honor the Mayor, are self-explanatory.

Mr. Bailey's letter of resignation is as follows:

Boston, June 27, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I hereby resign my position as Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston, and request that you will immediately accept the same. I have tried during my service for the city to give it my best and honest effort; but, from the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen, as reported in the "Boston Daily Advertiser," I find that I am regarded as giving opinions and advice entirely regardless of my opinion of the law, and that no member of the Board thinks

otherwise. Under these circumstances I do not consider it consistent with my self-respect to longer continue to hold said office.

Respectfully,

ANDREW J. BAILEY.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of aldermen at its meeting on June 29, 1899:

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen regret exceedingly the resignation of the Hon. Andrew J. Bailey from the position of Corporation Counsel.

The Board of Aldermen has the greatest confidence in his ability as a lawyer, and while we may differ from him at times, we nevertheless respect his opinions, and we earnestly request that he withdraw his resignation.

The letter of Mr. Bailey withdrawing his resignation and the letter of His Honor the Mayor, are as follows:

Boston, June 30, 1899.

TO THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: At your request, made in such kind terms, I gladly withdraw my resignation of the office of Corporation Counsel.

As most of you know, my service with the city has been a labor of love, and my associations with you all have been of the most pleasant character, and were not lightly or easily broken, but the feeling, arising, perhaps, from oversensitiveness, that I had failed to satisfy you, that my opinions were mine alone, and the result of my best efforts, and this feeling alone was the cause of my resignation.

The kind expressions of the Mayor, the members of the Board of Aldermen, the members of the Common Council and others, made both publicly and privately, have given me the keen satisfaction of believing that I was wrong in that feeling, and I only too gladly continue in the service which I love so well.

I assure you that these expressions receive my heartfelt gratitude, and that they will prove an additional incentive to my giving my best efforts to the service of the city.

Yours very truly,

ANDREW J. BAILEY.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 30, 1899.

HON. A. J. BAILEY, Corporation Counsel, Boston.

DEAR SIR: I have your letter of June 30 withdrawing your resignation, which I had declined to accept, of the office of Corporation Counsel. I am very glad that the matter has ended in this way.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY.

According to a recent report made by the United States Bureau of Statistics, Treasury Department, the value of exports from the United States to each of the grand divisions of the world in the eleven months ending May, 1899, is as follows: Europe, \$868,074,867; North America, \$143,220,615; South America, \$32,452,704; Asia, \$42,558,905; Oceanica, \$27,670,221; Africa, \$16,656,199. Total, \$1,130,633,511.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, Tuesday, June 27, 1899, at 7.30 P.M., the President in the chair.

Present, all the members except Mrs. Keller and Mr. Nichols.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the reappointments of instructors to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending August 31, 1900, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, all of said reappointments to date from September 1, 1899.

The Board thereupon elected:

Charles W. Parmenter, head-master, Mechanic Arts High School; J. Gardner Bassett, master, Bigelow District; Edward P. Sherburne, master, Lowell District; F. Morton King, master, Minot District; William H. Furber, master, Prescott District; principal of schools to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee.

The Board re-elected the following-named persons for the term ending August 31, 1900:

Frederic A. Tupper, head master, Brighton High School; Loea P. Howard, master, Charles Sumner District; Augustine L. Rafter, master, Martin District; James Frederick Hopkins, director of drawing; George H. Benyon, instructor of military drill; Charles H. Reardon, armorer; M. Eloise Talbot, teacher of physical training and reading, Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools; Eleanor J. O'Brien, teacher of physical training, Brighton High School; Mary Hubbard, teacher of physical culture, Roxbury High School.

The question came upon approving the reappointments of the subordinate teachers of the several normal, Latin, high, grammar, primary and kindergarten schools, to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee, and for the term ending August 31, 1900, as contained and specified in School Document No. 6, 1899, "appointments for re-election;" and it was ordered:

(1.) That the employment of teachers in excess of the number allowed under the Regulations, as contained and specified in School Document No. 6, 1899, appointments for re-election, be authorized for the school year 1899-1900.

(2.) That the employment of teachers with higher ranks than the Regulations allow, as contained and specified in School Document No. 6, 1899, appointments for re-election, be authorized for the school year 1899-1900.

(3.) That ungraded classes in excess of the number allowed under the Regulations, as contained and specified in School Document No. 6, 1899, appointments for re-election, be allowed for the school year 1899-1900.

The reappointments, as contained and specified in said document, were approved.

The Chair stated the question was on the approval of the following appointments of

principals of evening schools for the term 1899-1900, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting; said appointments to date from September 25, 1899:

Fred A. Fernald, head-master, Evening High School; John D. Philbrick, Bigelow School; John E. Butler, Comins School; John S. Richardson, Dearborn School; Walter Mooers, Eliot School; Gustavus F. Guild, Franklin School; Robert E. Burke, Lincoln School; Henry H. Folsom, Lyman School; Orris L. Beverage, Mather School; Alanson H. Mayers, Quincy School; George E. Murphy, Washington Allston School; Charles E. Harris, Wells School.

The appointment of Joel C. Bolan, Warren School, was referred to Committee on Evening Schools. All of the other principals named in the foregoing list were elected by the Board.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read, and it was ordered:

(1.) That there be paid to Dennis Kirby the sum of eleven (11) dollars for extra services rendered as janitor of the Munroe-street School during the past winter.

(2.) That there be paid to Thomas W. Kenney the sum of twenty-eight (28) dollars for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, from April 10 to May 26, 1899.

(3.) That there be paid to Patrick F. Higgins the sum of eight (8) dollars and eighty (80) cents for extra services rendered as janitor of the Hyde School during the term 1898-99.

(4.) That there be paid to Patrick M. Connolly the sum of forty-nine (49) dollars and fifty (50) cents for extra services rendered as janitor of the Wells Evening School during the term 1898-99.

(5.) That there be paid to Caroline D. Aborn, principal of the Training School Kindergarten the sum of two hundred and forty (240) dollars for extra services performed during the year in the Normal School.

(6.) That there be paid to Hartvig Nissen, assistant to the Director of Physical Training, the sum of one hundred and twenty (120) dollars for extra services performed by him during the past year.

(7.) That there be paid to Rose A. Carrigan, assistant instructor of music, the sum of one hundred and twenty (120) dollars for extra services rendered in the Normal School since January 1, 1899.

(8.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1899, the following appropriation be made:

Mechanic Arts High School-house addition, additional, \$1,500.

(9.) That the salary of the School-house Agent be fixed at the rate of thirty-three hundred (3,300) dollars per annum.

(10.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to rent the store numbered 727 Walk Hill street, Dorchester, Tileston District, for school purposes, at a rental of \$300 per year, which amount includes heat and janitor service.

(11.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriations be made:

South Boston High School-house, additional, \$75,000; new Dorchester High School-house, additional, \$75,000.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read:

Ordered, That Harrison H. Atwood, architect, be selected to prepare plans for the new Normal School-house.

Ordered, That Stickney & Austin, architects, be selected to prepare plans for the new Normal School-house.

Mr. Coolidge offered the following:

Ordered, That the orders appended to the majority and minority reports of the Committee on New Buildings be recommitted to that committee, with instructions to advertise for competitive plans for the new Normal School-house, prizes to be awarded as follows:

First prize, contract for the erection of the Normal School; second prize, the sum of \$600 in money; third prize, the sum of \$400 in money.

The full Board shall decide the award of prizes.

The order was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Brett, Burrill, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Gallivan—9.

Nays—Messrs. Aldrich, Bennett, Bertridg, Calderwood, Campbell, Courtney, Davison, Huggan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt and Strange—13.

Absent—Mrs. Keller and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Coolidge, with the unanimous consent of the Board, having withdrawn the order offered by him at the last meeting, that Stickney & Austin, architects, be selected to prepare plans for said building, after considerable debate and parliamentary procedure, the original order for the selection of Mr. Atwood as architect was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Bennett, Bertridg, Campbell, Courtney, Davison, Huggan, Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt and Strange—12.

Nays—Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bowdlear, Brett, Burrill, Calderwood, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer and Gallivan—10.

Absent—Mrs. Keller and Mr. Nichols.

The following were read by the Chair and placed on file:

(1.) **STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.**

City Hall, June 14, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with the trustees of the estate of Bradley M. Clark upon the sum of \$6,500 as payment for their estate on School street, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon the said Trustees giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

They have also agreed with Benjamin L. Keith and the heirs of William H. Keith, upon the sum of \$8,200, as payment for their estate at the corner of Pearl and Bartlett streets, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes, by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon their giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

(2.) IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

May 25, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be authorized to expend, in providing school-house sites, the following amounts, and the said amounts are hereby appropriated for the following purposes:

New Grammar School-house, Tileston District, Dorchester, site for . . . \$10,000
New Primary School-house, Sherwin District, Roxbury, site for . . . 15,000

and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the amount of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriations are not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
JOHN P. DORE,
LAURENCE MINOT,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
DAVID F. BARRY,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was submitted by the Mayor to the City Council on May 25, 1899, and was not altered by it within the period of thirty days prescribed by law.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

The Superintendent presented the resignations of seven teachers (including that of Larkin Dunton, head-master of the Normal School), which were accepted.

The Superintendent presented for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, the appointments, on probation, of three teachers, which were laid over under the rule.

The appointment of one temporary teacher was approved.

Leave of absence was granted to three teachers.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, and under a suspension of the rules, leave of absence was granted to three teachers from September 1, 1899, until August 31, 1900, on half pay, and their resignations were accepted, to take effect August 31, 1900.

The Superintendent presented for approval the appointment of Hartvig Nissen, as Director of Physical Training, from September 5, 1899.

Laid over under the rule.

On the recommendation of the Committee on New Buildings, it was ordered, under a suspension of the rules, that the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward, in the sum of \$24,790, for furnishing a heating and ventilating system for the East Boston High School-house, the said firm being the lowest bidders.

On the recommendation of the same committee it was ordered that the City Council be requested to transfer to the School Committee the Austin School-house on Paris street, East Boston, surrendered by the School Committee, February 12, 1895, the use of said building for school purposes again being required.

It was ordered that the candidates proposed by the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, as per their communication of this date, for carrying on the work for which this Board in its annual budget appropriated \$3,000, be elected to the positions named therein, and that they be paid the salaries as stated in said communication.

The Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, June 29, at 7.30 P.M.

An adjourned regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street Building, Thursday, June 29, 1899, at 7.30 P. M., President Huggan in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Bowdlear and Campbell.

The Superintendent of Schools presented the resignation of one primary school assistant, which was accepted; and the reappointment of an assistant in the Mather Grammar School, in excess of the number allowed under the Regulations, was authorized and approved by the Board, under suspension of the rules.

Under a suspension of the rules it was ordered that the employment during the school year 1899-1900 of teachers now in the service, who have not been reappointed by the Superintendent for reasons stated by him in School Document No. 6, 1899, "Appointments for Re-election," is hereby authorized.

Pursuant to the terms of the foregoing order, the Superintendent presented, for approval, the reappointments of twenty-three instructors, all of said reappointments to date from September 1, 1899, for the term ending August 31, 1900, and the reappointments of three teachers to serve during the pleasure of the School Committee.

The reappointments were approved by the Board under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the reappointments of instructors in the Lowell District, as contained in the foregoing report of the Superintendent, were referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

On motion of Mr. Strange, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be granted the use of the Shurtleff School-house for children's entertainments, July 4, 1899.

On motion of Mr. Strange, for the Committee on Courses of Study and Text-Books, it was

Ordered, That in the Girl's High School the course of study be modified for the accommodation of a class of girls in that school preparing for college, in the following manner to wit:

First year—Three hours, English; six hours, Latin; three hours, Botany; five hours, Algebra; three hours, American History.

Second year—Three hours, English; five hours, Latin; four hours, French; three hours, History of England and the United States; five hours, Geometry.

Third year—One hour, English; four hours, Latin; four hours, German; one hour, French; two hours, History of England and the United States; four hours, Algebra and Geometry; five hours, Physics.

Fourth year—Four hours, English; four hours, Latin; five hours, French; six hours, Chemistry; two hours, Logarithms and Trigonometry.

On motion of Mr. Strange, the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Courses of Study and Text-books, were taken from the table, as follows, viz:

Orders 1 to 67 inclusive, specifying the titles of text-books (with the names of authors and publishers of the same), recommended to be authorized for use in the schools.

On motion of Mr. Strange, orders Nos. 66 and 67 were amended by inserting the words "Primary and " before the word "Grammar" in the fourth line of each of said orders.

On motion of Mr. Strange, that portion of order No. 15 authorizing the use of Allen and Greenough's Ovid as a text-book in the High Schools, was recommitted to the Committee on Courses of Study and Text-books.

Mr. Anderson moved the passage of all of said orders, excepting order No. 15.

The orders were passed unanimously.

Mr. Anderson moved the passage of order No. 15, excepting that portion of said order relating to Allen and Greenough's Ovid, which had been recommitted to the Committee on Courses of Study and Text-books.

Passed unanimously.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Salaries, under a suspension of the rules, it was ordered:

(1.) That there be paid to John P. Swift, janitor of the Warren School, the sum of six (6) dollars and eighty-five (85) cents for extra cleaning of that building.

(2.) That there be paid to B. Cortissoz the sum of one hundred thirty-five (135) dollars for services rendered as temporary janitor of the Bigelow School from May 7 to July 1, 1899, inclusive.

(3.) That there be paid to John Schromm the sum of fifty (50) dollars for extra services rendered as janitor of the Dillaway School during the past year.

(4.) That there be paid to Nathaniel H. Hall the sum of ten (10) dollars for extra services rendered as janitor of the Harbor View-street School during the past year.

(5.) That there be paid to Joseph P. Fleming the sum of twelve (12) dollars for extra services rendered as janitor of the Hancock School during the past year.

(6.) That there be paid to Patrick W. Tighe the sum of one hundred and seven (107) dollars and fifty (50) cents for extra services rendered as janitor of the English High School building during the past year.

(7.) That there be paid to Charles D. Gallagher the sum of one hundred and nineteen (119) dollars for services rendered as acting janitor of the Franklin and Wait Schools during the month of May, 1899.

(8.) That there be paid to Thomas W. Kenney the sum of four (4) dollars for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, from June 19 to June 26, 1899.

(9.) That there be paid to Michael J. Crowley the sum of forty-three (43) dollars for services rendered as acting janitor of the Wait School during the month of June, 1899.

The orders, which constitute the schedule of salaries of instructors in the public schools for the year ending August 31, 1900, were passed.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Second Division, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be requested to provide additional

accommodations for two primary classes to relieve the congested conditions in the Frothingham District.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to investigate and report whether or not Amanda C. Ellison, assistant, primary school, Dearborn District, has received the full amount of credit for previous services to which she is entitled under the Regulations.

On the recommendation of the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be requested to provide additional accommodations for a primary class in the Martin District.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, and the Superintendent, to whom was referred, April 11, the question of the appointment of a sub-master in the Dudley District, reported that they have considered the matter, and they recommend that Abram T. Smith, sub-master in the Hugh O'Brien District, be transferred to the same position in the Dudley District.

Accepted, and a transfer of the instructor approved, under a suspension of the rules.

On the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That Franklin medals be awarded five of this year's graduates of the Mechanic Arts High School.

Mr. Berridge, having filed a notice with the Secretary of his intention so to do, moved a reconsideration of the vote passed at the meeting of June 13, whereby the report presented by the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with regard to reopening the schools after the summer vacation, was ordered sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Berridge moved the passage of the motion offered by Mr. Davison at the meeting of May 23, 1899, that the public schools reopen after the summer vacation on the second Wednesday in September, in each year.

The foregoing motion was amended so as not to include the High Schools.

The rules were suspended to permit the passage of the motion.

The motion as amended passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Bateman, Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Burrill, Courtney, Davison, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Fleischer, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt and Strange—18.

Nays—Messrs. Anderson, Calderwood, Coolidge and Nichols—4.

Absent—Messrs. Bowdlear and Campbell. Under a suspension of rules, it was ordered:

(1.) That the High Schools reopen after the summer vacation on the second Wednesday in September in each year.

(2.) That extra accommodations for two classes in the Gaston District be furnished for the school year 1899-1900.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred, June 13, an order relative to the amendment of Section 60 of the Rules, reported that they have considered the matter, and are in favor of the proposed amendment. They recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the rules be amended as follows:

Section 60. Add the following to the first paragraph of said section: "Provided that all such appointments, transfers and removals shall be approved by the committee in charge before being presented to the Board," so that said paragraph shall read as follows:

He shall, after consultation with members of the Board of Supervisors, and subject to the approval of the Board, appoint, transfer and remove all directors, principals and other instructors, provided that in the case of subordinate instructors he shall also consult the principal of the school, if any, to which the action relates, and with the appropriate director, if the action relates to his department; provided, that all such appointments, transfers and removals shall be approved by the committee in charge before being presented to the Board.

Mr. Anderson stated that he dissented from the foregoing report.

The report was accepted, and the rules were suspended to permit the passage of the order.

Mr. Anderson offered the following amendment to the order appended to the report of the committee:

Ordered, That the proposed amendment to the rules be amended by striking out the words "approved by" and substituting "submitted to," so that the amendment shall read: "Provided that all such appointments, transfers and removals shall be submitted to the committee in charge before being presented to the Board."

The motion to amend was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney and Mrs. Fifield—7.

Nays—Messrs. Berridge, Brett, Calderwood, Davison, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Kenny, McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, Nichols and Strange—13.

Absent or not voting—Messrs. Aldrich, Bowdlear, Campbell and Fleischer.

The order as offered by the Committee on Rules and Regulations passed.

On the recommendation of the Committee on the First Division, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be granted the use of a room in the basement of the Emerson School-house for ward-room purposes, provided that the same be without expense to this Board.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Accounts, under a suspension of the rules, it was ordered that the salary due T. Henry Wason, deceased, late sub-master in the Brimmer School, be paid to his widow, Anna W. Wason.

It was ordered that the use of the yard and basement of the Auburn School, Brighton, be granted to the Brighthelmstone Club during the summer for vacation school purposes, the same to be without expense to the city.

The Chair appointed the following committee on the annual report:

Messrs. Campbell, Nichols and Merritt. Approved.

The assessed valuation of real estate, in New York city, is \$403,912,023 greater than that of last year. The city may therefore increase its debt over \$40,000,000.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, June 27, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held on Tuesday, June 27, 1899, at 3 P.M., at the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Dore.

The Board took up assignments, viz.:

(1.) Communication from the Chief of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, requesting an additional appropriation of \$8,000 to enable the Department to finish the work of reconstructing Faneuil Hall.

(2.) Communication from the Mayor requesting the Board to make an appropriation for said purpose.

Ordered, That the additional sum of eight thousand (8,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department, in reconstructing Faneuil Hall; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

In accordance with the vote passed at the last meeting, the Board gave a hearing in regard to the matter, but no one appeared except Mr. Henry F. Cottle, Chief of the Electrical Construction Division.

On motion of Mr. Barry, the order (placed on file March 15) requesting the Board to appropriate a sufficient sum to provide a bathing-house at Savin Hill beach, Ward 20, was taken from the files.

A hearing was given on the matter, and Alderman Patrick F. McDonald, Mr. Thomas J. Lane and Mr. Daniel D. Kearns, Chairman and Secretary of the Bath Commission, appeared in favor of the transfer of a sufficient sum from the Reserve Fund to meet the necessary expense.

The Board proceeded to take up the following unfinished business:

Communication from the Superintendent of Streets (received May 25), requesting an appropriation for the reconstruction of Congress-street bridge.

Mr. William H. Carberry, Deputy Superintendent of Bridges, was heard by the Board in regard to the matter, and explained the present condition of the Congress-street bridge and the necessity of an appropriation for its reconstruction.

The Board then went into executive session.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a communication from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$600 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Bath Department, said sum to be used for the equipment and maintenance of a bathing-house for men and boys at Savin Hill beach, Ward 20.

The communication was placed on file, and Mr. Dore moved the adoption of the following:

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of the sum of six hundred (600) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Bath Department, said sum to be used for the equipment and maintenance of a bath-house for men and boys at Savin Hill beach, Ward 20.

Mr. Kiley called for the yeas and nays on the passage of the vote, and the vote was passed—yeas, 3, nay, 1 (Mr. Minot not voting):

Yeas—Messrs. Dore, Barry and Mayor Quincy—3.

Nay—Mr. Kiley—1.

The vote was signed by the three members voting in the affirmative.

A communication was received from the City Engineer stating that the estimated cost of building a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Travers street was \$15,000.

Later in the session, on motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That the matter be assigned to the next meeting, that a hearing be given by the Board at that time in regard to the matter, and that Alderman Dixon and the councilmen and representatives from Wards 6 and 8, and all other interested parties, be notified of said hearing.

The following were received:

(1.) Communication from Alderman John H. Colby requesting the Board to make an appropriation for asphaltting Berkeley street, between the Boston and Albany Railroad bridge and Tremont street.

(2.) Order (referred by the City Council) requesting the Board to provide the sum of \$1,400 for the completion of the gymnasium on Commonwealth Park, South Boston.

(3.) Order (referred by the Board of Aldermen) requesting the Board to provide the sum of \$4,000 for the improvement of Oneida street, Ward 9.

(4.) Order (referred by the Board of Aldermen) requesting the Board to provide the sum of \$4,000 for the improvement of Seneca street, Ward 9.

(5.) Communication from the Building Commissioner requesting an appropriation of \$3,500 for filing cases for the storing of the records and documents of the Department, and for alterations in connection with the same.

Severally placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That this Board request Corporation Counsel Bailey to give his written opinion upon the question of whether or not the order passed by this Board on May 22, authorizing the Fire Commissioner "to expend for the purchase of land on Warren avenue, adjoining the English High and Latin School building on the north-east side, containing about 7,500 feet, and the erection of an engine-house thereon, the amount of \$55,000 received by the city for the engine-house on Dartmouth street, formerly used by Engine 22," takes effect at the expiration of thirty days from its submission to the City Council, with a statement of the law pertaining to the matter.

Mr. Dore moved that an item of \$75,000 for Street Department, Street Improvements, be inserted in the loan order which it is the intention of the Board to prepare.

The motion was carried—yeas, 5:

Yeas—Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy—5.

Mr. Minot moved that an item of \$10,000 for Street Department, Congress-street bridge, reconstruction, be inserted in the said loan order.

The motion was carried—yeas, 5:

Yeas—Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy—5.

Mr. Barry moved that an item of \$3,500, as an additional appropriation for the Wire Department, for carrying out the provisions of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, be included in the said loan order.

The motion was carried—yeas, 5:

Yeas—Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy—5.

Mr. Dore moved that an item of \$8,000, as an additional appropriation for the Engineering Department, for the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall, be included in the said loan order.

Mr. Kiley moved, as an amendment, that the amount be made \$6,000.

The amendment was rejected—yea, 1; nays, 4.

Yea—Mr. Kiley—1.

Nays—Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, and Mayor Quincy—4.

Mr. Dore's motion, that the said item be included in the loan order, was carried, yeas, 4; nay, 1:

Yeas—Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, and Mayor Quincy—4.

Nay—Mr. Kiley—1.

Mr. Minot moved that an item of \$3,500 for the Building Department, for filing cases and alterations in connection with the same, be included in the said loan order.

The motion was carried, yeas, 5:

Yeas—Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley and Mayor Quincy—5.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Wednesday, July 5, 1899, at 3 P.M.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy, requesting the Board to prepare and pass a loan order making an appropriation of \$3,500, for filing cases for the Building Department and alterations in connection with the same; an appropriation of \$10,000, for reconstruction of Congress-street bridge; an appropriation of \$75,000, for general street improvements; an additional appropriation of \$8,000, for the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall; and an additional appropriation of \$3,500, to enable the Wire Department to carry out the provisions of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

The communication was placed on file, and Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That this Board having received a communication from the Mayor requesting the making of loan appropriations for the following purposes, and having prepared the following loan appropriation order, making such appropriations to be met by loan, and for such purposes as this Board deem the public necessity or convenience require, do hereby pass the same, and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston, to the total amount of such appropriations, viz.:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Filing cases and alterations in connection with same \$3,500

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Faneuil Hall building reconstruction, additional 8,000

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Congress-street bridge, reconstruction, 10,000

Street Improvements, general . . . 75,000

WIRE DEPARTMENT.

For carrying out the provisions of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, additional 3,500

\$100,000

The order was passed, yeas, 5:

Yeas—Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley and Mayor Quincy—5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that none of the said appropriations are to meet a current expense.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Minot, at 5.01 P.M., to meet on Wednesday, July 5, at 3 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending May 27, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Approved.		Disapproved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	2	-	-	1	1	2	2	6	1	
2...	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	4	5	
3...	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	2	-	
4...	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	6	
5...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	
6...	1	2	-	2	-	1	7	-	20	19	
7...	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	4	10	32	
8...	1	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	14	2	
9...	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	10	4	
10...	2	2	4	-	-	-	2	-	3	2	
11...	4	2	1	-	3	-	1	-	6	17	
12...	1	4	-	-	1	-	1	3	9	16	
13...	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	4	
14...	-	2	-	-	-	5	2	3	12	3	
15...	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	
16...	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	7	18	
17...	4	4	5	-	-	1	3	-	16	24	
18...	3	3	9	-	5	-	2	-	6	11	
19...	4	3	2	-	1	3	3	-	4	16	
20...	10	1	3	-	-	19	2	1	20	46	
21...	2	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	6	12	
22...	2	2	1	-	1	3	1	1	2	21	
23...	3	2	-	-	-	5	2	4	15	14	
24...	3	1	1	-	4	4	1	1	9	14	
25...	3	7	1	-	-	2	2	-	11	9	
T'ls..	51	52	32	4	22	48	41	24	197	309	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 1899.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	249	31	280	115	135	30	141	53	40	279	1
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	47	—	47	16	28	3	6	5	27	47	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	217	49	266	88	162	16	105	57	77	256	10
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	28	3	31	20	6	5	9	1	18	21	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	7	1	8	4	4	—	2	2	1	8	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	26	11	37	6	21	10	23	—	3	37	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	23	33	56	14	42	—	14	8	4	56	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,484	310	2,794	196	2,544	54	1,332	994	232	2,574	220
Totals	3,081	438	3,519	459	2,942	118	1,632	1,120	402	3,288	231

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	2	—	6	—	29	1	59	5	52	4	33	5	29	5	12	9	11	1	10	—	1	1	5	—
No. 2.	1	—	19	—	6	—	9	—	6	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
No. 3.	6	—	39	—	26	2	46	6	32	10	26	7	19	9	13	7	2	2	5	3	2	1	1	2
No. 4.	4	—	10	1	3	—	4	1	4	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6.	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	1	1	2	4	3	5	2	2	1	5	2	2	—	2	—	—	—
No. 7.	—	—	—	—	2	2	5	15	3	10	4	4	5	2	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
No. 8.	7	2	54	1	128	12	338	40	364	58	395	53	371	56	278	29	193	22	148	14	106	6	102	17
Totals	20	2	129	2	196	17	466	69	463	85	469	72	429	74	308	46	213	27	168	17	111	8	109	19

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	34	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	10	Males	15
Missing persons reported	36	Females	5
Missing persons found	12	Americans	11
Lost children restored	331	Foreigners	9
Sick and injured persons assisted	309	Non-residents	19

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,887	—	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,494	—
British Provinces	297	—	Finland	4	—
Ireland	832	—	Denmark	3	—
England	111	—	Holland	3	—
France	4	—	Wales	2	—
Germany	31	—	East Indies	—	—
Italy	72	—	West Indies	4	—
Russia	47	—	Turkey	1	—
China	78	—	South America	3	—
Greece	23	—	Switzerland	1	—
Sweden	38	—	Belgium	3	—
Scotland	48	—	Africa	—	—
Spain	—	—	Hungary	—	—
Norway	12	—	Asia	—	—
Poland	8	—	Arabia	1	—
Austria	5	—	Mexico	—	—
Portugal	1	—	Armenia	—	—
Roumania	—	—			
<i>Carried forward</i>	3,494	—	Totals	3,519	—

Messsages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 12 M., on Thursday, June 29, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Appointment by the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 29, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Charles E. Spaulding a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

Loan for Various Municipal Purposes.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 29, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on June 27, 1899, appropriating \$100,000 for various municipal purposes.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

June 27, 1899.

Ordered, That this Board having received a communication from the Mayor requesting the making of loan appropriations for the following purposes, and having prepared the following loan appropriation order, making such appropriations to be met by loan, and for such purposes as this Board deem the public necessity or convenience require, do hereby pass the same, and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston, to the total amount of such appropriations, viz.:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Filing cases and alterations in connection with same \$3,500

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Faneuil Hall building, reconstruction, additional 8,000

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Congress street bridge, reconstruction 10,000
Street improvements, general 75,000

WIRE DEPARTMENT.

For carrying out the provisions of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, additional 3,500

Total \$100,000

Passed, and we certify that none of the said appropriations are to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Land for War Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 29, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

The United States government, through the War Department, desires to purchase additional land on Long Island for the enlargement of the area already under its ownership, and the Trustees for Paupers have assented to this proposed transfer of land. The price has been agreed to at \$1,200 an acre, which, it seems to me, is a fair compensation for the city to receive from the government, and I desire to ask for the speedy passage of the accompanying order, as the War Department desires to take possession of the additional land at once.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to convey to the United States government the land on Long Island required by the War Department for an enlargement of the parcel of land on said island already owned by the United States government and used for military purposes, at a price of \$1,200 per acre.

Transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, June 29, 1899, President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

School Accommodations—Central Station.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 16, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting them to provide additional primary school accommodations in the section of Ward 23 known as Central Station.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

June 12, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, February 14, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to provide school accommodations of the primary grade at that section of Ward 23, known as Central Station, report that while they realize the importance of school facilities keeping pace with the development of this section of the city, they are yet constrained to state that there are no funds at their disposal to meet the cost of a new building as suggested. They hope, however, to be able to provide the desired accommodations at no distant date, and recommend that the Common Council be informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that this matter will receive their favorable consideration at the earliest opportunity.

For the Committee,

E. I. ALDRICH, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Schools and School-houses.

New School—Ward 17.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 16, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting them to consider the advisability of selecting a site and erecting thereon a new primary school-house in the vicinity of Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

June 13, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings to whom was referred, March 28, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to consider the advisability of selecting a site and erecting thereon a new primary school-house in the vicinity of Thorndike and Reed streets, Ward 17, report that this proposition has been brought to the attention of the School Committee a number of times; and your committee fully appreciate the efforts of the residents of this section to obtain additional school accommodations, which are undoubtedly needed, and they recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the School Committee will take the necessary steps towards the selection of a site and the erection of a building as soon as an appropriation for the purpose can be obtained.

For the Committee,

E. I. ALDRICH, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Schools and School-houses.

School Building — Leon Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 16, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication received from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting them to take such steps as may be necessary for the erection of a building for kindergarten and primary school purposes on the site of the present school building on Leon street, Ward 19.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

June 13, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, March 28, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to take such steps as may be necessary for the erection of a building for kindergarten and primary school purposes on the site of the present school building on Leon street, Ward 19, report that the necessity of replacing the present Ira Allen School-house, referred to, by a new and modern building has long been recognized, and numerous efforts have been made to bring about the desired result. Your committee gave this matter very earnest consideration some months ago, but arrived at the conclusion that it would be wiser to obtain a better and more conveniently located site in the Sherwin District than to rebuild on the present Leon-street lot. An appropriation to cover the cost of a new building is now available, the architects have been selected by this Board, and your committee understand that favorable action has been taken by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and by both branches of the City Council with regard to providing an appropriation to cover the cost of a new site. Your committee recommend that the information contained in the foregoing report be transmitted to the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

For the Committee,

E. I. ALDRICH, Chairman.

Accepted and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Schools and School-houses.

School-house — Byron Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, June 16, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting them to consider the advisa-

bility of purchasing land and erecting a school-house in the vicinity of Byron street, Ward 1.

Very respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

June 13, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, March 28, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to consider the advisability of purchasing land and erecting a school-house thereon in the vicinity of Byron street, Ward 1, the expense of the same to be taken from the sum set aside by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the purpose of building new schools, report that in consideration of the somewhat limited amount available for new school accommodations during the current year, and the urgent necessities existing in various sections of the city for additional facilities, your committee felt that they could not consistently favor the proposition in question this year. They hope, however, to be able to give this matter renewed consideration early next year, and recommend that the Common Council be so informed.

For the Committee,

E. I. ALDRICH, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor

A true copy.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Schools and School-houses.

Playground — Tileston School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 16, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting the committee to lay out and construct as a park and playground a portion of the yard of the Tileston School, Dorchester.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

June 13, 1899.

The Committee on the Ninth Division, to whom was referred, May 23, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that the School Committee lay out and construct as a park and playground, a portion of the yard of the Tileston School, Dorchester District, which is not now used for any purpose, report that the proposition meets with their cordial approval, but they are not aware of any funds within the control of the School Committee which can be drawn upon to meet the cost of the suggested improvements. They therefore recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that there is no objection on the part of this Board to the proposed use of the unoccupied portion of the Tileston School lot until such time as it may be required for school purposes, provided

that all expense in connection with this matter be assumed by the Common Council.

For the committee,

EMILY A. FIFIELD, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Schools and School-houses.

Repair of Chapman School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 16, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting them to give a public hearing in regard to the necessity of repairs and alterations in the Chapman School-house.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

June 13, 1899.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, March 28, a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to give a public hearing to the citizens of East Boston in regard to the necessity of repairs and alterations in the Chapman School-house, report that inasmuch as it is proposed to begin the construction of a new building in place of the Chapman School-house, at an early date, no further action is necessary on the communication referred.

For the Committee,

THOMAS F. STRANGE, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest: THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Schools and School-houses.

Police Officer — Orchard Park.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 29, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police in regard to your order requesting them to station an officer at Orchard Park, Ward 17.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE.

June 21, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have received this morning: "Ordered, That the Board of Police be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to station an officer on duty on Orchard Park, Ward 17.

In Common Council, June 15, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

DANIEL J. KILEY, President."

Which you referred to us for such action as is considered proper. In reply I desire to say that the Board of Police will communicate with the captain of this district, and will request him to station an officer on duty at Orchard Park, Ward 17, for the present.

I remain, very respectfully,

ROBERT F. CLARK, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Wires on Broadway.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 29, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Wires in reply to your order requesting information as to "whether any action can be taken to oblige the Boston Elevated Railway Company to place its cables on Broadway, South Boston, underground."

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

WIRE DEPARTMENT.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of the following order passed by the Common Council June 15, 1899:

"Ordered, That the Wire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council whether any action can be taken to oblige the Boston Elevated Railway Company to place its cables on Broadway, South Boston, underground, in order to prevent further injury to the trees on that thoroughfare."

I respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

Chapter 454, Acts of 1894, authorizes the Commissioner of Wires to cause to be removed from above the surface of the streets all wires with the exception of the long distance telephone wires and the trolley wires of the Boston Elevated Railway Company within the district south of Dover and Berkeley streets, which includes that portion of the city proper. This act does not give him authority to order the removal of any wires or cables outside that district until after January 1, 1900.

Chapter 249, Acts of 1898, authorizes him to remove from at least two miles of streets, avenues and highways, within any portion of the City of Boston, all wires, with the exception of those before mentioned, it being the purpose and intention of this act to cause the removal from twenty miles of streets, avenues and highways outside the prescribed district of all overhead wires prior to the first day of January, in the year 1910. At any time after January 1, 1900, the Commissioner of Wires can order the Boston Elevated Railway Company to place its cables on Broadway, South Boston, underground, providing that public interests will be best served by so doing.

Inasmuch as the amount of streets which are to be cleared of poles and wires is limited to two miles per year, it will require careful consideration on the part of the Wire Commissioner as to where this work shall first begin. The purpose and intention of this act would seem to be that that portion of the city where large numbers of

wires are located which would prove to be an obstruction to the Fire Department in the performance of its duties, and where they are in a measure a menace to life and property should be first attended to; and there are a great many streets within the city limits that contain more overhead wires which are in a worse condition at the present time than those in Broadway, South Boston.

The location of the poles owned by the Boston Elevated Railway Company was granted by the Board of Aldermen. It was impossible to support the wires on these poles without interfering with the trees, in many cases without fastening them thereto. These fastenings are of an unreliable nature, and cannot be depended on; they frequently give way and let the wires come in contact with the branches, abrading the insulation, and often shortening the life of the trees very materially. These feeders, however, are a necessary adjunct to that portion of the street railway which cannot be operated without them, and there is no authority vested in the Wire Commissioner to cause their removal at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS W. FLOOD,

Commissioner of Wires.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Park Near Columbia Road.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, June 29, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reply to your order requesting the said Board "to lay out a park and a playground south-east of the Columbia road, and to consider the feasibility of providing in connection therewith, if possible, a suitable house for beach-bathing purposes."

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

June 26, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reply to the request of the Common Council of June 15, that we submit a report in relation to the matter of a park or playground in the territory south-east of Columbia road and providing in connection therewith a suitable house for beach-bathing purposes, we beg to say that the land in question is a margin of salt marsh, irregular in form, bordering on extensive flats and undefended from the tides which cover it for considerable periods each month, and that to make the ground available for the purposes mentioned would require a large expenditure of money for which no appropriation is available.

This location is so near the L street bath-house as to make it undesirable to establish another bathing place here.

Yours respectfully,

LABAN PRATT, Chairman pro tempore.

Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved June 28, 1899:

The Constables' bonds of two persons.

A permit to the Roslindale Hardware Company, to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum.

A permit to F. R. Brown & Co., to run two passenger barges between Rowe's wharf and Bowdoin square, via Broad, Kilby, State and Court streets, and one barge between said wharf and Northern Station, via Broad street, Merchants' Row, Union street, Haymarket square and Canal street, during the present season.

Permits to construct cellar bottoms at grade 10, in accordance with the following petitions:

S. A. Woods Machine Company, building on Earl street, near Dorr street, Ward 15.

Frederick Ayer, stable at 10-12 Scotia street, Ward 10.

Permits to project signs, etc., granted in accordance with the following petitions:

C. F. Tomey, two barber poles, at 25 Cunard street, Ward 18.

L. Starr & Co., two small show cases, at 28 Tremont row, Ward 6.

Pain's Fireworks Company, sign at 110 State street, Ward 6.

M. I. Bornstein, auctioneer's flag, at 3 Bowdoin square, Ward 6.

Solomon A. Epstein, two mortar signs, at 12 Tremont row, Ward 6.

P. Schendel & Co., illuminated sign, at 55 Court street.

Wong Company, sign, at 169 Cambridge street, Ward 8.

Israel Finkelstein, sign, at 2805 Washington street, Ward 22.

J. G. Stone, sign, at 888 Harrison avenue, Ward 12.

John J. Joynt, transparency, at 14 Broadway extension, Ward 7.

F. W. Reeves, illuminated druggist's mortar, at 1 Green street, Ward 6.

Harry Friedberg, sign, at 324 Harrison avenue, Ward 9.

C. H. Jackson, illuminated sign, at 93 Blackstone street, Ward 6.

Frederick C. Martin, sign, at 30 Warren-ton street, Ward 7.

Max Shachtanwitz, three barber poles, at 63 North street, Ward 6.

Frank E. Wyman & Co., V-shaped sign, at 9 Otis street, Ward 7.

Jesse M. Patrick, two barber poles, at 78 Green street, Ward 8.

Harry Crocker, sign, at 4 Dwight street, Ward 9.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Michael J. O'Brien, artificial sidewalk, 12 Richfield street, Ward 20.

Elliven Savage, artificial sidewalk with edgestone, 99 and 100 Munroe street, Ward 21.

A. H. Flint, 542 East Fifth and on Jay street, Ward 14.

C. A. Folsom, artificial sidewalk, 3 to 9 Edgewood street, Ward 21.

Lomer Lahaise, artificial sidewalk, 39-45 Cranston street, Ward 22.

William W. Sampson, artificial sidewalk, 72 Sheridan street, Ward 22.

Samuel S. Riddell, 60 Elm street, Ward 22.

Estate of J. D. Braman, 714 Commonwealth avenue, Ward 11.

James Mulcahy, 17-21 Homestead street, Ward 21.

Catherine Lombard, artificial sidewalk, 103 Bowdoin avenue, Ward 20.

Charles H. Goddard, artificial sidewalk, 32-34 Page street and on McLellan street, Ward 20.

James Calder, artificial sidewalk, 60 McLellan street, Ward 20.

Ellen T. Bresnahan, artificial sidewalk, 64 McLellan street, Ward 20.

John J. Cashen, artificial sidewalk, 58 McLellan street, Ward 20.

Mary Smiddy et al., 220, 222, 224 and 226 Paris street, Ward 2.

A. H. Flint, 81-83 P street, Ward 14.

J. Homer Pierce et al., trustees, on Bellevue street, near Columbus road, Ward 20.

Marie E. Sundberg, artificial sidewalk, 4 Allston street, Ward 20.

John Mahan, artificial sidewalk, Dewey street, corner Howard avenue, Ward 16.

Alice E. Sowden, artificial sidewalk, 6-8 Allston street, Ward 20.

Charles F. Collins, artificial sidewalk, 215-217 Washington street, Ward 20.

The following were approved June 29, 1899:

Permits to project bay-windows, viz.:

Charles W. Alden, one window, at 179-181 Bunker Hill street, Ward 3.

James H. Libby, one window, at 10 Tremont street, Ward 2.

Sophia M. Hauk, one window, at 647 East Broadway, Ward 14.

B. A. Dyer, two windows, corner Quincy and Magnolia streets, Ward 20.

The following were approved June 30, 1899:

Permit to G. W. Harvey, to erect, maintain, and use two guy-posts with the necessary ropes attached thereto in and over Medford street, opposite Nos. 29 and 33, Ward 8; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Permit to George W. Harvey, to erect, maintain, and use a guy-post with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Charlestown street, opposite No. 145, Ward 6; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Permit to Norcross Brothers, to erect, maintain, and use two guy-posts with the necessary ropes attached in and over Beacon street, at or near No. 420 and at or near the corner of Hereford street, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Permit to Norcross Brothers, to erect, maintain, and use three guy-posts with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over St. Stephen street, for use in constructing the new Music Hall building; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were presented to the Mayor June 19, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to prepare plans and widen Geneva avenue, to a width of sixty feet, from Bowdoin street to Grove Hall, Ward 20.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept Longfellow street, Ward 20, as a public street, and construct the same under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891.

HOUSES ORDERED VACATED AND DEMOLISHED DURING JUNE.

Following is a list of houses ordered vacated by the Board of Health during the month of June, 1899:

27 Thorndike street.
Rear of 70 Carver street.
15 Morton street.
7 Rockingham place.
28 Rockingham place.
30 Rockingham place.
Lamson street, first right and east from Maverick street.
298 Athens street.
300 Athens street.
Carleton street, rear of 39 Holyoke street.
26 Athens street.
28 Athens street.
28 Lowell street.
30 Lowell street.
66 Nashua street.
68 Nashua street.
70 Nashua street.
35 Minot street.
37 Minot street.
45 Compton street.
43 Compton street.
36 Northampton street.
34 Northampton street.
12 Clifton park.
14 Clifton park.
16 Clifton park.
18 Clifton park.
102 West Springfield street.
396 Bennington street.

The following is a list of the buildings ordered demolished during the month of June by the Board of Health:

1 to 9 Oliver court.
First rear of 2249 Washington street.
Rear of 49 Barton street.
Rear of 145 Ward street; stable, occupied by Michael Gilligan.
Rear of 141 Ward street; stable, occupied by Eugene Cronin.

Rear of 141 Ward street; stable, occupied by Bernard Doherty.

Rear of 139 Ward street; stable, occupied by Daniel Noonan.

First rear of 147 Ward street; stable, occupied by Matthew McCormick.

Second rear of 147 Ward street; stable, occupied by James Dolan.

Two stables on land of Longwood Trust Company, near the junction of Longwood and Huntington avenues, occupied by Charles W. Kenney.

Building situated on the land of Folsom heirs, at the junction of Huntington avenue and the Tremont entrance of the Fenway; occupied by Michael Egan.

Building situated on land of Folsom heirs, at the junction of Huntington avenue and Tremont street entrance of the Fenway; occupied as a stable by Daniel Sugrue.

Building situated on land of Folsom heirs, at the junction of Huntington avenue and the Tremont entrance of the Fenway; occupied as a stable by W. H. McGowan.

Rear of 39 Barton street.

Six buildings situated on premises of Sarsfield heirs.

141 and 143 Harvard street.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending July 1, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week 18.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898, 17.8

Number of deaths:

Males 100
Females 93

Total 193

Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898 182

Increase 11

Of the 193 decedents, 187 were white and 6 colored; 126 were born in the United States, 63 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 43 were of American parentage, 126 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 24 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	58	4
Scarlatina	21	1
Typhoid fever	9	—
Measles	66	1
Totals	154	6

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	29
Pneumonia	18
Heart disease	9
Bronchitis	3
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	13

Total from principal causes 75

Total from infectious diseases 6

Total from other causes 112

Total from all causes 193

Deaths of children under 1 year 38

Deaths of children under 5 years 60

Deaths of persons over 60 years 28

Deaths in public institutions 58

Awards of Contracts.

Park Department.

Proposals for building walls at Jamaica Park, Franklin Park and Dorchester Park were opened at the office of the Park Department, 64 Pemberton square, on June 21, 1899:

Jamaica Park — Perkins street:

Bidders.	Bids. Item 1. Per linear foot.
D. F. O'Connell	\$4 25
Robert L. Barrett	2 40

The contract was awarded to Robert L. Barrett.

Arboretum — Centre street:

	Item 1. Per linear foot.	Item 2. Per linear foot.
F. B. Gilbreth	\$4 14	(total) \$975 00
D. F. O'Connell	3 26	3 00
John A. Rooney	2 34	1 44

The contract was awarded to John A. Rooney.

Franklin Park — Morton street:

	Item 1. Per linear foot.	Item 2. Per cubic yard.
F. B. Gilbreth	\$4 14	\$5 00
D. F. O'Connell	3 07	6 50
John A. Whittemore's Sons,	2 65	6 00
John A. Rooney	2 39	4 20

The contract was awarded to John A. Rooney.

Franklin Park — Canterbury street:

	Item 1. Per linear foot.	Item 2. Per cubic yard.
F. B. Gilbreth	\$4 14	\$5 00
James McGuinn & Co.: Roxbury stone	3 50	—
Seam-faced granite	2 50	—
D. F. O'Connell	3 07	6 50
John A. Rooney	2 34	4 20
John A. Whittemore's Sons,	1 95	6 00

The contract was awarded to John A. Whittemore's Sons.

Dorchester Park — Adams street:

	Item 1. Per linear foot.
D. F. O'Connell	\$3 04
John A. Whittemore's Sons	2 35
P. J. Lyons	2 18

The contract was awarded to P. J. Lyons.

NOTE.—Bids on Item 1 are for building the wall, foundation-work not being necessary; bids on Item 2 are for building a wall and laying a cement foundation.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Treasury Department.

The following bids for the 3½ per cent. loans offered by the City of Boston were opened at noon on June 28, 1899, by City Treasurer Turner:

United States Trust Company of Boston — \$825,000 highway 20-year loan, \$104.43; \$1,000,000 for sewers, 30 years, \$105.78; \$500,000, parks, 30 years, \$105.78; \$410,000,

30 years, \$105.78; \$197,000, various municipal purposes, 10 years, \$102.57, and \$200,000, same purpose, 20 years, \$104.43; \$330,000, new ferry landing, 20 years, \$104.43; \$300,000, South Union Station, 5 years, \$101.40; \$150,000, sewer assessments, repayment, 5 years, 101.40; \$200,000, rapid transit, Charlestown bridge, 40 years, \$106.76; \$100,000, Cambridge bridge, 40 years, \$106.76; \$100,000, Malden bridge, 20 years, \$104.43; \$49,000, playground, 30 years, \$105.78; \$350,000, Stony brook, 40 years, 106.76.

William H. Champin, trustee, New York — \$350,000, sewerage, \$108.57; \$250,000, parks, \$109.11; \$200,000, water-main extension, \$108.97; \$200,000, ferry landing, \$106.75; \$100,000, Cambridge bridge, \$111; \$100,000, Charlestown bridge, \$110.75; \$350,000, Stony brook, \$111.10; \$400,000, highways, \$107.11.

A. Harrison, trustee, New York — \$500,000, highways, \$107.53; \$700,000, sewers, \$109.53; \$275,000, parks, \$109.87; \$225,000, water, \$109.53; \$200,000 for various city purposes, \$107.53; \$197,000, same purpose, \$104.29; \$200,000, ferry, \$107.53; \$300,000, South Union Station, \$102.29; \$110,000, Charlestown bridge, \$111.53; \$65,000, Cambridge bridge, \$111.53; \$100,000, Malden bridge, \$107.53; \$175,000, Stony brook, \$111.75.

Mason, Lewis & Co., Boston, representing Illinois Trust and Savings Bank — Up to \$1,000,000 maturing 1929, \$107.899 and interest, being the sewerage bond for at least \$500,000, which is their preference. Same firm offers to take at the same price, together, \$500,000 park loan, 1929, and \$410,000 water loan maturing 1921.

Arthur S. Leland & Co., New York — Entire \$410,000, 30 years, water loan, \$1,080.39 for each \$1,000 bond.

R. L. Day, Blake Brothers & Co. and Estabrook & Co. — Entire \$4,711,000, par and premium, or \$1,066.17 for each \$1,000 bond.

Beacon Trust Company, Boston — For all or part of \$100,000 at \$107.271.

Farson, Leach & Co., Chicago and New York — For all or part of \$250,000, 5 years, \$101.75; \$197,000, 10 years, \$103.27; \$250,000, 20 years, \$106.265; \$250,000, 30 years, \$108.15, and \$250,000, 30 years, \$107.575; \$250,000, 40 years, \$109.26; \$400,000, 40 years, \$109.06.

Harvey Fisk & Sons — For all or part of \$650,000, 40 years, \$109.15; \$1,959,000, 30 years, \$107.875; \$1,455,000, 20 years, \$106; \$197,000, 10 years, \$103.50; \$450,000, 5 years, \$101.875 and accrued interest. Also all or none of the entire \$4,711,000 at \$107.277 and accrued interest.

Perry, Coffin & Burr — \$100,000 Cambridge bridge, \$109.13; \$100,000 sewerage, \$107.78; \$100,000, park, \$107.78; \$100,000, water mains, \$107.78 and accrued interest.

Abraham White, Trustee, New York — "Premium of 108.44 per cent. for all or none of the whole."

The bonds were awarded to Abraham White, New York City, but as he failed to comply with the requirements of the circular, namely, to deposit 1 per cent. of the amount of the bonds within 24 hours of the time the award was made, the Treasurer awarded the whole issue to Messrs. Harvey Fisk & Sons, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor.

Board Meetings.

Library Department.

Friday, June 16, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Bowditch, DeNormandie, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Communications from President Charles W. Eliot, dated June 10; from Mrs. A. G. Backman, dated May 26; from Rev. Jesse H. Jones, dated June 14; the Acting Librarian's report.

The salary of Charles A. Hardy, Bates Hall service, was fixed at \$7 per week, beginning June 1.

The Examining Committee was appointed. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 482.)

The Custodian of the Special Libraries reported that he had purchased at the sale of the Montaignon Library with a sum of \$1,000 placed at his disposal for the purpose by a friend of the Library, a valuable collection of books, etc., relating to the Fine and Industrial Arts.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$279.44; to trust funds, \$67.50; Fellowes Athenæum, \$35.94; Station "P," \$5.75; miscellaneous articles, \$327.16.

JAMES DENORMANDIE,

Clerk pro tempore.

Park Department.

June 12, 1899.

The Superintendent submitted an estimate of the cost of an expanded metal fence six feet high, which he proposed to erect along the sea wall at Mystic Playground at a cost of \$360, and also recommended that the proposals of the Van Dorn Iron Works Company, for iron fences at Fellowes street and Mystic Playgrounds, be accepted at their offer of \$490.44 and \$429.90 respectively, and the Superintendent was authorized to order the fences in accordance with his recommendations.

The Superintendent submitted a report of the Engineer in regard to marking the boundary line of the Fens between the Boston and Albany Railroad and Brookline avenue with permanent stone bounds, and it was

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to do the work in accordance with said report.

Communications from the Baths Department with reference to the transfer of North End Beach and bath-houses, and the bath-houses at Wood Island, for the season of 1899, were received and it was

Voted, That this Board hereby authorizes the Baths Department to take the care and control of the baths at Wood Island Park and the baths and piers at North End Beach, including the beach and grounds northerly of Commercial street, from the fifteenth day of June to the first day of October in the current year, upon the following terms, namely:

(1.) The said baths and piers, beach and grounds shall be open to this Board at all

times, and the right is reserved to the Boston Parks Boat Service Company to maintain a boat landing at the end of the westerly pier of the North End Beach under the conditions of its agreement with this Board, including the privilege of furnishing light refreshments at said landing.

(2.) The Baths Department shall keep said premises clean and well-lighted, heated, watched and guarded during said term, and shall employ such attendants as may be necessary for the purpose.

(3.) This Board reserves the right to revoke the authority hereby given at any time in its discretion, and with the approval of the Mayor.

Voted, That there be allowed and paid to John J. Flynn the sum of \$450 in full settlement of all claims for insurance and extra painting or other work on the refectory building at Franklin Park, under his contract dated May 21, 1894, provided he gives an acquittance and discharge of all claims and demands arising or growing out of said contract or the performance thereof satisfactory to the Law Department.

June 19, 1899.

Voted, That the elevations above seventy feet, as shown on the plans for house for Robert S. Bradley, on Commonwealth avenue, submitted by Little & Brown, architects, be approved, and that the Chairman endorse said approval on the plans.

The application of the Edison Electric Light Company for permit to lay a conduit between Boylston road and Westland entrance in the Fenway, in accordance with plan submitted, dated June 12, 1899, was granted under regulations as to back filling the trench prepared by the Superintendent.

Voted, That the lot of 921 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet shown on plan of land to be abandoned at junction of Audubon road and Peterborough street, dated January 10, 1898, signed by C. E. Putnam, assistant engineer, be sold to George A. Nickerson for the sum of \$1,108, provided he subjects his land abutting on said Audubon road to the usual Parkway restrictions, and that the Law Department be requested to prepare the papers to transfer said land in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 141 of the Acts of 1898.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Laying-out Department.

Thursday, June 15.

A public hearing was given in the matter of widening Hancock street at Dorchester.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Sumner terrace, and a catch-basin in Cunningham street.

Friday, June 16.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Medway street and Pontiac street.

Draper street was ordered laid out, and the order was sent to the Mayor for his approval.

A hearing was given in the matter of changes on Board of Survey plans W 89, 90, Plat 3.

Tuesday, June 20.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out Nottingham street and Moseley street, and of relocating Washington street.

A petition was received for a surface drain in Kenrick street.

Wednesday, June 21.

A public hearing was given in the matter of relocating Perkins street, at West Roxbury.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Chadwick place and of Moseley avenue.

Thursday, June 22.

Public hearings were given in the matter of the construction of a surface drain, at West Roxbury, in Dent and Pleasant streets, and in private land; the relocation of the Canterbury branch of Stony brook, between Lauriat avenue and Callender street; and of the relocation of the Southern avenue fork of the Canterbury branch of Stony brook.

It was voted to award George G. North \$4,000 for damages occasioned his estate by the relocation of Spring street.

A petition was received for a sewer in Glade avenue.

An order was passed laying out Congreve street.

Friday, June 23.

A public hearing was given on the Board of Survey plans in Plat 10.

Petitions were received for the extension of Malvern street to Cambridge street; for a catch-basin in Stanwood street, a sewer in Harrishof street, and a sewer in Carter street.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Oakview terrace and to relocate Corinth street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, June 19, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending June 17, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	103
Number of discharges of mortgages	16
Number of assignments of mortgages	4
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of bills of sale	7
Number of assignments of wages	30
Number of married women's certificates,	8

The following accident notices have been filed:

June 12—W. H. Peterson, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in bridge running over Ipswich street. Emily Wilkes, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Kneeland street.

June 14—Margaret M. Kenney, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in highway at junction of Warren and Zeigler streets.

June 15—Mary F. Douglass, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in Trumbull street. Rudolph Kussmaul, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in Columbia road. Henry Crossfield, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in Columbia road.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, June 19, 1899

Statistics for the week ending June 17, 1899:

Cases pending	1	
Number of applications	56	
	—	57
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	18	
Long Island Almshouse	11	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	2	
Boston Insane Hospital	8	
Danvers Insane Hospital,	1	
Taunton Insane Hospital,	3	
Foxboro' Asylum	3	
Epileptic Hospital	1	
	—	47
Number of applications refused,	5	
Number of applications withdrawn	4	
Cases pending	1	
	—	57
Settlements investigated		95
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children		15

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, June 12, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending June 10, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	130	7
Females	10	2
Totals	140	9
Offences:		
Against the person	12	1
Against property	8	5
Against public order and decency	122	3
Totals	* 142	9
Discharges:		
Males	163	6
Females	27	3
Totals	190	9
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence,	162	5
Permit of Commis- sioner	9	—
Payment of fine	19	2
Transferred	—	2
Totals	190	9
Population:		
June 3, 1899	1,079	459
Committed since June 3, 1899	140	9
Totals	1,219	468
Discharged since June 3, 1899	190	9
June 10, 1899	1,029	459

* Two committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, May 29, 1899.

The following is a summary by the Commissioner of Wires of the work performed

by the Wire Department for the week ending May 27, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	372
Defects reported	93
Defects corrected	148
Feet of dead wire removed	13,800
Feet of dead wire retained	1,100
Fixtures removed	18
Notices of new work received	23
Poles set	8

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	267
New notices received	123

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	1
Building connections	11
Repairs	3

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	53
Building connections	6
Lamp connections	1
Pole connections	1
Repairs	6
Installation of underground transformers	1

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting on Monday, July 3, voted to adjourn till Monday, July 17, at 3 P.M.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 30, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Spencer street be laid out as a highway, at Dorchester, from Athelwold street to Harvard street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the fourteenth day of July, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 30, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Swett street be relocated as a highway, from Massachusetts avenue to Dorchester avenue, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the fourteenth day of July, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 26, 1899.

The undersigned respectfully asks leave to erect five hard pine poles, thirty-five feet high, twelve inches square at base, on Joiner street, in Charlestown District, for electric wires at points shown by red dots on plan drawn by Charles A. Pearson, dated June 26, 1899.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company,
GEORGE B. NEAL, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 29, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the tenth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 12, 1899.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to erect poles for the support of its wires in the streets of Boston, as follows:

DORCHESTER.

Savin Hill avenue, between Robinson court and Evandale terrace—Six poles, 35 feet by 12 inches. Sidewalk, 6 feet.

Adams street, between Codman and Richmond streets—Seventeen poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 7 feet.

Dorchester avenue, between Adams and Faulkner streets—Five poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 7 feet.

ROXBURY.

St. Alphonsus street, between Longwood avenue and Calumet street—Four poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 7 feet.

Fellows street, between East Lenox and Hunneman streets—Six poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 7 feet.

SOUTH BOSTON.

Mercer street, corner of East Eighth street—One pole, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 7 feet.

Boston Electric Light Company,
By SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 26, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the tenth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Traveler, Dorchester Beacon, Roxbury Gazette, THE CITY RECORD and South Boston News.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, June 30, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 in the Old Court House, at 11 A.M. of Friday, July 7, 1899, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plan numbered O 42, made by the Board of Survey, and filed May 22, 1894, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is in that part of Boston formerly Brighton, and is situated at the north-west corner of Commonwealth avenue and Washington street.

JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
Street Commissioners.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 29, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a single curve at the junction of Lexington and Shelby streets, East Boston, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated June 29, 1899, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

June 29, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the East Boston Argus-Advocate, Boston Traveler and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO OWNERS AND DRIVERS OF LICENSED VEHICLES.

Licenses for Hackney Carriages, Cabs, Coupes, Job Wagons and other licensed vehicles expire on the thirtieth of June, and neglect to make applications to have them renewed may cause the licensees to forfeit locations now occupied by them.

Applications for carriage licenses can be made at 29 Pemberton square.

Applications for wagon licenses can be made at the station-houses on the several police divisions where the applicants desire to do business.

Licenses will not be granted for vehicles to stand in: Adams square, Avon street, Brattle street, Cornhill, Court street (east of Bowdoin square, including Scolay square), Devonshire street (north of Franklin street), Green street (between Bowdoin street and Chambers street), Milk street (west of Postoffice square), Pemberton square (between Tremont street and the square proper), Summer street (west of Devonshire street), Temple place, Tremont street (north of Pleasant street), Washington street (north of Dover street), West street, nor in any public street or square where in the judgment of the Board the granting of such licenses would impede public travel.

By order of the Board of Police,
THOMAS RYAN, Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD.

EXCAVATING SOIL AND BUILDING A ROAD.

Boston, July 3, 1899.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, No. 3 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass., until 2.30 o'clock P.M. of Monday, July 24, 1899, for excavating soil and building a road about 15,000 feet long in West Boylston and Boylston. The principal items of work to be done are approximately 100,000 cubic yards of earth excavation, 3,000 cubic yards of rock excavation, 4,500 cubic yards of slope paving, 500 cubic yards of masonry laid in mortar and 275 linear feet of pipe culverts, twelve inches in diameter.

Pamphlets containing further information for bidders, forms of proposal, contract and specifications, will be mailed to contractors who apply to the Chief Engineer, or may be obtained at his office, 3 Mt. Vernon street, Boston. Plans may be seen after July 13 at the office of the Chief Engineer and at the office of the Board in Clinton, Mass. The printed form must be used in making proposals. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to accept the proposals deemed best for the Commonwealth.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE, Chairman.

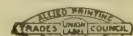
WILMOT R. EVANS,

HENRY P. WALCOTT,

Metropolitan Water Board.

FREDERIC P. STEARNS, Chief Engineer.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.



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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH CALDWELL.

The death of Mr. Joseph Caldwell, a well-known citizen of Charlestown, occurred at his summer home at Clifton, Mass., on Saturday, July 8, 1899.

Mr. Caldwell was born in Charlestown in 1822. He served an apprenticeship at spar-making in the Navy Yard, and in 1850 went into the mast and spar business at Winchester's wharf, Charlestown.

During 1860-61-62, and again in 1865, Mr. Caldwell served as a member of the Charlestown Board of Aldermen, and in 1880-81-82 he was a member of the Boston Board of Aldermen. He represented his district in the Massachusetts House of Representatives during 1858 and 1859.

THE EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

Following is the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Causten Browne et al. vs. Alfred T. Turner, City Treasurer, George G. Crocker et al., members of the Boston Transit Commission, the Boston Elevated Railway Company and the West End Street Railway Company, regarding the construction of the proposed East Boston tunnel:

HAMMOND, J. This is a petition under Statutes 1898, Chapter 490. At the threshold of the case it is urged by the respondents that the constitutional questions which the petitioners seek to raise are not open to them upon such a petition.

In view of the conclusion to which we have come in relation to the statutory questions involved, we have had no occasion to consider the constitutional questions, nor of course whether they can be raised in this way. The statutory question is simply whether the tunnel which the Transit Commission has voted, and intends to build, is such as Statutes 1897, Chapter 500, calls for.

As the first step in this inquiry it is necessary to ascertain what kind of a tunnel the Commission has voted and intends to build. On October 18, 1898, the Commission passed the following vote:

"Whereas, the Corporation Counsel has expressed the opinion that, under Section 17 of Chapter 500 of the Acts of the year 1897, this Commission is authorized to build a tunnel or tunnels to East Boston either from the surface at a point on or near Hanover street or from any subway or subways constructed under the authority of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1894:

"Voted, That the construction of a tunnel or tunnels, beginning on or near Hanover street in the City of Boston, or beginning at such other point or points as may be proper for a suitable connection with the subway or subways authorized by Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1894, thence running to a point at or near Maverick square in that part of Boston called East Boston, making there a suitable connection with the surface tracks, be proceeded with, and that as a preliminary the Chief Engineer be instructed to have surveys, estimates and plans made for such tunnel or tunnels."

On November 29, 1898, it "Voted, That Route 3-4 be adopted as the route for the East Boston tunnel as far as the vicinity of Atlantic avenue" in the city proper, and on February 16 and February 23, 1899, it passed the following votes, respectively:

"Whereas, The statutes creating this Commission and providing for the construction of the subway and a tunnel to East Boston contemplate a system of public travel to be conducted by street railway cars:

"Voted, That, in the judgment of this Commission, a connection by surface street railway tracks between the proposed tunnel to East Boston and the subway is a suitable connection within the meaning of Section 17 of Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897."

"Voted, That the construction of the tunnel west of the point indicated in the vote of Tuesday, November 29, 1898, shall

be such that the tracks shall rise to the surface of the ground by an inclined way."

In addition to these votes, the Court has found the following: "The tunnel about to be constructed under the votes set forth in Exhibit 3 will run from Maverick square in East Boston to the junction of Atlantic avenue and Eastern avenue in the city proper, along the route marked 3-4, as shown in Exhibit 2. The Commissioners have come to no definite decision as to the precise direction of the tunnel beyond the last named point, but they are considering the feasibility of bringing the tunnel to the surface on or near Atlantic avenue or Commercial street by means of an incline, or of coming to the surface near North square, or of turning in a southerly direction on Atlantic avenue and coming to the surface at some point south of the junction of that avenue with Eastern avenue, or of going towards the subway in some other direction."

It thus appears that the easterly terminus is to be at Maverick square, where it will come to the surface by an incline, making there a suitable connection with surface tracks, and that the westerly terminus will be at least as far west as the junction of Atlantic avenue and Eastern avenue in the city proper. Whether it will come to the surface at that point or at some distance from there is not definitely decided, but it is certain that it will come to the surface no nearer the subway than North square, which, as appears by the plan, is at least 1,500 feet from the nearest point of the subway, and much farther than that from any car entrance to the subway; and that the only connection between the tunnel and the subway is by means of surface tracks.

Is this such a tunnel as the statute calls for? If the statute requires that the tunnel shall make an actual physical connection with the subway, or at least a direct and immediate connection with the subway, so that passengers can pass directly from one to the other, the question must be answered in the negative. Otherwise it may be answered in the affirmative.

The decision of this question depends upon the interpretation to be given to the following words in Section 17 of Statutes 1897, Chapter 500: "Whenever said corporation [the Boston Elevated Railway Company] is authorized to begin the construction of its railroad over the route first applied for, as provided in Section 13 of this act, the Boston Transit Commission shall construct a tunnel or tunnels of sufficient size for two railway tracks, with approaches, entrances, sidings, stations and connections therefor, and for the running of railway cars therein, or such other point or points as said Board may deem proper for a suitable connection

with the subway or subways provided for in Section 25 of said Chapter 548, to a point at or near Maverick square in that part of Boston called East Boston, where a suitable connection with surface tracks may be made."

Simply and briefly the question is: Does this language require that the westerly end of the tunnel shall touch the subway, or at least come in direct and immediate connection with it, as above stated?

Inasmuch as the words last above quoted constitute only a part of one section in a statute of several sections, which statute is only one of several upon the same general subject of rapid transit in Boston and its immediate vicinity, it is proper to review to some extent the prior legislation on this matter; and, further, to see what was the actual condition of things, physical or otherwise, at the time of the passage of the act, so far as material to this inquiry.

The first act authorizing the construction of a subway was Statutes 1893, Chapter 478. Section 1, provided that the Mayor of Boston should appoint a Board of three Subway Commissioners. By Section 2 this Board was authorized to lay out and construct for street railway purposes a subway, with approaches, stations, exits and entrances, from a point or points at or near the junction of Tremont and Pleasant streets to Scollay square, and to other streets near Scollay square to a point or points where, in the judgment of the Board, a suitable and advantageous exit to connect with surface tracks might be obtained.

By Section 3, authority was given to the Board to take lands either below or upon the surface as might be requisite, for the widening of the subway and for suitable approaches thereto and extension thereof to connect with surface tracks and for suitable stations, exits and entrances. By Section 7, power was given to the Board to compel the cars of any lines of street railway running in and through said city to run in and through the subway.

It is manifest that this statute contemplated a physical union between the entrances to and the exits from the subway and the surface tracks, and the Commission was authorized to take such "lands either below or upon the surface" as might be requisite for widening the subway, and for suitable approaches thereto and extension thereof, to connect with those tracks. In other words, they were authorized to build the subway and to extend the approach so as to make connection with the surface tracks.

The next statute is Statutes 1894, Chapter 548. The title is "An Act to Incorporate the Boston Elevated Railway Company and to promote Rapid Transit in the City of Boston and vicinity." The first twenty-two sections provide for the incorporation of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and authorize it to build an elevated railroad over certain routes therein specified, and to lease and purchase certain street or elevated railway lines. The remaining sections provide for the appointment of a Boston Transit Commission, consisting of five persons, and for the construction of subways and a tunnel.

Section 25 authorizes the Commission "to construct in the City of Boston a subway or subways, of sufficient size for four railroad

tracks with approaches, entrances, sidings, stations and connections therefor, and for the running of railway cars thereon through and under Tremont street and the adjoining mall of the Boston Common, and through public or private lands adjoining on said street, from a point or points within 100 feet of the junction of Tremont street and Shawmut avenue, to, through and under Scollay square," and "to a point or points on Washington street, or between Scollay square and Causeway street." By Section 26 the Commission was authorized to "construct a tunnel or tunnels of sufficient size for two railway tracks, with approaches, entrances, stations and connections therefor, and for the running of railway cars therein, from a point on or near Scollay square in the City of Boston, where a suitable connection may be made with the subway or subways provided for by this act, to a point on or near Maverick square in that part of Boston called East Boston, where a suitable connection with surface tracks may be made."

Section 27 authorized the Commission to construct subways from Tremont street "to a point on or near Boylston street, where a suitable connection with surface tracks may be made," and another subway from Boylston street "to a point or points on or near Columbus avenue, where a suitable connection with surface tracks may be made"; also another subway from Tremont street "to a point on or near Staniford street or Merri-mac square, where a suitable connection with surface tracks may be made."

By Section 29 the Commission "may locate and construct said subways, tunnels, approaches, tracks, sidings, stations, entrances and connections where it deems best within the limits aforesaid," with certain exceptions not here material; and by subsequent sections, full power to take lands either above or below the surface is given for the purpose of doing the work. By Section 35 the Commission was authorized to grant locations for tracks to, and for two tracks in, said subways and tunnels to be used by any street railway company or companies.

It will be observed that the Commission is to construct not only the subway proper, but also approaches, entrances, sidings, stations and connections therefor, and for the running of railway cars. That is to say, it is to bring the bottom of the subway to the surface of the ground, extending it far enough to make the connection between the subway tracks and the surface tracks, or, in other words, the point of connection from the subway side must be reached by the work which the Commission is authorized to do, while the point of connection from the other side must be reached by the street railway company; and the work of both is to constitute a continuous track or a foundation therefor.

All this means an actual physical connection between the track which the Commission is authorized to construct and the rest of the track, and the Commission is to make the connection; that is, the approach of the tunnel is to be extended far enough to reach the surface tracks. There is to be no intervening space between the extension of the subway and the ground where the surface tracks are laid, the ends of which are to connect with the ends of the subway tracks. The language is always the same, and it is obvious that it means an actual physical connection.

As to the tunnel authorized by Section 26, the language is precisely the same as to the appurtenances connected with the tunnel and as to the connection with surface tracks at its easterly terminus, and of course it must have the same construction. But as to the westerly end the act says that the start must be made "from a point on or near Scollay square . . . where a suitable connection may be made with the subway or subways provided for by this act." These subways were all connected, and a connection with the subway at Scollay square was all that was needed to enable the traveller to reach any point in any of these subways. The nature of that connection will be considered hereafter.

Statutes 1895, Chapter 440, and Statutes 1896, Chapter 492, are not material to this inquiry, and may be passed over without further notice.

We now come to Statutes 1897, Chapter 500, which contains in Section 17 the language to be construed. It is entitled "An Act to Promote Rapid Transit in the City of Boston and Vicinity." The most of its provisions concern the location and construction of the elevated road. But Section 5 provides that whenever the Boston Elevated Railway Company "shall request said Boston Transit Commission or the City of Boston to construct a subway in and under Cambridge street . . . to connect with the subway now being constructed by said Commission . . . said Commission shall forthwith construct an incline, open cut and subway beginning at a point on Cambridge street," etc., and running "to a junction at Scollay square with the subway."

Section 18 makes an additional appropriation for the payment of the costs and expenses of the subways and tunnel.

Between the passage of the Act of 1894 and that of 1897 much progress had been made in the subway construction, and a contract had been made between the City of Boston, acting by the Boston Transit Commission, and the West End Street Railway Company (to whose rights the Boston Elevated Railway afterward succeeded) by which the right to use and occupy the subways and tunnel, constructed or to be constructed under the then existing statutes was granted to the street railway company, such use to be only for the location of the tracks of the company and for the operation of its railway for the purposes enumerated in the contract. Before August, 1897, and probably early in the spring, that portion of the subway extending from the entrances in the Public Garden and from those at Pleasant street to Park street, was nearly completed, and the lessee was engaged in laying its tracks therein. In the spring of 1897, prior to the enactment of Chapter 500 of the acts of that year, the subway was under construction in Cornhill, between Scollay square and Washington street, in Hanover street, between Scollay square and Washington street, and in Washington street, between Adams square and Haymarket square; and the subway has since been completed along this route, from Scollay square to Travers street. At this time the East Boston cars tapped Washington street at Hanover street.

By agreement of parties it also appears:

"(1.) That such tunnel as the Boston Transit Commission is proceeding to

construct can be built within the sum now available for tunnel construction, which is \$2,634,000.

"(2.) That the estimated cost of such a tunnel as the Boston Transit Commission is about to construct is about \$2,500,000.

"(3.) That a tunnel from a point on or near Scollay square, or from any point on the subway, as now existing, to Maverick square cannot now, and would never have been built for any sum available for tunnel construction under the statute of 1894 or the statute of 1897. The estimates of the cost of such a tunnel are between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. The cost of the subway as now constructed is about \$4,250,000.

"(4.) That a tunnel from a point on or near Scollay square, or from any point on the present subway to Maverick square is materially longer and more expensive than a tunnel from any point northerly of the subway on or near Hanover street or Atlantic avenue, such as is proposed to be built.

"(5.) That some portions of the subway authorized by Statutes 1894, Chapter 548, viz.: space for two additional tracks between Scollay square and Park street and between Boylston street and Shawmut avenue, have not yet been built; but no action has been taken by the Commission looking to the construction under said act of any addition to the subway as now existing.

"(6.) That the only connection between the proposed tunnel and the subway, such that cars can pass from one to the other, will be by means of tracks run along the surface from the terminus of the tunnel to the entrance of the subway near Causeway street.

"(7.) That the distance from the intersection of Commercial street and Eastern avenue to the entrance of the subway on Causeway street is about 4,366 feet; that the distance from said intersection to the junction of Hanover and Washington streets via Fleet street and Hanover street, is about 2,517⁵/₁₀ feet, and via Commercial and Hanover streets about 3,346 feet.

"(8.) That said balance of appropriation is not sufficient to connect the tunnel with the subway by any underground structure so as to make a connection at grade to let cars pass immediately from the tunnel into the subway and vice versa.

"(9.) That the Boston Elevated Railway Company entered into an agreement with the City of Boston, dated December 15, 1897, a copy of which is hereto annexed and marked Exhibit 4.

"(10.) That prior to April 1, 1897, the portion of the subway north of Scollay square was under construction in Cornhill, in Hanover street, between Scollay square and Washington street, and in Washington street, between Adams square and Haymarket square.

"(12.) That in the spring of 1897, prior to the enactment of Chapter 500 of the acts of that year, the subway was not completed; the tunnel was not begun; it was estimated by the Transit Commission that the subway would cost about \$5,000,000; that a tunnel to East Boston from a point on or near Scollay square, or from the point of the subway nearest to Maverick square, could not be built for the amount then remaining available for a tunnel from the construction of the subway; and that a shorter tunnel, from

a more northerly point on or near Hanover street, could be built for \$2,406,000, as appears by an estimate on page 14 of the report of the Transit Commissioners, dated August 15, 1896."

And the Court has found that "the appropriation available for the tunnel is sufficient to construct it with an incline from the said last-named junction [the junction of Atlantic avenue with Eastern avenue] to a point on North square, or to a point south of said junction, but not to a point nearer the present subway than North square."

We do not think the fact that a copy of the report made by the Boston Transit Commission to the City Council of Boston, containing an estimate of \$2,406,000 as the cost of a tunnel from Maverick square, East Boston, to a point on Hanover street, along the route marked as Route 1 on Exhibit 2, was mailed to members of the Legislature soon after their election can affect the construction to be given to the language under discussion. The report was not made to the Legislature, was doubtless only one of many documents and papers sent to the different legislators while in office, and we cannot assume that any member read it, or that if he did he paid any particular attention to Carson's estimate, which was contained in a few lines, or that if he did pay any such attention he was at all influenced by the estimate in voting upon the bill. Nor would the statement of any member that he was so influenced be admissible, nor even what he supposed the bill meant.

Certain general facts of common knowledge, such as some of those agreed upon in this case, may, however, be taken into consideration, under a principle similar to that under which in construing a private contract the circumstances may be shown to enable the Court to see the situation of the parties.

In the light of this previous legislation and of these circumstances we are to interpret the language of the statute. The first contention of the Commission is that the language does not require that the terminal point in the city must be one which the Board may deem proper for a suitable connection with the subway. They submit that two distinct termini are permitted—first, at a point on or near Hanover street in the City of Boston without reference to any connection with the subway, and, second, such other point or points as said Board may deem proper for a suitable connection with the subway, and that the limitation that the point shall be suitable for a connection with the subway is not attached to the first terminus. But the suggestion is not much pressed, and it does not seem to us to require much discussion. The whole scope of the legislation upon the subject shows that this tunnel is to be regarded as a substitute for the tunnel authorized by Statutes, 1894, and as one of the features of the plan of rapid transportation therein provided for. To interpret the language as giving to the Commission the power to construct a tunnel which should have no relation to this plan would be out of harmony with the general nature of the legislation, and with the general purpose for which the Commission was established and the general nature of the authority conferred upon it.

It must be conceded that the sentence under discussion is loosely constructed, but disregarding punctuation, as may properly

be done (*Cushing v. Warrick*, 9 Gray, 385; *Martin v. Gleason*, 139 Mass. 187), and bearing in mind that the presumption is that every word of a statute is to have some force and effect (opinion of the Justices, 22 Pick. 571-573), so that in this case the word "other" must be supposed to have some office, and considering above all the general scope of the legislation in which the authority to construct the tunnel is found, and the general nature of the authority conferred upon the Commission by whom it is to be constructed, we have no doubt that the clause, "as said Board may deem proper for a suitable connection with the subway," refers as well to the point, "on or near Hanover street," as to the other, "point or points." The westerly end of the tunnel, therefore, must be at some point which the Commission "may deem proper for a suitable connection with the subway." The Commission has voted that that point shall be many hundred feet from any point of the subway, and that a connection by surface street railway tracks is a suitable connection.

The petitioners contend that the connection between the subway and tunnel must be an actual physical connection; that the tunnel must go to the subway; and that a connection by the track of a street railway several hundred feet in length is not such a connection as the statute calls for.

The point is to be selected by the Commission, and it must be a point where a suitable connection may be made with the subway. That point cannot be fixed until the kind of connection required by the statute is first determined.

What is meant by the word "connection" as here used? The word is used in various places in the preceding statutes on this same subject to which we have referred. Where it refers to surface tracks it means, as we have heretofore said, an actual physical connection with such tracks. Or, in other words, where there is to be a connection with surface tracks, the Commission shall extend the entrance to the subway far enough to reach surface tracks, and it is authorized to take land enough for the purpose, and there is no intervening land between that upon which the subway rails rest and that upon which the surface rails rest. The rails are to meet physically. The authority of the Commission upon the subway side of the point of meeting goes to that point; the authority of the surface road on the other side extends to that point; and there is no intervening link, no intervening authority.

This tunnel is to have two ends, the easterly end in Maverick square, and the westerly in the city proper. The easterly end is to be carried to a point where a suitable connection with surface tracks may be made. This language is the same as that used with reference to the subway, and must receive the same interpretation. That is to say, the tunnel is to rise to the surface, and the approach is to be extended far enough to reach the surface tracks; and to that point the tunnel must go. The manner of making the connection and the details are left to the Commission, but the order to the Commission is to go far enough to make such a physical connection. There must be no intervening rail between the tunnel rail and the rail of the surface road.

The westerly end is to be at some point where a suitable connection may be made with the tunnel. Here, then, is the same phrase "suitable connection." Wherever we have heretofore met it in these statutes we have seen that it means an actual physical contact. Indeed, with reference to the other end of this same tunnel, it has that meaning. One of the most familiar rules relating to the interpretation of statutes is that a word or phrase repeatedly used in the same statute is presumed, in the absence of a clear intent to the contrary, to have the same meaning throughout; and amending statutes are to be regarded as a part of the original statute within the meaning of this rule.

It is to be observed that the connection is to be made by the Commission, and we can see no sound reason for making a distinction as to that duty at the different ends of the tunnel. As at the easterly end the tunnel must be extended far enough to make a physical connection with the surface tracks, so at the westerly end it must go far enough to make a physical connection with the subway; and, as at the easterly end, there must be no intervening link between the tunnel side and the surface track side of the point of connection, so at the westerly end there must be no intervening link between the tunnel side and the subway side of the point of connection. The tunnel must go to a point where such connection may be made, and the Commission must make the connection. The Commission also constructs the subway. Its authority, therefore, on both sides of the point of connection is exclusive, and there must be no intervening power. The connection is to be made complete by their authority.

This is the most natural construction of the statute, when read in the light of the previous legislation upon the same subject, and of the circumstances existing at the time it was passed. Any other construction seems to us not only forced and unnatural when considering the statute by itself, but also entirely inconsistent with the main purpose of the entire body of laws of which this is a part, namely, to secure rapid transit in Boston and vicinity, and to reduce the congestion in the streets by means of a system of subways and tunnels.

But the respondents urge that no such tunnel as called for under this construction of the statute can, or ever could, be built with the sum already appropriated, while the tunnel which the Commission has voted can be built within the appropriation. This fact does not seem to us of much weight. It is a matter of common knowledge that the actual cost of a public work frequently exceeds the estimate, and that appropriations are made from time to time as needed, especially where considerable time is to be taken in its construction.

The change in the westerly end of the tunnel from Scollay square to Hanover street or some other point, is accounted for by the fact that between the passage of the two acts the subway had been extended to Hanover street and elsewhere, so that it was no longer necessary to build the tunnel to Scollay square to reach it. Besides, to reach the square, it might be necessary to cross the tunnel in process of construction on Washington street.

We hold, therefore, that the connection between the westerly end of the tunnel and

the subway is to be an actual physical connection, and that the tracks between them must come to the same grade at the point of junction.

Upon this construction of the statute, it is manifest that the Commission is not authorized to construct the tunnel which it has voted to build.

Decree for plaintiffs.

SUMMER CONCERTS BY THE MUNICIPAL BAND.

The first Municipal Concert of the summer season was given under the auspices of the Music Commission at Charlestown on June 17, when the Municipal Band composed of thirty-seven musicians, under the leadership of Emil Mollenhauer, entertained between 5,000 and 6,000 people with a programme of national and popular airs on the Monument grounds. The band had, previous to the concert, taken part in the afternoon parade, which was held under city auspices.

On June 25 the first concert of the season in the city proper was given on Boston Common at 3 P.M., and despite the rain which fell steadily during the band's performance, the music was heard and enjoyed by an immense gathering. Around the band-stand several thousand chairs have been placed for the convenience of those in attendance, and a corps of ushers have been engaged by the Commission to show people to seats, distribute the concert programmes, which are provided at every concert, and otherwise look after the comfort of the audience during the concerts. In addition, an ice-water fountain has been established near the band-stand at the Commissioners' request, and messenger boys carry the water through the aisles of the enclosure for distribution to those who want it.

Concerts on the Common have been given every Sunday afternoon since the opening one, and on July 4, after playing at the city celebration in Tremont Temple, the Band gave three concerts on the Common, viz., from 10.30 to 11.30 A.M., from 3 to 5 P.M., and again at the fireworks exhibition from 7.30 to 9.30 P.M.

It is proposed to continue the concerts on the Common every Sunday afternoon, weather permitting, during July and August.

At Marine Park, South Boston, concerts have been given on Sunday evenings June 25 and July 2, and it is estimated that nearly 8000 people were in attendance from all parts of the city and suburbs. During July and August a concert will be given in Marine Park every alternate Sunday evening at 7.30 P.M. The season's list of concerts also includes the following dates and places:

SUNDAY CONCERTS.

- July 16 — Marine Park, at 7.30 P.M.
- July 30 — Marine Park, at 7.30 P.M.
- August 13 — Marine Park, at 7.30 P.M.
- August 27 — Marine Park, at 7.30 P.M.

MONDAY CONCERT.

August 14 — Highland street, West Roxbury, at 7.30 P.M.

TUESDAY CONCERTS.

- July 11 — Wood Island Park, East Boston, at 7.30 P.M.
- July 25 — Jamaica Pond, at 7.30 P.M.
- August 1 — North End Park, at 7.30 P.M.
- August 8 — Oak Square, Brighton, at 7.30 P.M.
- August 22 — Wood Island Park, East Boston, at 7.30 P.M.
- August 29 — Franklin Park, Playstead, at 7.30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY CONCERTS.

- July 19 — Hancock Square, Dorchester, at 7.30 P.M.
- August 16 — Boston Common, at 7.30 P.M.

THURSDAY CONCERTS.

- August 3 — Oak Square, Brighton, at 7.30 P.M.
- August 10 — Pierce Square, Dorchester, at 7.30 P.M.

FRIDAY CONCERT.

- August 18 — Training Field, Charlestown, at 7.30 P.M.

SATURDAY CONCERT.

- July 29 — Ellicott Dale, Franklin Park, at 3 P.M.

A sample programme performed by the band which shows the general character of the music played is the following, which was rendered on the Common, Sunday, July 2, 1899:

PROGRAMME.

1. March, "Coronation" from "The Prophet" Meyerbeer
2. Overture, "The North Star" Meyerbeer
3. Selections from "The Fortune Teller" Herbert
4. Indian War Dance Bellstedt
5. Hungarian Rhapsodie No. 2 Liszt
6. Waltz, "Blue Danube" Strass
7. Grand Selection from "Ione" Petrella
8. Two movements from suite "Bal Costume" Rubinstein
 - a. Toreador et Andalouse.
 - b. Royal Tambour et Vivandiere.
9. The Civil War (A realistic tone picture) Tobani
10. March, "Columbia" Mollenhauer

MUNICIPAL CAMP FOR BOYS AT LONG ISLAND.

The Municipal Camp for Boys at Long Island, under the executive direction of Penal Institutions Commissioner Marshall, was opened on Monday, July 10, 1899.

Sixty-two boys went to the camp on the steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee" Monday morning, and as many more follow on Thursday. Thus the camp, which will continue for eight weeks, will accommodate between 125 and 150 boys each week. The weekly per capita cost last year was \$1.83, and it is expected that the expense for maintenance will not exceed that amount this year.

Mr. Edward P. Sherburne, head-master of the Lowell School, has been selected as Superintendent of the camp, and ten aids have been appointed to care for the boys while at the island.

MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

The Statistics Department proposes to publish a series of monthly tables in the form of a bulletin.

The first issue, which has recently appeared, contains twenty-seven pages, and is entitled "City of Boston, Monthly Bulletin of the Statistics Department, May, 1899. Volume I, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5." Its scope and aim is indicated by its "Table of Contents," as follows:

I. Meteorological Observations: 1, January; 2, February; 3, March; 4, April; 5, May.

II. Movement of Population: 1, Weekly Mortality; 2, Monthly Mortality; 3, Principal Causes of Death.

III. Burial Permits issued by the Board of Health.

IV. Interments in City Cemeteries.

V. Cremations at Forest Hills.

VI. Movement of Institutions Population: 1, Pauper Institutions; 2, Penal Institutions; 3, Children's Institutions; 4, Insane Institutions.

VII. Immigration Statistics.

VIII. Fire Department.

IX. Health Department: 1, Bureau of Cattle Inspection; 2, Houses Ordered Vacated or Demolished; 3, Bureau of Milk Inspection.

X. Library Department.

XI. Police Department: 1, Arrests; 2, General Work.

XII. Public Schools: 1, Number of Pupils; 2, Pupils in High and Latin Schools.

XIII. Employment Certificates.

XIV. Public Baths.

XV. Statistics Relating to Real Estate.

XVI. Commercial Statistics, Port of Boston.

Appendix: Traffic under Drawless Bridges; Population, Tax-Rate and Indebtedness of Massachusetts Cities.

Further tables relating to the work of the several departments of the City Government and of institutions for the promotion of the public welfare will be added from time to time, together with special studies of a statistical nature. The bulletin will bear the date of the last preceding month for which complete returns are available at the time of publication.

Copies of the bulletin may be had on application to the Statistics Department, Room 71, City Hall, Boston.

The cost of abolishing grade crossings in Somerville on the Fitchburg Railroad is estimated at between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000. The City Engineer of Cambridge has been instructed to report the probable cost of abolishing grade crossings in that city.

BOSTON'S CONTRIBUTION IN AID OF VICTIMS OF THE TEXAS FLOODS.

Following are the records of the meeting of the Johnstown Flood Committee held to take action for the relief of the victims of the floods in Texas, together with the reply of Governor Sayers, of Texas, in acknowledgment of the contribution of the city:

Boston, July 8, 1899.

A meeting of the Johnstown Flood Committee was held to-day at the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 10.30 A.M.

Present: Acting Mayor and Chairman of the Board of Aldermen David F. Barry, and Messrs. Jerome Jones and Charles H. Allen.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Jones, it was Voted, That the sum of \$3,800, being the balance of the sum of \$158,000 raised by the citizens of Boston and vicinity, in 1889, for the relief of the Johnstown flood sufferers, be appropriated for the relief of the destitute victims of the flood in Texas, and that Messrs. Kidder, Peabody & Co. be requested to transmit said sum by telegraph to-day, subject to the order of Governor Sayers, of Texas, at Austin, Texas.

Austin, Texas, July 8, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR OF BOSTON:

I have just been advised by the First National Bank of Austin, Texas, of the generous contribution of the people of Boston, amounting to \$3,800, for the relief of flood sufferers. Please express to your people my sincere thanks for the generous contribution, and say to them that it is fully appreciated, and will be gratefully remembered. The funds will be used in the purchase of supplies for the flood sufferers, and will be distributed among those who most need them.

JOSEPH D. SAYERS, Governor.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, July 5, 1899.

The forty-fourth meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, on Wednesday, July 5, 1899, at 3 P.M.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Barry.

Mr. Kiley called up the following past assignment:

Order (passed by the City Council) requesting the Board to give a public hearing to the citizens of Ward 6 in relation to the proposed tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on Travers street.

Mr. Kiley also called up the following assignment:

Communication from the City Engineer stating that the estimated cost of building

a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Travers street is \$15,000.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, a hearing was given in regard to the matter, and the following gentlemen appeared and were heard: Representative Alfred S. Hayes (representing Mr. Michael F. Armstrong), Mr. Owen Wentworth, Congressman John F. Fitzgerald, Mr. Frank Monahan, Mr. Woodbury A. Ham, Mr. William F. Chester, Mr. Michael F. Armstrong, Councilman Andrew A. Badaracco, Alderman Michael W. Brick, Alderman Edward W. Dixon and Councilman Patrick H. Bradley.

Mr. Barry called up the following past assignment:

Request of the Pauper Institutions Trustees for an additional appropriation of \$10,000 to enable them to build a combination boiler-house, dynamo-room, bakeshop and laundry building, for which an appropriation of \$60,000 has already been made.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Dr. William H. Grainger, Acting Chairman of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, Mr. William L. Rutan, Chairman of the Finance Committee of said Board, and Mr. Frank W. Howard, Chief of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, appeared before the Board and explained the necessity of the additional appropriation, submitting bids received since the last meeting of the Board of Apportionment, the aggregate of said bids being about \$70,000.

The Board then went into executive session.

On motion of Mr. Dore, a communication from the City Engineer giving the estimated cost of building a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Travers street, and the letter submitted by the Chairman of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees requesting \$10,000 additional for new power-house and equipment at the almshouse, Long Island, were assigned to the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Kiley it was

Voted, That representatives of the Boston Transit Commission and of the Boston Elevated Railway Company be invited to be present at the next meeting of the Board to confer with it in regard to the proposed tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Travers street.

On motion of Mr. Kiley it was

Voted, That when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday, July 12, at 12 M.

A communication was received from Mrs. Katharine W. S. Noble, submitting, on behalf of the Roxburghe Club, a petition containing over 2,000 signatures, requesting that prompt action be taken to protect and preserve shade trees in the streets, that all necessary pruning be done, and that dead trees be removed and young trees planted, etc., and requesting a hearing in regard thereto.

On motion of Mr. Barry, the matter was assigned to the next meeting, and it was voted that a hearing be given at that time on the matter.

The following were received:

(1.) Communication from the Penal Institutions Commissioner requesting a loan appropriation of \$1,000 for reconstructing the steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee."

(2.) Communication from the Penal Institutions Commissioner requesting an additional appropriation of \$1,800 for the reconstruction of the steamer "John Howard."

Assigned to the next meeting on motion of Mr. Dore.

Mr. Kiley called up the following unfinished business:

Order (passed by the City Council) requesting the Board "to provide a sufficient sum of money so that the Fire Department may be organized in such a way that the members shall not be required to perform more than twelve hours duty in twenty-four."

On motion of Mr. Kiley, the matter was assigned to the next meeting, and it was voted that Councilman Francis J. Doherty be heard in regard to the order at that time.

On motion of Mr. Minot, the following papers, pending as unfinished business, were placed on file:

(1.) Order (referred by the City Council) requesting the Board "to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient for the widening of Ruggles street, Ward 19, between Halleck and Parker streets, to a uniform width of forty feet."

(2.) Communication from the Water Commissioner, requesting that an appropriation of \$2,000 be made for the erection of cold water fountains.

(3.) Communication from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make a loan appropriation of \$2,000 for the erection of cold water fountains.

(4.) Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be authorized to expend the sum of two thousand (2,000) dollars in erecting cold water fountains, and the said sum is hereby appropriated for said purpose; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

(5.) Communication from the Chief of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, requesting an additional appropriation of \$8,000 to enable the Department to finish the work of reconstructing Faneuil Hall.

(6.) Communication from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make an appropriation for said purpose.

(7.) Ordered That the additional sum of eight thousand (8,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department, in reconstructing Faneuil Hall; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

(8.) Copy of the order rescinding the appropriation of \$50,000 formerly made for the widening of Malden bridge.

(9.) Communication from the Commissioner of Wires giving comparison of underground work done by the Wire Department from February 1 to June 1 in the years 1896, 1897, 1898 and 1899.

(10.) Communication from the City Auditor giving notice of deficiency, due to executions of court, as follows: Fire Department, building and site, South Boston, \$600.86; hospital, Long Island, \$6,643.76; barn, Long Island, \$2,487.84.

(11.) Communication from the City Auditor giving notice of deficiency of \$2,415.19 in the appropriation for the Street Laying-out Department, widening and extending, due to executions of court.

(12.) Communication from the City Auditor (of later date) giving notice of deficiency in the appropriation for the Street Laying-out Department, widening and extending, of \$2,865.19, due to executions of court.

(13.) Communication from the City Auditor calling attention to deficit of \$1,896.99 in the appropriation for Centre street, Ward 24, caused by executions of court.

(14.) Communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting an appropriation for the reconstructing of Congress street bridge.

(15.) Order (taken from the files at the last meeting) requesting the Board to appropriate a sufficient sum to provide a bathing-house at Savin Hill Beach, Ward 20.

On motion of Mr. Minot the following past assignments were also placed on file:

(1.) Communication from the Commissioner of Wires requesting an additional loan appropriation of \$3,500 to enable the Department to carry out the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

(2.) Order (passed by the City Council) requesting the Board to give a public hearing to the citizens of Ward 6 in relation to the proposed tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on Travers street.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 4.57 P.M., to meet on Wednesday, July 12, at 12 M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN JUNE.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of June, 1899, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 771; total number of mortgages, 695; total amount of mortgages, \$4,009,495.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	197
South Boston	58
East Boston	48
Roxbury	123
Dorchester	196
West Roxbury	75
Brighton	43
Charlestown	31
Total	771

NEXT MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The next regular meeting of the School Committee will be held on the second Tuesday in September, i.e., September 12, 1899, at 7.30 P.M.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 1 P.M., Wednesday, July 12, Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Alderman Codman.

The Clerk read the call, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 10, 1899.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber on Wednesday, July 12, at 1 P.M., for the purpose of acting upon the question of adopting a site for a new engine-house for the use of Engine Company 22.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

The following message was received from His Honor the Mayor:

Site for Engine Company 22.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 12, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a copy of an opinion given by the Corporation Counsel to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment relative to the order for the purchase of a site for Engine Company 22. It appears by this opinion that the appropriation has taken effect, but that the Fire Commissioner has not authority to expend it until the proposed site is approved by vote of the City Council. The option for the purchase of this parcel of land was originally secured by the Board of Apportionment to run for the term of forty days; it has already been once renewed for ten days, and I have now secured a second extension of the option up to July 20, and it probably cannot be further renewed.

The unanimous conclusion of the Board of Apportionment was that this site was the most economical one available, and in view of the necessity of deciding this matter one way or the other, owing to the near expiration of the option, I respectfully ask the Board of Aldermen to take action upon it.

I transmit herewith a draft of a suitable order for this purpose, and I desire to call attention to the fact that, as the appropriation has gone into effect and can be expended only for the purchase of this particular parcel of land, it will be necessary to rescind the appropriation order and pass a new one before action could be taken looking to the purchase of any other site. In

view of the past difficulties which have been encountered in attempting to select a site for this engine company, I feel that it is almost hopeless to attempt to secure favorable action upon any other site this year, and that if the City Council is unwilling to approve the site in question, the present unfortunate conditions, under which a large amount of valuable property is exposed unnecessarily to extra fire risk, will be indefinitely continued.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 6, 1899.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT:

GENTLEMEN: In reply to your inquiry as to "whether the order passed by the Board on May 22, authorizing the Fire Commissioner to expend for the purchase of land on Warren avenue, adjoining the English High and Latin School building on the north-east side, containing about 7,500 feet, and to erect an engine-house thereon, the amount of \$55,000 received for the engine-house on Dartmouth street, formerly used by Engine 22, takes effect thirty days from its submission to the City Council," I have to say that I find from an inspection of the records that the order did not pass through either branch of the City Council, but became an appropriation for the purpose stated by the expiration of thirty days, under the provisions of Chapter 434, Acts of 1898.

I add further, to prevent any misunderstanding that this order cannot give the Fire Commissioner power to purchase the land or to erect the engine-house.

The City Council has the power of determining where its buildings shall be placed, and if the order had passed through each branch without any alteration being made in it, I should construe it as being an approval of the site stated in the order, and as giving the Commissioner the said power, but as it is, he will not have such authority until the City Council has given it.

Respectfully,

ANDREW J. BAILEY,

Corporation Counsel.

Ordered, That the City Council hereby approves as a site for an engine-house the lot of land on Warren avenue, adjoining the English High and Latin School building on the north-east side, and containing about 7,500 square feet, and authorizes the Fire Commissioner to purchase the said land for said purpose.

The order was read a second time, and was assigned to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber on Monday, July 17, at 3 P.M.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved July 5:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to Sophronia N. Herrick the sum of \$111.97, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mt. Vernon street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 610.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles P. George the sum of \$134.70, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of two estates on Litchfield street, Brighton, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 65.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to B. Heber Richardson the sum of \$70.40, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Westover street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk deeds, Lib. 2501, fol. 229.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Wilfred Bolster the sum of \$44.03, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on corner Columbus avenue and Sarsfield street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2410, fol. 433.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William A. Plaisted the sum of \$29.03, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Cornell street for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2486, fol. 600.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the Boston Penny Savings Bank the sum of \$293.70, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Allston terrace for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2583, fol. 367.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Bridget C. Flanagan and Benjamin Lancy the sum of \$354, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Samoset street for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 619.

The following were approved July 6:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the children of Fred B. Bogan, late Superintendent of Public Buildings, deceased,

the mother of Joseph D. Lane, late an employee in the Water Department, deceased, and the father of Thomas L. Rourke, late an employee in the Public Grounds Department, deceased, the amounts authorized to be paid by Chapters 332, 335 and 454 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1899; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Reserve Fund.

Ordered, That the vacant lot of land at the corner of Cambridge street and Mansfield street, Ward 25, belonging to the City of Boston, be placed under the charge of the Public Grounds Department.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved June 28, 1899:

Ordered, That the Board of Police be hereby requested to close to travel by vehicles on Thursday, June 29, 1899, for the formation and passage of a parade of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, certain streets, as follows:

For formation of the parade at 7 o'clock P.M.: Beacon street, between Park and Charles streets, Charles street, between Beacon and Boylston street, Arlington street and Berkeley street.

For the passage of the parade, at 8 o'clock P.M.: Beacon street to Exeter street, Exeter and Dartmouth streets, Huntington avenue, West Newton, Washington and School streets, and Beacon street to Charles street.

Ordered, That the time allowed the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts in which to erect poles on Lincoln, Franklin and North Harvard streets, under the order passed by this board November 21, 1898, be, and the same is, hereby extended to September 1, 1899.

Ordered, That the time allowed the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts in which to erect and to remove poles on Northampton street, under the order passed by this Board October 17, 1898, be, and the same is, hereby extended to July 30, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove three poles from Oak street, Ward 4, said poles being shown by red and blue dots on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated March 9, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to allow the attachment of, and to the Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company to attach, the span wires of said railway company to the poles of the telephone company on North Beacon street, between Union square and the Watertown line.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated April 30, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Rockland street, Ward 25, two poles thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk seven feet.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove two poles from Rockland street, said poles being shown by red dots on plan aforesaid.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated May 2, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Carruth street, Ward 24, seven poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk seven feet.

Eaton square, Ward 20, two poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk eight feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898; the work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated May 5, 1899, said poles to be located as follows:

La Grange street, Ward 23, forty poles; thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

The following were approved July 1:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company to move a wooden building, mansard roof, thirty-five feet in length, by twenty-five feet in width, by twenty-two feet in height, from the rear of a lot on Ceylon street, across Columbia road to lot on rear of said road, near Wales place, Ward 20, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be directed to remove its unused pole located on Ruggles street on the easterly side of and near the railroad bridge crossing said street.

Permit to J. Morris Meredith et al., trustees, to construct a cellar bottom of building on Lincoln, Beach, Albany and Kneeland streets at grade 8.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks along the following-named streets in front of the following-named estates; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone with edge-stone, the owners to furnish the material, viz.:

J. A. Silver, Standish street, Ward 20.

Frank T. Horgan, 255-263 East Ninth street, Ward 15.

French, Cole & Co., 79 Waumbeck street, Ward 21.

Dudley C. Thornton, 32 McLellan street, Ward 20.

Joseph Engle, Washington and Erie streets, Ward 20.

Brighton Five Cents Savings Bank, 326 Washington street, Ward 25.

C. W. and F. A. Davis, 328 Washington street, Ward 25.

Leonard Ware, 16-18 Kneeland street, Ward 7.

Vose & Sons Piano Co., 160 Boylston street, Ward 7.

Robert M. Cushing, et al., 85 Water street, Ward 6.

Marshall Wentworth, 915-923 Beacon street, Ward 11.

Albert L. Forbush, 151-153 Stanwood street, Ward 20.

Frederick Ayer, 2450-2486 Washington street, Ward 21.

Joseph Feldman, 252-254 Huntington avenue, Ward 10.

A. G. and F. W. Morse, 120 Washington street, Ward 20.

Mary E. Pettie, 373 Adams street, Ward 24.

R. Goodwin, 12-14-16 Shelby street, Ward 1, of brick.

Henry F. Allen, Park and Centre streets, Ward 23, of brick.

The following were approved July 5:

Permit to Mrs. S. B. Hall, to construct, maintain, and use two areas with curves of iron grating under and in the sidewalk in front of estate Nos. 3-5-7 Mindoro street, Ward 19; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John P. Squire & Co. to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening three feet five inches by five feet seven inches, with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 62 Blackstone street, Ward 6; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Trustees, Municipal Real Estate Trust, to lay, maintain and use a four-inch iron pipe, with smaller pipe enclosed therein, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 78 Portland street, Ward 6, as shown on plan on file in the office of the Permit Office of the Street Department, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to

Frederick J. Herthel, jr., to construct, maintain and use two coal-hole openings fourteen inches in diameter, with iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate corner of Ruggles street and Columbus-avenue extension, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

ORDER PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to put the following members of the Fire Department on the vacation list, and award them the usual vacation: Clarence E. Colvin, Patrick Hurley, John Sullivan, Edward J. Hogan and Michael Birmingham.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following order was presented to the Mayor June 27, 1899, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be instructed to place electric fans in the Council Chamber, the expense of the same to be charged to the City Messenger Department.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor June 27, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree near estate of J. M. Wade, 55 Forest street, Ward 17, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of estate 182 Savin Hill avenue, Dorchester, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree on estate of J. M. B. Reynolds, 85 Mt. Pleasant avenue, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to trim the trees on Dudley street between Harrison avenue and Washington street, any expense incurred therefor to be charged to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, who agree to pay the same.

Awards of Contracts.

Pauper Institutions Department.

Proposals for erecting a power-house on Long Island were opened at the office of the Pauper Institutions Department on June 30, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
George G. Baker	\$42,945
Jones & Meehan	40,890
Mead, Mason & Co.	37,500
John S. Jacobs & Son	39,000
James Fagan	43,852
W. H. Keyes & Co.	39,755
D. J. McKim	32,675
Woodbury & Leighton	30,900
Jarvis Engineering Company	33,153
Kerrens Driscoll	31,227

The contract was awarded to Woodbury & Leighton.

The proposals for boilers and machinery for the new power-house on Long Island were as follows:

E. Hodge & Co.	\$6,217
The Atlantic Works	6,350
Thomas Cunningham	6,400

The contract was awarded to E. Hodge & Co.

The proposals for steam mains, piping, etc., for the new power-house on Long Island were as follows:

Cleghorn-Eggle Company	\$18,406
Walworth Construction and Supply Company	23,880
Isaac Coffin & Co.	20,400
Lynch & Woodward	18,970
Ingalls & Kendrick	22,477
Huey Brothers	18,997
Boston Furnace Company	23,000

The contract was awarded to Cleghorn-Eggle Company.

W. T. SEDGWICK, Chairman.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Proposals for a bridge on Summer-street extension, over B street, were opened at the office of the City Engineer on June 28, 1899, as follows:

Toledo Bridge Company, Toledo	\$29,750
Youngstown Bridge Company, New York	30,105
R. F. Hawkins Iron Works Company, Springfield	30,200
F. R. Long Company, New York	30,265
New England Structural Company, Boston	30,920
Canton Bridge Company, Canton	31,600
Berlin Iron Bridge Company, Boston	31,640
Wrought Iron Bridge Company, New York	32,110
Groton Bridge and Manufacturing Company, Groton	32,239
Mace Moulton, Springfield	32,887
New Jersey Steel and Iron Company, Boston	33,000

All bids were rejected, the price being excessive.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Board Meetings.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, July 5, 1899.

The fifty-fifth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, June 19, 1899, at 10 A.M., the full Board being present.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

Voted, That the children who for any reason are boarded in the Boston Almshouse for another department of the city shall be charged for at the rate of \$2 per week.

Voted, That in accordance with the recommendation of the visiting medical staff, the first medical officer at Long Island shall receive a salary of \$1,200 per annum, dating from July 1 of the current year.

Voted, That Dr. Arthur S. Hartwell be appointed to the position of second medical officer, at a salary of \$900 per annum.

Voted, That the Committee on Registration and Special Cases have authority to make application to the State for the board of certain persons in the Boston Almshouse who have lost settlement by Chapter 425, Acts of 1898.

Voted, That the following article be inserted in the contract for the new power-house at Long Island:

The contractor, unless otherwise authorized by the Chairman, shall employ on the work only citizens of the United States, giving preference in all cases to citizens of Boston, shall not pay his employees less wages or keep them at work more hours than the standards established for the several trades at which the employees work, and shall, when requested by the engineer, dismiss any employee, and not allow to be again employed on the work any employee so dismissed.

Voted, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds be authorized to address a communication to the Committee of the Building Trades' Council stating that the preceding clause has been inserted in the contract for the new power-house at Long Island.

Voted, That the recommendation of the Superintendent of Long Island, in regard to providing more social pleasures for the officers at Long Island, be referred to the Committee on Rules and Service for careful consideration.

Voted, That the Penal Institutions Commissioner be requested not to transport to Long Island any inmate who is not provided with the proper pass.

The following appointments, with the monthly salaries stated, were confirmed:

Margaret Cummings, cook, \$15; Emma Grandstadt, housemaid, \$15; W. F. Clark, deputy superintendent, \$100; Walter H. Bond, night watchman, \$25; Waldo G. Redonnet, assistant farmer, \$25; John Heeck, assistant farmer, \$25; Daniel McLaughlin, painter, \$55.

Voted, That the rules for the Almshouse and Hospital on Long Island shall be adopted, as recommended by the Committee on Rules and Service.

Voted, That Dr. B. F. Worthing and Dr. George B. Hoitt be appointed house officers at Long Island, at a salary of \$100 each per annum, such salary to date from July 1 of the current year.

Voted, That Mr. John E. Gilman be given authority to sign for the Pauper Institutions Trustees blanks for the admission of inmates to the Tewksbury Almshouse.

Voted, Subject to the approval of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, that a site of 500 feet, more or less, south-west of the reservoir be set apart as the location of a new cemetery.

Voted, That in the absence of the Chairman, Dr. W. H. Grainger shall serve as Acting Chairman of the Board.

Voted, That W. P. Snow, assistant engineer and fireman, be paid \$35 per month on and after July 15.

The census of inmates at Long Island on June 17 was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	68	139	207
Children	6	7	13
Dormitory	-	186	186
Institution	183	-	183
Totals	257	332	589
Last report	254	330	584

FRANCES R. MORSE,

Secretary pro tempore.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

July 10, 1899.

General Order No. 608.

I. Reserve Officer Michael Healy, of Division 7, having been commended for vigilance and prompt action in discovering a fire, giving the alarm and rescuing a person from the burning building, he is hereby commended, appointed a patrolman in the police force, assigned to duty in the same division, and granted two days' additional vacation. He will report at the clerk's office, headquarters, at 9.30 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, eleventh instant, to be sworn.

II. Patrolman Lewis G. Smith, of Division 7, having been commended for courage displayed when attacked by a crowd while making an arrest, he is hereby commended and granted two days' additional vacation.

III. Reserve Officer Vinal W. Harmon, of Division 11, having been commended for prompt action in giving an alarm of fire and arousing the inmates of the burning building, he is hereby commended and granted two days' additional vacation.

IV. Reserve Officer Charles A. Bowers, of Division 10, having been commended for prompt action by rescuing a person from a burning building, he is hereby commended and granted two days' additional vacation.

V. The following-named police officers, having been commended for meritorious service in stopping runaway horses, they are hereby commended and granted two days' additional vacation:

Reserve Officer Thomas M. Towle, of Division 1; Patrolman Jonathan J. Murphy, of Division 3; Patrolman Thomas F. Goode, jr., of Division 10; Patrolman Edward J. Drew, of Division 12; Patrolman David Coburn, of liquor license detail.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

In February last His Honor the Mayor appointed a "Commission to Examine into the Organization, Administration, System and Methods of the Building Department," consisting of Hon. William F. Wharton, Chairman, representing the Boston Real Estate Exchange, Mr. Osborne Howes, representing the Boston Board of Fire Underwriters, Mr. Herbert D. Jaques, representing the Boston Society of Architects, and Mr. Neil McNeil, representing the Master Builders' Association.

Document 114—1899, contains the majority report of the Commission, which is signed by Messrs. Wharton, Howes and Jaques, and a minority report by Mr. McNeil.

Following is a summary of the recommendations contained in the majority report:

It is recommended:

1. That the law be amended so as to require that the Building Commissioner should be possessed of technical education, combined with experience in the construction of buildings in addition to the present qualifications that he should be either an architect, a builder or a civil engineer.

(In the main part of the report certain suggestions have been made as to other qualifications of the Building Commissioner, for the consideration of the appointing power in the selection of a competent person.)

2. That at least two deputy commissioners should be provided by law who should have thorough technical training and wide practical experience in the construction of buildings, and one of whom should be an engineer. That they should be appointed by the Building Commissioner, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

That each deputy should have charge of a special department of the work, assigned to him by the Building Commissioner, and that he should have full control of his department, subject only to the direction of the Building Commissioner.

That if the salary of the Building Commissioner be maintained at the present figure, the salaries of the deputy commissioners should be from \$3,000 to \$3,500 a year.

3. That the law be amended so as to require that the building inspectors should be selected from men who have by civil service competitive examination been shown to be possessed of the elements of a technical education, and a knowledge of the practical details of building.

That their number be increased to thirty.

That they should no longer be required to attend fires occurring in the district to which they are respectively assigned.

That the Department should be so organized that a uniform system be pursued by the building inspectors in their work of inspection and in their reports thereon.

That the final report made by them should be simplified as far as possible, so as to relieve them of unnecessary clerical work.

That their compulsory attendance at the office of the Department from 12 until 2 o'clock should be abolished, as consuming too much time in the valuable portion of the day, and that a method of reporting to the office once a day, either early in the morning or late in the afternoon, be adopted instead.

That the clerical work to be performed by them should be reduced to the smallest possible proportion, so that practically their whole time may be devoted to the active work of inspection.

4. That there should be one or more engineers appointed to the Department in addition to the engineer deputy commissioner also recommended.

5. That the inspectors of plumbing and gas-fitting should be transferred from the control of the Building Commissioner and placed under that of the Board of Health.

6. That immediate steps should be taken for a thorough examination of all buildings occupied by two or more families, or as a tenement or lodging-house, or as a factory or workshop, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not they are provided with sufficient means of egress in case of fire, and that summary proceedings be taken to cause sufficient means to be provided where needed.

7. That the law should be so changed that authority be given to the Board of Appeal, upon representation of the Building Commissioner, after due examination, to forbid the continuance of work done in contravention of the building laws until the requirements of the law are complied with, or to vacate a building insufficiently supplied with means of egress in case of fire until the same shall have been supplied with the means required, and upon failure to obey such an order for a period of ten days to forcibly prevent persons from continuing to construct or alter buildings in violation of the building laws, and to forcibly remove the occupants of buildings ordered to be vacated for want of proper means of egress.

8. That fees should be charged by the Department for all services rendered by it to persons for their private information or advantage.

9. That a suitable and safe place should be provided in which the records of the Department may be kept.

10. That the travelling expenses of the Commissioner and the deputy commissioners and building inspectors should be paid by the city.

Mr. McNeil in his minority report expresses the opinion that "the system of the Department is, on the whole, excellent." The following extracts from Mr. McNeil's report indicate the principal points in which he dissents from his colleagues:

"I believe that the law, as it now stands, and which provides that the Building Commissioner shall be either an architect, a builder or a civil engineer, to be a wise law, and it should, in my opinion, stand without the introduction of a provision for 'technical education,' which is neither essential nor necessary as a statutory requirement.

"As to the detailed criticism of the method of appointing department inspectors, I believe that such criticism is a wholly uncalled for intimation of lack of capacity in the appointing power, when the fact is, that the civil service law has been in no case violated or abridged, and when it is specifically provided by statute that 'the Building Commissioner shall appoint all subordinates, subject to the approval of the Mayor.' I disagree also with my associates in their implied criticism of the age capabilities of the individual inspectors.

"Again, I disagree with the majority in the recommendation that there be a change of the office hours of the building inspectors, because such a change would certainly result in serious inconvenience to the architectural profession, and prove a source of great annoyance to the master builders and those of the building trades generally.

"Nor can I sanction their recommendation which contemplates the transference from the courts to the Board of Appeal of jurisdiction in certain cases for the enforcement of the building laws, and the law requiring sufficient means of egress in case of fire to be provided in certain classes of buildings. In my opinion, these powers should be as at present exercised only by courts of law, not by any quasi-judicial body. I would suggest that the present efficiency of the plan division of the Department should be increased by the addition to its force of one architect and the addition thereto also of one engineer, as provided by law; that the inspectors of plumbing and gas-fitting should be retained under the Building Commissioner, for the reason that permits for and the inspection of the work of all building trades should be, as far as possible, included under one Department, and public convenience would, in my opinion, be best served without the division of authority recommended by the majority; also that no fees should be charged for services rendered the public, except in cases where written statements of record are furnished, and in such cases a nominal fee, fixed by the Building Commissioner and approved by the Mayor, should be charged.

"For the preservation of the records of the Department a safe and suitable place should be provided.

"I would suggest, also, that the number of building inspectors be increased to twenty-four, the present ordinance requirement, and that provision be made for the appointment annually hereafter of one additional inspector.

"Attendance at fires within their districts is, in my judgment, unnecessary.

"I desire to say in conclusion that the present high state of efficiency of the Building Department is owing largely, in my opinion, to the good business and executive ability, tact, sound judgment and strength of character of the present Building Commissioner, qualities rarely found, but which, I believe, are possessed by him in a marked degree."

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, June 5, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings, and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending June 3, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.		Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	5	5	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	8
2...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
4...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
6...	-	13	-	-	-	-	6	-	16	-	26
7...	1	8	-	-	-	-	4	-	8	-	34
8...	-	4	-	2	-	-	3	-	3	-	9
9...	-	4	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	12
10...	-	1	-	-	5	-	1	-	1	-	17
11...	2	2	-	-	5	-	1	4	9	-	10
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	10
13...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
14...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	-	12
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6
16...	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	8
17...	1	2	-	-	1	-	3	-	15	-	2
18...	9	-	-	-	11	-	1	-	5	-	1
19...	5	1	-	-	3	4	1	3	4	-	6
20...	9	8	3	-	12	6	6	-	4	-	41
21...	2	5	-	-	-	4	1	2	3	-	9
22...	3	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	2
23...	2	-	1	-	-	5	1	-	7	-	5
24...	3	1	8	-	-	4	2	-	3	-	16
25...	1	3	-	-	-	4	3	-	5	-	12
T'ls.	39	64	18	2	39	29	41	10	106	-	253

JOHN S. DAMRELL,

Building Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, July 3, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending July 1, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	88
Number of discharges of mortgages	15
Number of assignments of mortgages	2
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of assignments of wages	31
Number of married women's certificates	7
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of ship liens	1

The following suits have been entered against the city:

Louis F. Abbott, action of tort, damages \$4,000; Jessie Harrington, action of tort, damages \$10,000; Edward Tracy, action of contract, damages \$150. Joseph Cavanagh, trustee, petitions for damages for land taken by the Board of Street Commissioners on

Dorchester avenue, as does also Frank M McCutcheon for land taken by the Street Commissioners on Green and Main streets, Charlestown.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, June 27, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending June 24, as follows:

P. J. Murphy, callman of Ladder Company 16, has been discharged for leaving his district without first notifying his company officers.

Ordered, That Captain William Coulter, of Engine Company 45, be suspended for one month, from 11 A.M. June 19, for conduct and language unbecoming an officer and member of this Department.

Martin H. Ryan, of Engine Company 4, having been fined two weeks' pay for conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, was allowed to resign at his own request.

Daniel B. Barrus, late a pensioner, has been reappointed a member of this Department and assigned to Engine Company 43.

There has been deposited with the City Collector the sum of \$1,000, received for licenses for the sale of fireworks at retail.

The following transfers have been made: Assistant Engineer George H. Fenno, Engine Company 10 to Engine Company 45; Assistant Engineer J. J. Casey, Engine Company 45 to Engine Company 10; D. F. Courtney, Engine Company 6 to Engine Company 43; J. H. Crowley, Engine Company 43 to Engine Company 6; P. F. McLeavey, Engine Company 43 to Engine Company 4.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, June 24, 1899.

The following petitions for stable permits have been filed at this office:

Margaret E. Heckinger, 874 Adams street, Dorchester, six horses; hearing June 29, at 11 o'clock. Faneuil Watch Tool Company, Brooks street, Brighton; hearing July 6, at 11 o'clock. S. H. Whitwell, 332 Newbury street, Ward 11, ten horses; hearing July 6, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending June 24, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	30	13	43
Negative	41	24	65
No growth	-	1	1
Totals	71	38	109

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses, four cases, negative; malaria diagnoses, two cases, negative.

Old Court House, July 1, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Lewis Smith, 23 Cross street, Ward 23, one horse; hearing July 13, at 11 o'clock. Mary H. Kittredge, 532 Beacon street,

Ward 11, four horses; hearing July 13, at 11 o'clock. John D. Campbell, 215 Condor street, Ward 1, one additional horse; hearing July 6, at 11 o'clock. Matthew McCormick, 147 Ward street, Ward 19, thirty horses; hearing July 13, at 11 o'clock. O. H. Weed, 1857 Centre street, Ward 23, two horses; hearing July 13, at 11 o'clock. William Martin, Cottage street, Ward 2, one horse; hearing July 6, at 11 o'clock.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the month of June, 1899:

Meats—805 pounds of veal and 680 pounds of poultry.

Vegetables—One barrel, 23 crates and 609 baskets of beans; 2 bunches of bananas; 1 barrel, 20 crates and 52 baskets of cucumbers; 25 barrels and 42 crates of cabbage; 5 crates of egg plant; 1 barrel of melons; 225 bushels of potatoes; 1,090 quarts of strawberries; 3 baskets of squash; 11 crates of tomatoes.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the month ending June 30:

Steers	1,059
New England cows	161
New England bulls	47
Western cows	12
Western bulls	153
Sheep	1,499
Calves	2,490

Total 5,421

During the month 1,255 pounds of meat were condemned.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during the month of June, 1899:

Number of samples of milk examined:	
From wagons	775
From stores	538
Brought in by citizens	17
Total	1,330

Number of samples of vinegar	64
Number of samples of butter	103

Total samples	1,497
Number of cases pending June 1	16
Number of convictions	15
Number of cases pending July 1	1
Amount paid in fines	\$620

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending July 1, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	18	8	26
Negative	49	44	93
No growth	2	1	3
Totals	69	53	122

Typhoid diagnoses, five cases; two cases positive, two negative and one unsatisfactory. Malaria diagnosis, one case; negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, June 26, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending June 24, 1899:

Cases pending	1
Number of applications	73

Number of Admissions:

To State Almshouse	21
Long Island Almshouse,	18
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	8
Boston Insane Hospital,	5
Westboro' Insane Hospi-	
tal	1
Taunton Insane Hospital	7
Foxboro' Asylum	5

— 65

Number of applications re- 3

Number of applications with- 3

drawn 3

Cases pending 3

— 74

Settlements investigated 90

Settlements reported to the 14

Trustees for Children

28 Court Square, July 3, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending July 1, 1899:

Cases pending 3

Number of applications 81

— 84

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouse	38
Long Island Almshouse	10
Charlestown Almshouse,	1
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	8
Boston Insane Hospital	3
Westboro' Insane Hospi-	
tal	1
Taunton Insane Hospital,	4
Worcester Insane Hospi-	
tal	1
Dipsomaniac Hospital	4

— 70

Number of applications refused, 1

Number of applications with- 13

drawn 84

Cases pending 95

— 84

Settlements investigated 95

Settlements reported to the 17

Trustees for Children

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, June 19, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending June 17, 1899:

	Deer Island	South Boston
	House of	House of
	Correction.	Correction.

Commitments:

Males 157 24

Females 23 9

— 33

Total 180

Offences:

Against the person 8 7

Against property 13 15

Against public order and 12

decency 160

— 34

Total *181

Discharges:

Males 144 10

Females 25 2

— 12

Total 169

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence 143 10

Permit of Commissioner, 6

Payment of fine 20

Pardoned by Governor 1

Death 1

— 12

Total 169

Population:

June 10, 1899 1,029 459

Committed since June 33

10, 1899 180

— 492

Total 1,209

Discharged since June 12

10, 1899 169

— 480

June 17, 1899 1,040

* One committed charged with two offences.

32 Tremont Street, June 26, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending June 24, 1899:

	Deer Island	South Boston
	House of	House of
	Correction.	Correction.

Commitments:

Males 199 12

Females 32 5

— 17

Totals 231

Offences:

Against the person 14 2

Against property 15 12

Against public order 4

and decency 205

— 18

Totals *234

Discharges:

Males 132 7

Females 16 2

— 9

Totals 148

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence, 124 8

Permit of Commis- 7 1

sioner 17

Payment of fine 17

— 9

Totals 148

Population:

June 17, 1899 1,040 480

Committed since June 17

17, 1899 231

— 497

Totals 1,271

Discharged since June 9

17, 1899 148

— 488

June 24, 1899 1,123

* Three committed charged with two offences each.

† One committed charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, June 5, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending June 3, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made 392

Defects reported 52

Defects corrected 88

Dead wire removed (feet) 7,900

Dead wire retained (feet) 300

Fixtures removed 12

New poles set 32

The Department employees accompanied the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and Boston Electric Light Company's employees in selecting pole locations in South Boston and Brighton.

Complaints by citizens of objectionable poles, fixtures and wires have been satisfactorily adjusted.

On June 1, at 1.30 P.M., William Hubbard, a New England Telephone and Telegraph Company lineman, while pulling up wires on poles on Humboldt avenue, near Crawford street, let a slack wire fall on a live alternating 2,000 volt Suburban Company wire, receiving a severe shock and slightly burning his left hand.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made 235
New notices received 93

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

A fire reported by the Fire Alarm Department at 1844 Washington street, May 31, as due to electric wires was found upon investigation to be due to other causes.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	5
Building connections	17
Lamp connections	2
Pole connections	1
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Installation underground transformers	2
Conduit construction	48
Building connections	10
Lamp connections	2
Pole connection	1
Cable drawings	14
Repairs	5

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	11,493
Feet of duct laid	76,305
Manholes built	49
Service connections made	20
Feet of cable drawn in	22,433
Underground plans filed	8

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

July 11, 1899.

General Order No. 609.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Howard J. West, of Division 5, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Being absent from duty without leave, the Board finds the said Patrolman West guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of ten days' pay.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman John F. Welch, of Division 10, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, in that he failed to report for duty when detailed on July 4, current, the Board finds the said Patrolman Welch guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of two days' pay.

Nearly one hundred employees of the City of New York met on June 23 to organize an association for the purpose of securing by legal enactment the grading of salaries of civil servants of the city, county and State, and retirement with pensions after twenty years' service.

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Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.****IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:**

Boston, July 12, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Farnham street be laid out as a highway, at Roxbury, from Gerard street to Magazine street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-sixth day of July, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Sealed proposals for dredging in Charles River, near the temporary pile bridge, will be received at the office of the Mayor, City Hall, Boston, until 4 o'clock P.M., of Monday, July 17, 1899, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for the sum of \$500, payable to the order of the Cambridge Bridge Commission.

Plan can be seen at the office of the City Engineer, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids should it be deemed advisable so to do.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN,

E. D. LEAVITT,

Cambridge Bridge Commission.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 6, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Barry street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway from Quincy street to Richfield street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twentieth day of July, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 11, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Torrey street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Washington street to Wentworth street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-fifth day of July, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

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Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, July 12, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Allerton street be laid out as a highway, at Roxbury, from Gerard street to Magazine street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-sixth day of July, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, July 12, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Island street be laid out as a highway, at Roxbury, from Gerard street to Massachusetts avenue, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-sixth day of July, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

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Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

M. J. Walsh, auctioneer, will for the City of Boston on Saturday, July 15, 1899, at 3 o'clock P.M., sell by public auction, on the premises, the buildings and their appurtenances, numbered 46, 48 and 50 School street; 60, 62, 64, 66 and 70 Bartlett street and 13 and 15 Pearl street, Charlestown District, Boston, Mass., said buildings being situated on land bounded by School, Bartlett and Pearl streets and the Warren School lot of the City of Boston in said Charlestown District, said land being taken by Street Commissioners of the City of Boston for school purposes.

The buildings will be sold on condition that the same will be removed in fifteen (15) days, and if not removed in fifteen (15) days from date of sale, then the title shall revert in the city, and may be otherwise disposed of by the authorities in charge, and the purchaser shall have no claim against the city for or on account of the purchase price paid.

Terms cash at sale. For further particulars apply to M. J. Walsh, auctioneer, 17 City square, Charlestown.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,

Chairman Committee on New Buildings of the Boston School Committee.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, July 11, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Alford street, at Charlestown, be relocated as a highway, from the Mystic river to the boundary line between the City of Boston and the City of Everett, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-fifth day of July, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

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Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 6, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in West Selden street, between Morton and Manchester streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, July 14, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 6, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Woodlawn street, between Hyde Park avenue and Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, July 14, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

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BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 6, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Peterborough street, between Boylston road and Audubon road, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, July 14, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

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BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE.

Boston, July 8, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners, in accordance with Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and amendments thereto, having passed orders for the laying out and construction of the following highways and public alleys:

EAST BOSTON.

Public alley 2001, from Webster street to Marginal street, south-east of Cottage street.

WEST ROXBURY.

Congreve street.
Forest Hills street.
Hubbard street.
Spring street.

DORCHESTER.

Alexander street.
Atherstone street.
Callender street.
Florida street.
Lauriat avenue, between Ballou avenue and Norfolk street.
Montague street.
Shafter street.
Van Winkle street.
Waldeck street.
Woodcliff street.

ROXBURY.

Queensberry street.
Public alley 901, between Hemenway street and the Fenway, and Boylston street and the Westland entrance.

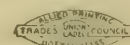
CITY PROPER.

Andrews street.
Charlestown street, between Haymarket square and Causeway street.
Public alley 101, from Richmond street to Cross street, between Fulton and Commercial streets.
Public alley 301, from River street to Pinckney street.
Public alleys 401 to 405 inclusive, between Huntington avenue and St. Botolph street, from Irvington street to rear of Massachusetts avenue.
Public alleys 414 to 421 inclusive, between Beacon and Marlboro' streets, from Arlington street to Massachusetts avenue.

Public alleys 430 to 437 inclusive, between Commonwealth avenue and Newbury street, from Massachusetts avenue to Arlington street.
Public alley 701, from Shawmut avenue to Tremont street, between Union park and Upton street.

Notice is hereby given that the Street Department is about to do the work contemplated in said order, and that all work to be done in said highways and public alleys by all persons or corporations having rights in the same to lay or repair either sewer, gas, water or other pipes, must be done before Saturday, August 5, 1899, as after that time no permits for openings will be granted—until two years after said highways and public alleys are completed.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.



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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting on Monday, July 17, 1899, voted to confirm the following appointment by His Honor the Mayor:

Charles E. Spaulding, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

DEATH OF CHIEF JUSTICE FIELD.

Hon. Walbridge Abner Field, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, died at his home, 43 Rutland square, on Saturday, July 15.

Judge Field who was born in Springfield, Vermont, April 26, 1833, was graduated in 1855 from Dartmouth College with the highest honors.

In May, 1860, he was admitted to the bar in Boston, whither he came to study law, after occupying for two years the position of tutor in Dartmouth College. Mr. Field was associated with the late Harvey Jewell, in the practice of law till 1865, when he was appointed Assistant United States District Attorney for Massachusetts, which position he continued to hold till 1869 when he was

appointed Assistant Attorney-general of the United States by President Grant. In August, 1870, he resigned from office and resumed the practice of his profession in Boston.

In February, 1881, Mr. Field was appointed an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts by Governor Long.

In 1890, on the resignation of Chief Justice Morton, Governor Brackett appointed Judge Field to the Chief Justiceship, which position he held till the time of his death.

Judge Field served the city as a member of the School Committee in 1863, 1864 and 1865, and as a member of the Common Council in 1865, 1866 and 1867. In 1876, he was elected to Congress from the Third District of Massachusetts, but was unseated in 1877. He was returned to Congress from the same district in 1878, and served out his term.

By reason of his exalted character, his extraordinary power of work and his commanding intellectual ability, Judge Field held a high place in the front rank of Massachusetts lawyers and jurists.

COMMITTEES TO ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES OF CHIEF JUSTICE FIELD.

In view of the fact that the late Chief Justice Field was a member of the Common Council of Boston in 1865, 1866 and 1867, as well as on account of the high official position which he occupied, His Honor Mayor Quincy appointed a committee of the city government to represent the city at his funeral on Wednesday, July 19. This committee consisted of Chairman Barry of the Board of Aldermen, Aldermen Colby, Presho, Day and Brick, President Kiley of the Common Council, and Councilmen Stockton, Logan, Walker, Hickey, Peck and Mildram.

Mayor Quincy also requested the following gentlemen, associates of the late Chief Justice in the Common Council of the city, to serve as a committee to attend his funeral: Joseph Story, Hon. Charles H. Allen, Solomon B. Stebbins, John C. Haynes, Benjamin F. Stevens, Moses W. Richardson, Matthias Rich, Gen. Francis A. Osborn and Henry Wilson.

DEATH OF EX-COUNCILMAN McCARTHY.

Mr. John E. McCarthy, an ex-Councilman of the City of Boston from the Charlestown District, died while bathing in the Mystic river, opposite the foot of St. Martin street, Monday afternoon, July 17, 1899.

Mr. McCarthy was a native of Charlestown, and was 32 years of age. In 1896 he represented Ward 4 in the Common Council.

DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE CONROY.

The death of Representative Thomas A. Conroy, of Ward 18, occurred at the house of his sister, 122 Vernon street, on Saturday, July 15, 1899.

Mr. Conroy was born in Roxbury about thirty years ago. He was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1898 and 1899, serving on the Committee on Federal Relations during both terms.

FUND FOR A MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN.

In the will of Mrs. Ellen C. Johnson, late Superintendent of the Woman's Prison at Sherborn, which has been filed for probate in the Middlesex Registry at East Cambridge, the principal bequest is one which will amount to \$10,000 or more to the City of Boston. The amount is to be used for the erection of a drinking fountain for man and beast, to be inscribed: "A Gift to the City of Boston, in memory of Jesse C. Johnson, by Ellen C. Johnson." Several private bequests are made, which are not to be paid unless their payment will leave at least \$10,000 for this purpose, and if there is any surplus left it is to be added to the gift.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN BORDMAN.

Mr. John Bordman, jr., a member of the Common Council from Ward 10, having been appointed a Captain in the Twenty-sixth Regiment of United States Volunteers, at the meeting of the Common Council, on

Thursday, July 13, resigned from the several committees of the City Council of which he was a member.

The following resolutions, offered by Mr. Moore of Ward 10, were adopted by a unanimous rising vote of the Council.

Whereas, A communication has just been received notifying the Common Council of the resignation of John Bordman, jr., of Ward 10, on account of his duties as captain of the volunteers now being recruited for the United States service.

Resolved, That the Common Council of the City of Boston takes this opportunity of expressing its heartfelt appreciation of having had the services up to the present time of one who has made a deep impression on his fellow-members for his sociable and companionable qualities, coupled with an integrity of purpose and straightforwardness in debate which have endeared him to an unusual degree to the members of the Council.

Resolved, That Captain John Bordman, jr., takes with him the best wishes of his fellow-members for the success of his future career.

SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES.

The following-named Justices of the Peace have been designated by the Governor to solemnize marriages in the City of Boston in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 387 of the Acts of 1899, in addition to the list previously printed in THE CITY RECORD, page 496:

John Quinn, jr., 117 Central street.
Samuel D. G. Willcutt, 228 Dudley street.
William P. Brechin, 16 Temple street.
Jeremiah J. Mahoney, 130 F street.
David O. Felt, 22 Ash street.
Albert L. Wyman, 78 Chandler street.
George B. Billings, 70 Long wharf.
Henry W. Hubbard, 117 Clifton street.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1899.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of June, 1899, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	541,827
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	17.27
Death rate for corresponding month, 1898	16.20
Number of deaths:	
Males	398
Females	382
	780
Condition:	
Married	260
Single	406
Widows	75
Widowers	31
Unknown	8
Color:	
White	756
Colored	24

Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	147
Under 2 years	199
Under 5 years	241

Deaths by diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	8
Under 2 years	8
Under 5 years	9
All ages	10

Nativity:	
United States	499
Ireland	128
England	20
Scotland	10
Germany	19
British America	59
Italy	10
Russia	8
Other countries	14
Unknown	13

Parentage:	
American	166
Irish	244
English	13
Scotch	14
German	24
British American	48
Italian	23
Russian	18
Other countries	59
Mixed	60
Unknown	111

Still-births during the month	52
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Causes of Death.

I. ZYMOTIC.	
Alcoholism	6
Croup	1
Cholera infantum	5
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	5
Diarrhoea	4
Dysentery	1
Diphtheria	11
Erysipelas	4
Influenza	1
Measles	2
Puerperal fever	1
Scarlatina	6
Small-pox	2
Syphilis (congenital)	1
Syphilis	2
Septicæmia	4
Typhoid fever	5
Whooping-cough	5
Other Zymotic diseases	1
	67

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.	
Cancer	40
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	18
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	20
Phthisis pulmonalis	88
Other Constitutional diseases	31
	197

III. LOCAL.	
Apoplexy	42
Bright's disease	7
Bronchitis	17
Heart disease	60
Meningitis	28
Nephritis	25
Pleurisy	2
Pneumonia	76
Other Local diseases	132
	389

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.	
Inanition	14
Old age	13
Premature birth	16
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	3
Other Developmental diseases	19
	65

V. VIOLENT.	
Accidental	43
Homicidal	1
Suicidal	11
Other Violent causes	5
	60
Unknown causes	2

RETURN OF SEWER ASSESSMENTS.

City Collector Taylor has turned over to City Treasurer Turner a solid block of ledger paper sheets, containing 65,000 names of those upon whom sewer assessments were levied under the law of last year. The total amount of assessments is \$436,312.89, which is to be paid back. The assessments by wards are as follows:

Ward 1	\$9,316 55
Ward 2	8,082 74
Ward 3	6,716 60
Ward 4	8,900 68
Ward 5	7,692 41
Ward 6	51,812 32
Ward 7	77,061 81
Ward 8	16,268 56
Ward 9	14,269 04
Ward 10	22,943 71
Ward 11	39,212 08
Ward 12	14,104 62
Ward 13	12,551 58
Ward 14	9,125 20
Ward 15	9,119 82
Ward 16	8,994 18
Ward 17	10,375 06
Ward 18	11,921 44
Ward 19	16,309 50
Ward 20	15,610 00
Ward 21	13,641 75
Ward 22	13,831 90
Ward 23	11,251 83
Ward 24	15,542 66
Ward 25	11,656 85
Total	\$436,312 89

So carefully was the clerical work done that the books and transcripts agreed upon the first copying. In the Treasury Department the clerks have checked off the names of those who have already been repaid their assessments. The Law Department is now checking off those who have been paid under execution of the court, and then the City Auditor will have to go through the list for approval. It will be several weeks before all this work will be collected.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, July 12, 1899.

The forty-fifth meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Wednesday, July 12, 1899, at 12 M.

Present: All the members except Mr. Barry.

The records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with on motion of Mr. Dore.

Mr. Kiley called up the following assignment:

A communication from the City Engineer stating that the estimated cost of building a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Travers street is \$15,000.

In accordance with the vote passed at the last meeting, Mr. Horace G. Allen, representing the Boston Transit Commission, and General William A. Bancroft, representing the Boston Elevated Railway Company, were present and conferred with the Board in regard to the subject.

At the conclusion of the conference, on motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That the Boston Transit Commission be requested to inform the Board of Estimate and Apportionment as to whether in their opinion they have a right under the law to construct a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Travers street for a foot passage such as is proposed, and whether, if they have such right, they would be willing to construct such a tunnel.

Later in the meeting, on motion of Mr. Kiley, the communication from the City Engineer was further assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. Dore called up the following assignment:

Petition of the Roxburghe Club and about 2,000 others, praying that prompt action be taken to protect and preserve the shade trees in the streets; that all necessary pruning be done, and that dead trees be removed and young trees planted, etc.; and requesting a hearing in regard thereto.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Mrs. Katharine W. S. Noble and Mrs. Cora C. Jones, representing the Roxburghe Club, Mr. D. Blakely Hoar, representing the Massachusetts Forestry Association, and Representative Leonard W. Ross appeared and were heard.

Mr. Kiley called up the following assignment:

Order (passed by the City Council) requesting the Board "to provide a sufficient sum of money so that the Fire Department may be organized in such a way that the members shall not be required to perform more than 12 hours duty in 24."

Councilman Francis J. Doherty and ex-Captain John S. Kenney, of the Fire Department, were given a hearing by the Board in regard to the matter.

The order was placed on file.

The Board then went into executive session.

Mr. Dore called up the following assignment:

Request of the Pauper Institutions Trustees for an additional appropriation of \$10,000 to enable them to build a combination boiler-house, dynamo-room, bake-shop and laundry building, for which an appropriation of \$60,000 has already been made.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to pass an order making an additional loan appropriation for new power-house and equipment at the Almshouse, Long Island.

Mr. Dore moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the additional sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Pauper Institutions Department for Almshouse, Long Island, new power-house and equipment, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The communications from the Pauper Institutions Trustees and from Mayor Quincy were placed on file, and the order was passed, yeas—4:

Yeas—Messrs. Dore, Minot, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy—4.

The order was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$5,000 from the appropriation for Reserved Fund to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department, it being the intention to use the said sum for the care and preservation of trees in the public streets of the city.

The petition of the Roxburghe Club et al., on which a hearing was given to-day, and the above communication from Mayor Quincy were placed on file, and, on motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of the sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars from the appropriation for Reserved Fund to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department, said sum to be used for the care and preservation of trees in the public streets of the city.

The vote was signed by Mayor Quincy, and Messrs. Dore, Kiley and Minot.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of one hundred and twenty-five (125) dollars and thirty-eight (38) cents from the appropriation for Reserved Fund to the appropriation for "Mayor, public celebrations and lectures, June 17."

On motion of Mr. Dore, it was

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of one hundred and twenty-five (125) dollars and thirty-eight (38) cents from the appropriation for Reserved Fund to the appropriation for "Mayor, public celebrations and lectures, June 17."

The vote was signed by Mayor Quincy, and Messrs. Dore, Kiley and Minot.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel Bailey giving his opinion as to whether the order, passed by the Board on May 22, making an appropriation for an engine-house on Warren avenue authorizes the Fire Commissioner to purchase land, etc.

The communication was placed on file.

The following were also received:

(1.) Communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting an appropriation of four thousand three hundred (4,300) dollars, under Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895, for completion of the ferry-boat "Noddle Island."

(2.) Order (passed by the City Council) requesting the Board "to provide the sum of five hundred (500) dollars to be expended by the Bath Department for the completion only of the public landing, Dorchester Bay."

(3.) Order (referred by the City Council) requesting the Board to provide the sum of \$1,500 for the completion of Princeton street, \$10,000 for resurfacing Trenton street, and \$10,000 for resurfacing Falcon street, Ward 1.

(4.) Order (passed by the City Council) requesting the Board "to provide the sum of \$200 for hiring the lot of land on Geneva avenue, between Olney street and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, known as Morse Field, for temporary playground purposes."

Severally assigned to the next meeting.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Dore, at 2.10 P.M., to meet on Wednesday, July 19, at 3 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

The following was passed at a meeting of the Boston Transit Commission held on July 18, 1899:

Whereas, in the opinion of the Supreme Court rendered in the case of Browne et al. against Turner et al. this Commission is not authorized to construct a tunnel to East Boston in the manner described in the following votes; now, therefore, it is voted that the following vote passed on October 18, 1898, to wit:

"Whereas, the Corporation Counsel has expressed the opinion that, under Section 17 of Chapter 500 of the Acts of the year 1897, this Commission is authorized to build a tunnel or tunnels to East Boston either from the surface at a point on or near Hanover street, or from any subway or subways constructed under the authority of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1894.

"Voted, That the construction of a tunnel or tunnels beginning on or near Hanover street, in the City of Boston or beginning at such other point or points as may be proper for a suitable connection with the subway or subways authorized by Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1894, thence running to a point at or near Maverick square in that part of Boston called East Boston, making there a suitable connection with the surface tracks, be proceeded with, and that as a preliminary, the Chief Engineer be instructed to have surveys, estimates and plans made for such tunnel or tunnels."

The following vote passed on February 16, 1899, to wit:

"Voted, That in the judgment of this commission, a connection by surface street railway tracks between the proposed tunnel to East Boston and the subway is a suitable connection within the meaning of Section 17 of Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897."

The following vote passed on February 23, 1899, to wit:

"Voted, That the construction of a tunnel west of the point indicated in the vote of Tuesday, November 29, 1898, shall be such that the tracks shall rise to the surface of the ground by an inclined way"—be, and are hereby, rescinded.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Board of Aldermen at its regular meeting on the seventeenth instant voted to adjourn till Tuesday, July 25, at 12 o'clock M.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, July 17, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Plan of Pole Locations.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 5, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a plan showing pole locations on the West Boston temporary bridge, between Cambridge street and the westerly draw, granted by the Cambridge Bridge Commission, at its meeting on July 1, to the West End Street Railway Company, and would recommend that the same be placed on file.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Veto — Sign on Lamp-Post.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 6, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith, without my signature, a vote passed by your Board, granting permission to the National Express Company to place a sign on an unused lamp-post on the corner of Franklin and Arch streets, Ward 7, for the reason that the granting of such permission is contrary to law.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered, and the question of granting permission, the Mayor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding, was decided in the negative — yeas, 2; nays, 7.

Veto — Wheelbarrow Stand.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 6, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval a vote passed by your Board granting permission to Constantine Demara "to sell merchandise from a wheelbarrow or push-cart north side of Massachusetts avenue." Some seven years ago peddling within the business section of the city from push-carts had so added to the congestion of travel and become so objectionable in many other ways that peddling within this section was prohibited by ordinance between the hours of eight A.M. and six P.M., and, so far as I am informed, this change has met with general

approval. Mr. Demara now has the privilege, the same as other peddlers, of selling merchandise within the business section except between these hours, and the effect of granting this permit would be to allow him to peddle in the business section during the business hours of the day. If the petitioner is to be granted this privilege, it is reasonable to suppose that applications for the same privilege would be at once made by many hundred other peddlers, who could perhaps urge equally good reasons for having their request granted, and this would result in a return to the conditions existing previous to the adoption of this ordinance, which I apprehend would meet with great objection on the part of our citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered, and the question of granting permission, the Mayor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding, was decided in the negative — yeas, 0; nays, 12.

Veto — Erection of Pole.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 10, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature an order passed by your Board authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue a permit to Thomas F. Dockray to erect, maintain and use a wooden pole in the sidewalk in front of estate 1133 Columbus avenue, Ward 19, for the reason that the said order is illegal.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto — Use of Vehicles.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 10, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval the regulation passed by your Board striking out present Section 13 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Regulations of 1898, and substituting the following in place thereof:

"Section 13. No person shall in any street use any vehicle, other than a railroad or railway vehicle of the Fire Department, or a vehicle drawn or pushed by an animal, or a vehicle of a construction approved by the Board of Aldermen as not endangering the life or property of others."

I am unable to approve of this regulation for a number of reasons, some of them relating to the form of the proposal, and some to its substance.

Section 13 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Regulations, as it now stands, contains only

a provision limiting to a walk the speed at which an animal may be allowed to draw a vehicle over a drawbridge. I am at a loss to understand why it should be proposed to introduce such a sweeping change in the law relating to the use of vehicles under the form of an amendment to this provision, particularly as the new regulation entirely omits the provision contained in the present section, and has no relation whatever to its subject matter. I am not aware of any reason for repealing the present prohibition against the driving of vehicles over a draw-bridge faster than a walk; yet such would be the result if I approved the proposed regulation. Amendments to ordinances or regulations should clearly relate to present provisions, and if such a regulation as that which has been passed by your Board is desirable at all, it should certainly be passed in some other form than as an amendment to Section 13 of Chapter 6.

A further objection to the proposed regulation is found in the fact that its terms are altogether too comprehensive; under it, the city departments could not use, without the approval of the Board of Aldermen, any vehicles not drawn by animals, and, unless a man is to be regarded as coming legally under the definition of an "animal," hand-carts would be barred off the streets unless they were of a construction approved by the Board of Aldermen — and even if a man is legally an animal, it would be impossible under this regulation for anyone to ride a bicycle in the streets of the city unless it were "of a construction approved by the Board of Aldermen," as bicycles are neither "drawn or pushed." It hardly seems to me that such a result can be intended.

But my objection to the proposed regulation extends to the object which was doubtless in the minds of its framers. Under the provisions of Section 25 of Chapter 28, and of Section 15 of Chapter 53 of the Public Statutes, the Mayor and Aldermen of cities are given the power to make certain rules and regulations relative to the use of vehicles and this proposed regulation is doubtless intended to be an exercise of such authority.

On broad grounds, I cannot approve of the passage at the present time of any regulation which seeks to impose restrictions upon the use of our streets by automobiles, so called, because, in the first place, it seems to me that this important subject should be, and doubtless will be, further dealt with by State legislation, and, secondly, that in any case, in the present preliminary stage of the development of automobiles, it would be unwise for the Board of Aldermen to exercise its powers. I believe that it would be much wiser to wait until developments in this line shall have proceeded further, and it will then

be possible to frame a much fuller and wiser regulation than the one now before me.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Appointments by the Mayor.

The following appointments subject to approval and confirmation on the part of the Board were submitted by His Honor the Mayor:

(1.) Allen G. Boyd, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(2.) Andrew H. Dwelley, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(3.) George C. Davis, George H. Hamlin and Francis F. Harrington, to be Constables of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Severally laid over, under the law.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., Thursday, July 13, 1899. President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Additional Band Concerts.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 3, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of the Music Commissioners in reply to orders of your body requesting them to give band concerts in the square in Massachusetts avenue, between Tremont street and Shawmut avenue, in Franklin square, Ward 12, and in Pierce square, Dorchester.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reference to the two orders passed by the Common Council requesting the Music Commission to provide concerts in Pierce square, Dorchester, and in the square on Massachusetts avenue, between Tremont street and Shawmut avenue; I beg to say that the Music Commissioners regret their inability to give the concert in either place. The Massachusetts avenue district, being so far in town, the Commissioners feel that the concerts on the Common, Sunday afternoons, will have to answer for the people in that locality. The Dorchester district will have a concert during the season, but the Commissioners feel that it should be in a more thickly populated district than Pierce square, and have therefore located it in Hancock square, where a greater number of people may enjoy it.

The Commissioners would be glad to provide concerts at these places, and many

others, if the appropriation at their disposal would permit it. They very much regret their inability to do so, and have made the best disposal of the funds for summer concerts that their judgment suggested. I enclose a list of the concerts as fixed upon for the season.

Yours very respectfully,

M. J. DWYER, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Music Department.

Veto—Erection of Wooden Buildings.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 6, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my approval an order granting authority to the joint standing committee on Building Department during the annual recess of the Common Council to allow the erection of wooden buildings and wooden additions upon such terms and conditions as said committee may deem expedient. While there are precedents for this action, I do not see any sufficient reason for failing to make such permits subject to approval by the Mayor, thus giving a committee of the City Council greater power than the City Council itself possesses. Permits of this character, if passed by the City Council, cannot take effect until approved by the Mayor or passed, over his veto, and, if this somewhat extraordinary power is to be given to a committee in order that the public may not be inconvenienced during the recess of the Common Council, it seems to me that it should be provided that the approval of the Mayor should be necessary to give effect to such votes passed by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Building Department.

Report on Printing Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 13, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith the report of a committee appointed to examine the accounts, finances and operation of the Printing Department for the last financial year. This committee consisted of one member of the Merchants' Municipal Committee, selected by that body, and three well-known master printers, and their report finds that the printing plant made a net profit of over \$9,000 for the last financial year, after charging off 10 per cent. for depreciation.

I feel that the Superintendent of Printing and all who have been connected with the work of the office are to be congratulated upon the handsome showing made by the plant during the second year of its operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Boston, June 15, 1899.

HIS HONOR MAYOR JOSIAH QUINCY, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

DEAR SIR: The committee appointed to examine the accounts, finances and operations of the Printing Department of the City of Boston for the financial year ending on January 31, 1899, beg leave to submit the following report:

All charges for work done during the past year have been made on the basis of the old contract in force at the time the work was taken over by the printing plant, and, while this basis was high at that time, it is more nearly correct now when all the larger printing establishments in Boston are on a nine-hour basis, which materially increases the cost of production. It is presumed that had the work continued under contract there would have been a provision for a material increase in price in the event of the adoption of nine hours.

By the unanimous desire of the other members of the committee, Mr. Thomas P. Nichols of Lynn, a member of the Boston Master Printers' Club, investigated the details of the work of the plant, including a careful examination of every charge for work done, the amount of stock on hand, and the work in process on the first day of February, and Mr. William Franklin Hall was engaged as an accountant to examine the financial condition. Mr. Hall's report is herewith appended, and is incorporated as a part of this report.

One item of this report is, in the opinion of your committee, wrongly placed. The 11-23 of the cost of extraordinary repairs (see Mr. Hall's report), amounting to nine hundred and six dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$906.27), which Mr. Hall has added to the cost of the plant, should either be charged to the expenses of the past year or (which would be more fair) be made a separate account, to be included in the expenses of the next year, thus leaving the actual value of the plant, as it should stand on the books, at forty-three thousand and nine dollars and eleven cents (\$43,009.11).

No charge was made by the plant for storage. Under the old contract there was an annual charge of nine hundred (900) dollars. Adding this saving to the profit for the year, as shown by Mr. Hall's report, the net profit would be nine thousand nine hundred and fifty-one dollars and twenty-six cents (\$9,951.26). If we deduct from this amount the 11-23 of the cost of extraordinary expenses, thus charging the whole cost into the running expenses of the past year, the net result would be nine thousand and forty-four dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$9,044.99) profit.

The errors in charges referred to by Mr. Hall are such as are liable to occur in any establishment, and aggregate a total of less than two hundred (200) dollars for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. CURTIS, Chairman.

FREDERICK MILLS,

THOMAS P. NICHOLS,

GEORGE H. ELLIS.

The financial condition of the Plant on the first day of February, 1898, was as follows:

ASSETS.	
Plant	\$42,031 03
Stock on hand, including unfinished work	5,473 00
Cash	449 04
Stamps	5 00
Uncollected accounts:	
For printing	\$14,971 06
For rent	316 66
For heat and power	344 66
	<u>15,632 38</u>
Total	\$63,590 45

LIABILITIES.	
Unpaid bills for stock and materials	\$7,422 23
Pay-roll accrued but not paid	674 09
Reserve for depreciation on Plant, 10 per cent.	4,203 10
Total	<u>\$12,299 42</u>
Surplus	\$51,291 03

EXHIBIT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1899.

Total charges to departments for printing, etc.	\$120,929 59
Printing sundry documents chargeable to appropriation	22,542 04
Total	<u>\$143,471 63</u>

COST OF CARRYING ON THE PLANT.

Stock:	
Amount on hand February 1, 1898	\$5,473 00
Purchases, 15,971 64	
	<u>\$21,444 64</u>
Less stock on hand at close of year	4,375 91
	<u>\$17,068 73</u>
Ruling, numbering, etc.	18,847 76
Pay-rolls for labor and services	72,711 04
Press-room supplies	1,156 25
Electros, cuts and engravings	2,998 44
Outside printing	251 85
Stamped envelopes and stamps	9,735 12
Stationery	1,172 23
Repairs and alterations	988 66
Insurance	738 00
Rent	\$4,696 24
Less for underletting, 1,644 96	
	<u>3,051 28</u>
Sundry miscellaneous expenses	2,236 99
Accounts written off	182 57
Depreciation on Plant, 10 per cent	3,782 79
Total	<u>\$134,921 71</u>
Gain on printing, etc.	<u>\$8,549 92</u>
To which add:	
Heat and power sold	2,505 39
Costing	2,004 05
	<u>501 34</u>
Entire gain for the year	<u>\$9,051 26</u>

PLANT.

This account stood charged February 1, 1898, with cost of plant	\$42,031 03
Four new presses have been purchased during the year, costing	7,400 00

Extraordinary expenses have been incurred incident to a re-arrangement of the office, taking in more room which required changing partitions, etc., amounting to . . . \$1,894 93

As the lease of the premises now occupied expires January 1, 1900, this expense is apportioned over twenty-three months, — 11-23 of this amount is carried forward and 12-23 charged in expenses of the year, ending January 31, 1899. Deduct 12-23 of \$1,894.93 . . . 988 66

Leaves to add to Plant, Office furniture has been purchased during the year, the amount of which is added to Plant	\$906 27
Type, etc., purchased and added to Plant	680 50
	<u>2,583 47</u>
Total	<u>\$4,170 24</u>
Three presses have been sold for	1,700 00
Leaving cost of Plant now	<u>\$51,901 27</u>
There has been reserved for depreciation on Plant:	
10% in 1897	\$4,203 10
10% in 1898	3,782 79
	<u>7,985 89</u>

Which, if deducted, would leave actual the value of Plant as it stands now on the books \$43,915 38

Financial Condition January 31, 1899:

ASSETS.	
Plant as it stands on the books	\$51,901 27
Stock on hand, including unfinished work	4,375 91
Unearned Insurance Premiums	369 00
Accounts Receivable, uncollected	22,560 99
Total	<u>\$79,207 17</u>
LIABILITIES.	
Accounts payable	\$7,457 34
Pay-roll, accrued but not paid	911 50
City Treasurer	891 93
Appropriation	1,618 22
Reserve for depreciation on Plant	7,985 89
Total	<u>\$18,864 88</u>
Surplus	<u>60,342 29</u>

Surplus February 1, 1898	\$51,291 80
Added as a result of operations during the year ending January 31, 1899	9,051 26
Total	<u>\$60,342 29</u>

The work of examining the affairs of the Plant has been done in the following manner, viz.:

Mr. Thomas P. Nichols had examined all the charges made for work done, with particular reference to the schedule of rates in force when the Plant was established, and with the exception of a few errors, some in excess and others of undercharges, the charges are all made correctly. He also examined the schedule of stock on hand and the value of unfinished work, and the figures which he made upon these matters have been used in making up the accounts.

After Mr. Nichols had performed his part of the work, as indicated above, the books and accounts were examined by myself and my assistant, and I am prepared to say that the statements made in this report are fully substantiated by the records upon the books of the Plant, and that the accounts are correctly kept and exhibit clearly the operations carried on.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FRANKLIN HALL,
Accountant and Auditor.

Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting.

Power-house, Long Island.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 13, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting yesterday, making an additional appropriation of ten thousand (10,000) dollars for new power-house and equipment at the Almshouse, Long Island.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

July 12, 1899.

Ordered: That the additional sum of \$10,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Pauper Institutions Department for Almshouse, Long Island, new power-house and equipment; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
JOHN P. DORE,
DANIEL J. KILEY,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The communication was sent up.
The order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.
Sent down.

Seats on Common.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 11, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Public Grounds in relation to your order requesting him to replace the seats on the Tremont street mall of the Boston Common.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

July 10, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reply to the enclosed order from the Common Council dated June 29, 1899, "that the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to replace the seats on the Tremont street mall of the Boston Common," I beg to submit enclosed copies of correspondence on this subject with the assurance that I have no reason to change my opinion in regard to the inexpediency of placing seats on this mall.

I remain your obedient servant,

WILLIAM DOOGUE,

Superintendent.

February 23, 1899.

NATHANIEL ROBINSON, Esq., Mayor's Office.

DEAR SIR: I beg to call to your notice the inclosed clipping from this morning's Herald in regard to the matter of seats on the Tremont street mall, about which of late I have had many complaints. This same experience was repeated on the Public Garden, and I even went so far as to have seats specially painted to be used for women and children only, but the tramps and gentlemen of leisure monopolized them the same as they are doing on the Common. I dislike to trouble His Honor about such trifles and would ask you for some suggestion in regard to the matter as the complaints are becoming of daily occurrence.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM DOOGUE,

Superintendent.

February 25, 1899.

WILLIAM DOOGUE, Esq., Superintendent
Public Grounds, East Cottage street,
Boston.

DEAR SIR: In reference to your letter of the twenty-third, I asked you some time since to put in these seats for the convenience of the ladies who requested them, but I think this was before the tracks were taken off Tremont street. I now desire you to use your own discretion as to whether or not it is best for these seats to remain. If they are simply used for loafing places I agree with you that they had better be removed.

Yours truly,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public
Grounds Department.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Proposals for dredging in Charles river, near the temporary pile bridge, were opened by the Cambridge Bridge Commissioners at the office of His Honor the Mayor on Monday, July 17, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
New England Dredging Company . . .	\$4,200
William L. Miller and William H. Ellis . . .	4,450
John T. Scully . . .	5,000

The bids were taken under advisement.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

EDGAR R. CHAMRLIN,

E. D. LEAVITT,

Cambridge Bridge Commission.

IMMIGRATION DURING JUNE.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the month ending June 30, 1899:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Dutch and Flemish . . .	2	2	-
English . . .	263	153	110
Finnish . . .	393	239	154
French . . .	3	2	1
German . . .	4	3	1
Greek . . .	2	2	-
Hebrew . . .	85	53	32
Irish . . .	916	364	552
Italian (Southern) . . .	8	7	1
Lithuanian . . .	1	1	-
Polish . . .	3	2	1
Russian . . .	1	1	-
Scandinavian . . .	604	300	304
Scotch . . .	63	35	28
Spanish . . .	5	3	2
Turkish . . .	1	1	-
Welsh . . .	4	3	1
West Indian . . .	5	5	-
Total . . .	2,363	1,176	1,187
Tourists or passengers on route . . .	120	-	-
Total immigration for June . . .	2,483	-	-

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS. -- STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division—	
Maine . . .	32
New Hampshire . . .	30
Vermont . . .	7
Massachusetts . . .	1,565
Rhode Island . . .	81
Connecticut . . .	8
New York . . .	92
Pennsylvania . . .	27
Total . . .	1,842
South Atlantic Division—	
District of Columbia . . .	1
Total . . .	1

North Central Division—

Ohio . . .	7
Indiana . . .	7
Illinois . . .	101
Michigan . . .	107
Wisconsin . . .	36
Minnesota . . .	156
Iowa . . .	3
Missouri . . .	5
North Dakota . . .	16
South Dakota . . .	25
Nebraska . . .	2
Total . . .	465

South Central Division—

Tennessee . . .	1
Texas . . .	1
Total . . .	2

Western Division—

Montana . . .	5
Wyoming . . .	2
Colorado . . .	12
New Mexico . . .	2
Utah . . .	2
Idaho . . .	2
Washington . . .	19
Oregon . . .	2
California . . .	7
Total . . .	53

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division . . .	1,842
South Atlantic Division . . .	1
North Central Division . . .	465
South Central Division . . .	2
Western Division . . .	53
Total . . .	2,363

Awards of Contracts.

Bath Department.

Proposals for erecting a public convenience station on the Common were opened at the office of the Bath Department on June 30, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Woodbury & Leighton . . .	\$11,835
John A. Rooney . . .	12,719
W. L. Clark & Co. . .	13,000
D. J. McKim . . .	13,899
W. H. Keyes & Co. . .	13,989
Jones & Meehan . . .	14,100

The contract was awarded to Woodbury & Leighton.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for macadam work were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on July 14, 1899, as follows:

Macadam road, Peterborough street:

Bidders.	Bids.
J. Doherty & Co. . .	\$4,366
N. McBride . . .	5,002
Collins & Ham . . .	5,097
D. E. Lynch . . .	6,253

The contract was awarded to J. Doherty & Co.

Macadam road, Woodlawn street:

Thomas A. Dolan	\$1,582 10
Thomas Minton	1,707 90
Gow & Foss	1,953 90
J. Doherty & Co.	2,149 20
Collins & Ham	2,366 60
D. E. Lynch	2,532 50

The contract was awarded to Thomas A. Dolan.

Macadam road, West Selden street:

James McGovern	\$10,640 00
T. F. Bradley	10,965 25
Collins & Ham	12,881 00
D. E. Lynch	17,444 50

The contract was awarded to James McGovern.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Metropolitan Water Board.

Proposals for two separate contracts, Nos. 174 and 175, for excavating soil, building embankments, grading shores and doing other work in connection with the improvement of Spot Pond, in the town of Stoneham, were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on July 17, 1899, as follows:

CONTRACT 174—SECTION 1.

Bidders.	Bids.
Newell & Snowling Construction Company, Uxbridge	\$36,256
Long & Little, Leominster	39,700
Moulton & O'Mahoney, Boston	40,000
Rowe & Hall, Boston	42,400
M. Russo & Co., Boston	47,200
Devine & McBride, Brighton	47,900
Baker & Judson, Gloversville	48,900
James Driscoll & Son, Brookline	50,500
Coleman Brothers, Charlestown	51,550
Brodhead Construction Co., Easton	52,900
Busch Brothers, Buffalo	54,050
F. Gammino, J. McCormack and N. Cappelli, Providence	59,500
The C. H. Eglee Company, Boston	77,000

NOTE.—The work consists of 130,200 cubic yards of earth and rock excavation, and 2,200 cubic yards of rip-rapping slopes.

The contract was awarded to the Newell & Snowling Construction Company.

CONTRACT 175—SECTION 2.

Moulton & O'Mahoney, Boston	\$42,930
Devine & McBride, Brighton	46,210
Long & Little, Leominster	54,320
Newell & Snowling Construction Company, Uxbridge	58,203
F. Gammino, J. McCormack and N. Cappelli, Providence	64,830
M. Russo & Co., Boston	65,717
Coleman Brothers, Charlestown	66,020
Baker & Judson, Gloversville	71,130
Brodhead Construction Co., Easton	73,240
Harries & Letteney, Boston	73,527
Busch Brothers, Buffalo	75,630
H. W. Wilson and William B. Munroe, Boston	81,020
James Driscoll & Son, Brookline	85,250
Richard Falvey, Somerville	102,950

NOTE.—The work consists of 240,010 cubic yards of earth and rock excavation, and 600 cubic yards of rip-rapping slopes.

The contract was awarded to Moulton & O'Mahoney.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

Board Meetings.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street, on June 8, 1899, all the members being present.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$4,707.75, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$3,686.91, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The Superintendent read his monthly report, which was accepted and placed on file.

The following votes were taken:

Voted, That the bill for the twenty-five barrels of sugar purchased be added to the draft for the month.

Voted, That the Secretary be instructed to ask for the transfer of twenty-four women to the State Hospital.

Voted, To buy sixteen fire extinguishers and six awnings for the office building in the men's department.

The Secretary was instructed to call the Superintendent's attention to the fact that chucks had not been bought, and to ask him to follow the instructions with regard to the purchase of beef as voted in January.

The Mayor's Circular No. 62 was read and placed on file.

The Mayor's Circular No. 63 was read and the Secretary was instructed to inform the Mayor that the expenses were within the appropriation thus far.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the State Board of Insanity inviting the Trustees to meet the State Board June 14. Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Connelly, Goddard, and Sanderson were appointed a special committee to meet the State Board.

The question of the transfer of Mrs. Winnie K. Holmes was referred to the Committee on Insane in other Hospitals with full powers.

The question of the employment of Daniel McEachren, not a citizen of the United States, was laid upon the table.

The Visiting Committee reported that the herd was furnishing a good amount of milk, and it was recommended that the Superintendent be asked to report the number of cows and pigs killed each month and the number on hand.

The committee on hiring the pasture reported that they had hired two pastures, one at \$100 and the other for the consideration of seven tons of hay. The action of the Committee was ratified.

The Committee appointed in the Blake matter reported progress, and asked for further time. Time was granted and the Committee were given full powers in the matter.

The Committee on Supplies reported that straw matting had been purchased for the Associate Superintendent's house, that rubber tires had been bought for the buggy, the buggy had been painted and repaired, a new body had been ordered for the hay rack and the farm wagon had been ordered repaired.

The Committee on Service recommended that a skeleton and blackboard be purchased. They recommended that old attendants be permitted to enter the training school at the wages they were receiving, but that all new attendants should be obliged to enter on the schedule of wages in the training school, and that the attendants in the women's department should buy their uniforms. They also recommended that the pay of the head supervisor, whose work had been made less, should be reduced to \$25 per month.

The report was accepted and the recommendations authorized.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported that work was begun on the fire-stops in the men's department and that work in the "A" building was progressing.

The Secretary was authorized to ask Dr. French of the Medfield Asylum to consider the question if a carriage could be provided to meet the electric cars once a week or once a fortnight for the accommodation of the friends of the Boston patients.

The population on June 7, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	246	258	504
On visit	6	8	14
Totals	252	266	518

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, June 30, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, DeNormandie and Dwight.

Communications received: From Charles H. Wise, dated June 9; the Acting Librarian's report.

Service changes: Resignation of Florence M. Painter, grade B of branch division, accepted to take effect August 29; Employed: Marian Lewis Chamberlain in her former position, grade B, special libraries, \$13 per week, beginning September 1; Alice V. Stevens, grade B, branch division, \$11 per week, beginning July 3; Charles A. Doyle, grade D, runner, special libraries \$5 per week, beginning July 3; Arthur E. F. Smith, transferred to ordering department, grade C, \$8.50 per week, beginning July 3, and salaries fixed as follows: Mary R. Bartlett, grade B, \$13 per week, beginning July 1; John Shaughnessy, grade D, runner \$5 per week beginning June 1; Worthington C. Ford, \$57.53 per week beginning July 15; Mary A. Shaughnessy, grade D, \$6 per week, beginning July 27.

The request of the North Bennet Street Industrial School for a deposit of books was granted.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to Library Building appropriation amounting to \$3,240, and the President or Vice-president was authorized to sign a special draft for the same; for books, chargeable to city moneys \$597.21; to trust funds \$787.85.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$350; to trust funds \$110.09; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$15.12; to Station "P," \$5.88; miscellaneous articles, \$2,201.60.

Friday July 7, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, DeNormandie, Dwight and Lincoln.

Communications received: From the Mayor, dated July 1; from the Handel & Haydn Society, dated July 7; the Acting Librarian's report.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to general appropriation amounting to \$5,857.24, to trust funds \$1,005.86, to Broadway extension appropriation \$45.42.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$374.60, to trust funds \$126.86, to Fellowes Athenæum \$38.62, to Station "P" \$13.52; miscellaneous articles \$316.59.

The salary of Otto Fleischner, Chief of Special Libraries, was fixed at \$2,300 per year, beginning July 1.

The Acting Librarian was authorized to employ a temporary clerk, if advisable, at \$17 per week, subject to future confirmation by the Board.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held July 5, 1899.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Mr. Sproules, Mr. Kerrigan, Mrs. Wolcott, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Quinn, Miss O'Brien and Dr. Stuart.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasury for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending June 10, 1899, the same having been read in full.

The Chairman read a letter received from the State Board of Charity with regard to paupers at Deer Island Hospital, and the Boston Insane Hospital; also about cases of persons in Boston City Hospital whose settlements were defeated by the Act of 1898.

A communication was received from the New England Gas and Coke Company, asking to be notified when bids for fuel are asked, that it may offer coke, was referred to Committee on Supplies.

A notice from the Superintendent of Public Buildings of a contract for coal for the quarter ending October 1, 1899, was read and placed on file.

The Chairman read an order of the City Council calling upon this Board for information in regard to the general working of the Department, referred to the Board by His Honor the Mayor for report; and the following report was unanimously adopted, and the Chairman of the Board was authorized to send it to His Honor the Mayor:

"The Board of Overseers of the Poor beg leave to report as follows:

"That for a full report in regard to the general working of the Department you are

respectfully referred to the report for the year ending January 31, 1899, recently made to Your Honor, and now in print.

"As to the kind of food furnished to the poor, we furnish flour, beans, pork, potatoes, salt fish, Indian meal, oatmeal, sugar, tea, soup, rice, peas, cocoa and condensed milk. As to the quality of food furnished, it is always good, and generally the very best that can be obtained in the market. The food is purchased by the Committee on Supplies, and is bought from time to time as occasion requires, sometimes on contract. It is supplied by McPherson Brothers, J. R. Lomasney & Co., William J. Emerson & Co., George H. Cheever, the Revere Sugar Refinery Company, Rand and Byam, John A. Andrews & Co., Charles E. Moody & Co., John P. Squire & Co., and others.

"The Committee endeavors to keep posted as to the daily price of the articles purchased, and to buy the same at the lowest market price.

"The Bertillon measurement system is not applied at the Wayfarer's Lodge.

"About two hours' work is ordinarily required of applicants at said lodge. As to the money value of such labor it is difficult to state exactly what it is, as the labor required is imposed as a work test, rather than with the idea of exacting an equivalent for the food and lodging furnished.

"The names of the parents of applicants at said lodge are not given to the Pauper Institutions Trustees, the records at the lodge being kept for the use of the Committee and the Board as private records."

The report of the Temporary Home for the month of June was read by Mrs. Wolcott.

Voted, That it be accepted and placed on file.

The report of the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month of June was read by Mr. Fowler, and was accepted and placed on file.

Voted, That the Committee on Building be authorized to arrange for the janitor's vacation.

The Committee on Burials reported four bodies turned over in June, in accordance with Chapter 479 of Acts of 1898.

The Medical Committee reported that it was inexpedient to remove the Homeopathic Dispensary from this building; and it was

Voted, That the Committee on Building see if a special entrance cannot be arranged for persons calling at the rooms of the dispensary.

Voted, That the Board of Health be informed that this Board desires a conference of its Committee on Building with a committee of the Health Board, with regard to the desirability of continuing vaccination in the basement of this building.

The Medical Committee reported on the correspondence between the Secretary of the Board and the Superintendent of the City Hospital, recommending that the Secretary of the Hospital Trustees be furnished with a copy of the correspondence, and be informed that this Board feels that any money in hands of patients should be used so far as necessary to pay expenses of such patients, before calling upon this Board to collect from other cities and towns, or the State. After some discussion as to the best course to be pursued it was

Voted, On motion of Mrs. Wolcott, that the Secretary continue the correspondence with Dr. Rowe.

The members of the Board from South Boston reported that the Provident Association is willing to give office room to our South Boston visitor, but some expense will be necessary to change a partition and procure a desk.

Voted, That the committee, Messrs. Mullen and Stuart, have full powers to do what is necessary.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Street Laying-out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, June 26.

A petition was received for the laying out of Esmond street.

An order was passed laying out Esmond street.

It was voted to give a hearing in regard to changes on Board of Survey plan O 42, Plat 8, at 11 A.M., Friday, July 7, 1899.

It was voted, on advice of the Law Department, to assess the estates of heirs of Anna G. Hamlin and of Charles S. Hamlin, 80 and 82 Harrison avenue, the betterments of \$90 and interest, and \$70 and interest.

Tuesday, June 27.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out Bennington and other streets, at East Boston, as a highway with the name of Bennington street.

An order was passed laying out Bennington street.

A petition was received for the laying out of Capen street.

The following orders were passed:

Relocation of Southern avenue fork of Canterbury branch of Stony brook, relocation of Canterbury branch of Stony brook, relocation of Faneuil Valley brook, relocation of Neponset avenue branch of Stony brook; surface drain in Pleasant and Dent streets and private land; sewers in Ellingwood and Estey streets and Fisher avenue, Atkinson street, Lee street, Sutherland road, Commonwealth avenue, Spencer street, Blue Hill avenue, Beach street, Keyes street, Talbot avenue, Washington street, Park street, Chelsea street, Curtis street, Pope street, Swett street; catch-basins in Van Winkle street, Centre street, Dorchester avenue extension, State street, Buttonwood street and H street.

Wednesday, June 28.

A public hearing was given in the matter of relocating Corinth street.

Authority was given for the opening of Northam park, from Dorchester avenue opposite Templeton street.

It was voted to send the order laying out Bennington street to the Railroad Commissioners for their approval of the bridges crossing the Boston and Maine, Boston and Albany, and Revere Beach and Lynn Railroads.

A petition was received for the laying out of Wordsworth street; and a remonstrance was received against the relocation of Corinth street.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to relocate Gibson street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 1899.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	296	35	331	165	140	26	169	41	48	331	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	57	—	57	12	31	14	12	5	37	57	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	223	31	254	92	134	28	87	46	85	250	4
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	19	1	20	7	8	5	3	6	9	18	2
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	2	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	26	12	38	19	15	4	21	2	1	38	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	34	46	80	16	63	1	21	10	7	80	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,443	290	2,733	161	2,452	120	1,373	1,004	300	2,481	252
Totals	3,100	415	3,515	473	2,844	198	1,686	1,114	487	3,257	258

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	—	—	12	—	26	—	64	4	65	10	40	5	34	6	23	6	17	2	7	1	3	—	5	1
No. 2.	7	—	18	—	11	—	10	—	5	—	1	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3.	6	—	45	—	27	1	31	8	32	9	32	4	18	2	11	1	10	2	5	2	3	2	3	—
No. 4.	4	—	1	—	5	—	3	—	—	—	4	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6.	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	6	2	3	1	8	2	2	3	1	1	3	1	—	—	—	—
No. 7.	—	—	—	—	—	6	10	9	6	14	9	10	3	3	2	3	2	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
No. 8.	10	4	73	2	170	14	322	36	410	62	385	48	350	55	228	21	185	17	129	11	75	3	106	17
Totals	27	4	149	2	239	22	444	58	524	97	474	68	417	69	268	34	216	22	146	16	82	5	114	18

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	33	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	10	Males	6
Missing persons reported	16	Females	—
Missing persons found	7	Americans	3
Lost children restored	304	Foreigners	3
Sick and injured persons assisted	338	Non-residents	5

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,829	3	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,493	6
British Provinces	317	1	Finland	2	—
Ireland	824	1	Denmark	4	—
England	135	—	Holland	—	—
France	11	1	Wales	—	—
Germany	31	—	East Indies	—	—
Italy	137	—	West Indies	7	—
Russia	82	—	Turkey	5	—
China	20	—	South America	—	—
Greece	19	—	Switzerland	2	—
Sweden	34	—	Belgium	—	—
Scotland	30	—	Africa	—	—
Spain	1	—	Hungary	—	—
Norway	10	—	Asia	—	—
Poland	1	—	Arabia	1	—
Austria	9	—	Mexico	—	—
Portugal	3	—	Australia	1	—
Roumania	—	—			
Carried forward	3,493	6	Totals	3,515	6

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, June 12, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending June 10, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	2	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	4	-	4
2...	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	1	3	-	-
3...	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
4...	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	-
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
6...	-	9	-	-	-	-	20	2	13	26	-
7...	-	9	-	-	-	13	1	19	23	-	-
8...	-	4	-	1	1	-	7	-	6	13	-
9...	-	4	-	1	5	-	7	1	7	8	-
10...	3	2	-	1	5	-	2	1	3	14	-
11...	1	3	-	1	-	8	13	9	21	-	-
12...	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	2	6	16	-
13...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	6	-
14...	1	9	-	-	-	-	9	-	1	11	-
15...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	-
16...	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	4	5	13	-
17...	-	1	-	-	2	-	5	2	4	11	-
18...	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	4	-
19...	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	5	11	-
20...	5	2	2	-	12	6	6	3	7	52	-
21...	1	-	1	-	-	2	8	1	8	19	-
22...	-	1	-	-	-	2	5	2	6	5	-
23...	10	2	-	-	-	9	1	2	15	19	-
24...	-	1	-	-	-	4	2	4	4	13	-
25...	2	3	-	-	-	2	8	3	5	15	-
T'ls.	26	64	8	4	25	35	122	46	142	310	-

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, July 10, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending July 8, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	87
Number of discharges of mortgages	14
Number of assignments of mortgages	6
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	3
Number of attachments	1
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of married women's certificates.	6
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1
Number of ship liens	2
Number of assignments of wages	32

The following accident notices have been filed:

July 6—William J. Kelly, personal injuries caused by box falling from cart 90 of the Street Department; Ida Auftrosky, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in highway on Barton street.

July 8—Edward F. Mullin, personal injuries caused by open manhole opposite 11 Orkney road, Brighton.

During the week the following suits have been entered against the city: Thaddeus E. Mack, action of tort, damages \$2,000; John B. Young, action of tort, damages \$1,000, and Louis F. Abbott, action of tort, damages \$4,000.

City Hall, July 17, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending July 15, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	105
Number of discharges of mortgages	17
Number of assignments of mortgages	7
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of bills of sale	1
Number of assignments of wages	47
Number of married women's certificates.	7
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	4
Number of ship liens	2

An accident notice was filed by Dr. W. J. Gallivan on July 15, 1899, on account of injuries to his buggy caused by catching in a tree.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Bath Department.

Following is a summary showing the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of June, 1899, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

JUNE.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount received.
1	675	228	61	53	1,017	\$17 95
2	580	220	63	72	935	15 41
3	615	189	610	435	1,849	15 75
4	702	178	42	56	978	17 92
5	631	173	30	79	913	16 39
6	672	231	62	57	1,022	17 55
7	225	95	45	32	397	6 80
8	520	189	51	63	823	13 16
9	485	207	92	80	864	12 16
10	603	221	551	348	1,723	14 27
11	585	152	31	52	820	15 70
12	421	112	42	55	630	10 61
13	552	199	43	100	894	16 47
14	630	221	42	58	951	16 32
15	275	98	32	25	430	6 89
16	520	173	63	110	866	13 07
17	576	221	133	202	1,132	10 91
18	576	98	53	68	795	13 99
19	485	162	26	53	726	12 20
20	498	173	23	57	751	12 28
21	356	130	25	42	553	10 28
22	385	109	22	33	549	9 39
23	453	152	21	62	688	13 43
24	745	196	10	321	1,272	16 75
25	768	234	26	23	1,051	17 53
26	502	157	15	92	766	12 54
27	425	145	10	75	655	10 85
28	300	95	25	52	472	6 03
29	403	149	15	79	646	7 86
30	521	132	22	156	831	11 93
Totals,	15,684	5,039	2,276	3,000	25,999	\$391 39

NOTE.—Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

The following table shows the number of baths taken at the East Boston Gymnasium during June, 1899:

JUNE.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1	-	40	-	50	90
2	130	-	-	-	130
3	174	-	164	-	338
4	209	-	-	-	209
5	201	-	-	-	201
6	-	60	-	100	160
7	140	-	220	-	360
8	-	82	-	98	180
9	260	-	-	-	260
10	120	-	275	-	395
11	230	-	-	-	230
12	250	-	-	-	250
13	-	80	-	130	210
14	103	-	237	-	340
15	-	40	-	100	140
16	162	-	-	-	162
17	40	-	62	-	102
18	220	-	-	-	220
19	270	-	-	-	270
20	-	110	-	150	260
21	133	-	267	-	400
22	-	42	-	97	139
23	175	-	-	-	175
24	55	-	81	-	136
25	100	-	50	-	150
26	122	-	-	-	122
27	-	40	-	69	109
28	120	-	139	-	259
29	-	30	-	56	86
30	162	-	-	-	162
Totals	3,376	524	1,495	850	6,245

NOTE.—At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Fire Department.

Bristol street, July 12, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending July 8 as follows:

Fire-alarm Box 637 has been ordered equipped with a keyless door.

George Riley has been appointed a call substitute for Ladder Company 16.

There have been ordered of the Boston Belting Company six pieces of suction hose at a cost of \$290.44.

There have been purchased five horses, price \$137.50 each.

The construction of a manure pit for Engine-house 18 has been ordered at a cost of \$250.

The following transfers have been made: John P. Butler, Ladder Company 1 to Engine Company 10; P. J. Murphy, Engine Company 10 to Ladder Company 1; P. F. Garrity, Engine Company 10 to Engine Company 23; J. F. McBride, Engine Company 23 to Engine Company 10.

There has been deposited with the City Collector cash received for licenses for the sale of fireworks at retail amounting to \$386, which added to that previously reported makes a total of \$1,386. Also, for the sale of fireworks at wholesale, \$25; gunpowder, \$29, and for the sale of old material, \$192.61.

Charles H. Morrison, of Engine Company 44, has been dishonorably discharged for persistent and scandalous pecuniary transactions, with falsehood to the Commissioner, added to insubordination while under the influence of liquor.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, July 8, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Jesse Tirrell, jr., rear 500 First street, Ward 14; hearing July 13 at 11 o'clock. W. B. Cunningham, 465 River street, Ward 24; hearing July 20 at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Faneuil Watch Tool Company, Brooks street, Ward 25, one horse. William Martin, Cottage street, Ward 2, one horse. S. H. Whitwell, 332 Newbury street, Ward 11, ten horses.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending July 8, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	24	23	47
Negative	36	20	56
No growth	1	—	1
Totals	61	43	104

Remarks: Typhoid diagnoses, four cases; negative. Carbuncle, one case; staphylococci pyogenes aureus.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, July 10, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending July 8, 1899:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications	61	61
Number of Admissions:		
To State Almshouse	25	
Long Island Almshouse,	6	
Charlestown Almshouse,	2	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	6	
Boston Insane Hospital,	3	
Taunton Insane Hospital	2	
Foxboro' Asylum	1	
	—	45
Number of applications refused	6	
Number of applications withdrawn	10	
Cases pending	—	61
Settlements investigated		66
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children		4

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, July 3, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending July 1, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	155	12
Females	11	1
Totals	166	13

Offences:

Against the person	15	3
Against property	13	10
Against public order and decency	148	1
Totals	* 176	† 14

Discharges:

Males	157	12
Females	21	5
Totals	178	17

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence,	154	16
Permit of Commissioner	8	1
Payment of fine	16	—
Totals	178	17

Population:

June 24, 1899	1,123	488
Committed since June 24, 1899	166	13
Totals	1,289	501
Discharged since June 24, 1899	178	17
July 1, 1899	1,111	484

* One committed charged with four offences; two with three offences; three with two offences.

† One committed charged with two offences.

32 Tremont Street, July 10, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending July 8, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	151	14
Females	21	—
Total	172	14
Offences:		
Against the person	8	1
Against property	10	13
Against public order and decency	157	—
Total	* 175	14
Discharges:		
Males	171	18
Females	19	2
Total	190	20
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	163	19
Permit of Commissioner,	8	—
Payment of fine	18	—
Escaped	1	—
Transferred to Deer Island	—	1
Total	190	20
Population:		
July 1, 1899	1,111	484
Committed since July 1, 1899	172	14
Total	1,283	498
Discharged since July 1, 1899	190	20
July 8, 1899	1,093	478

* Three committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, June 13, 1899.

The following is a summary by the Commissioner of Wires of the work performed

by the Wire Department for the week ending June 10, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	391
Defects reported	87
Defects corrected	107
Feet of dead wire removed	11,600
Feet of dead wire retained	1,000
Notices of new work received	19
Fixtures removed	32
Poles set	3

An investigation has been made of fire on submarine cable pole supporting alternating and power wires of the Boston Electric Light Company on the westerly end of Congress-street bridge, which occurred on June 7 at about 7.30 P.M. The fire was caused by a defectively insulated alternating wire grounding on a pole, due to the heavy rain at the time.

Investigation has also been made of a tree fire opposite 478 Shawmut avenue. This was due to arc wires of the Boston Electric Light Company grounding on the limbs of a tree during the rainstorm.

The Department employees responded to a second alarm of fire from Box 412, at 4.55 A.M., June 11, at 216 Friend street.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections	237
Notices of new work received	142

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

An investigation has been made in reference to the electrical trouble which occurred at the American Legion of Honor building, 200 Huntington avenue, at about 12.40 P.M., June 6. The same was found to be due to a break-down in transformer, permitting primary current of a 2,000 volt circuit to enter building over secondary wiring, as a result of which burn-outs occurred in various portions of the building at a number of combination fixtures.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	3
Building connections	31
Lamp connections	3
Pole connections	4

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	59
Building connections	27
Lamp connections	2
Repairs	8
Cable drawings	5

Old Court House, June 20, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending June 17, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections	327
Defects reported	75
Defects corrected	94
Notices of new work received	57
Feet of dead wire removed	11,300
Feet of dead wire retained	1,000
Poles set	69
Fixtures removed	17

The Department employees responded to a second alarm of fire from Box 638, at 3.49 P.M., June 14. The fire started at 256

Border street, and extended to several buildings on the same street, as well as to a number on Meridian street. About thirty wires belonging to the Fire Alarm and Police Departments and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, attached to poles of the latter company on Border street, were burned off and cut and removed by this Department, causing a temporary suspension of service to the departments and company above named.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made 248
New notices received 130

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

An investigation has been made in reference to the fire which occurred at 651 Harrison avenue during the afternoon of June 13, and which was reported by the Fire Department as supposed to be due to overcharged electric wires. The fire was found to be not due to electrical causes.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction 3
Lamp connections 2
Building connections 14
Repairs 7

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction 38
Building connections 18
Pole connections 4
Repairs 6
Cable drawings 30

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed 14,309
Feet of duct laid 73,174
Manholes built 51
Service connections made 51
Feet of cable drawn in 10,572

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

City Hall, July 17, 1899.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Monday July 17, 1899, at 4 P.M.

Present: Commissioners Quincy and Champlin.

In accordance with the advertisement (see THE CITY RECORD, page 532), inviting bids for dredging in the Charles river, near the temporary pile bridge, proposals for the work were received, publicly opened and read. The bids were taken under advisement (see THE CITY RECORD, page 539).

The following was received and placed on file:

Charlestown, Mass., June 29, 1899.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION:

GENTLEMEN: I regret to report that the heavy timber for the arms for the draw of Cambridge Bridge were aboard the Clyde Line steamer "Pawnee," burned at sea.

I have looked over all the lumber in Boston and New York from which this lumber could be cut, but could find only six pieces out of the total, price being no question.

Except for this accident my work would have been completed on time and my consignors cannot guarantee the lumber to be here before July 27.

I therefore respectfully petition for an extension of time until August 20, due to conditions beyond my control.

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM J. LAWLER.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the Chief Engineer be authorized to purchase and have installed two electric motors for operating the draw on the Boston side of the temporary highway bridge across the Charles river, at the estimated expense of \$900.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That, as the temporary highway bridge is now nearing completion, this Commission hereby requests the Boston Elevated Railway Company to make the contribution of eight thousand (8,000) dollars toward the expense of building said temporary bridge promised in a communication from its President, dated October 12, 1898, one-half of said sum to be paid to the City Collector of the City of Boston and the other half to the City Collector of the City of Cambridge, this Commission having on October 17, 1898, voted that it will, on payment of said sum of eight thousand (8,000) dollars, grant to such corporation a temporary double track surface location on said bridge.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That, as the Commission intends in the near future to grade and pave the approaches to the temporary bridge, the Boston Elevated Railway Company is hereby requested to lay its tracks in the said approaches.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the work of paving the approach to the temporary bridge on the Cambridge side be placed in charge of the Street Department of the City of Cambridge, and that of paving the approach on the Boston side be placed in charge of the Street Department of the City of Boston, the Commission to pay, as a part of the expense of the bridge, the actual cost to said departments of said work.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the schedule of bills and payrolls, presented by the Chief Engineer of the Commission for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, amounting to one thousand four hundred and thirty (1,430) dollars and seventeen (17) cents, be certified by the Commission for payment by the respective cities of Boston and Cambridge.

The eighth and final estimate of work done and material furnished by Benjamin Young on the temporary highway bridge across the Charles river, under his contract dated October 13, 1898, and amounting to \$6,424.24, was received from the Chief Engineer.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the same be certified for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, one-half thereof to be paid by each city, and that the Chairman be authorized to draw special drafts in payment thereof.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the Board approve the bills for necessary services and fees in connection with the widening and laying out of Main street, as the Cambridge approach, amounting to the total sum of sixteen (16) dollars and twenty-three (23) cents; and that the same be certified for payment by the City of Cambridge, as a part of the cost of the approach to the Cambridge Bridge on the Cambridge side, as provided in Section 8, Chapter 467, of the Acts of 1898.

Adjourned, on motion of Commissioner Champlin, subject to call of the Chairman.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending July 8, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	18.7
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	16.0
Number of deaths:	
Males	100
Females	95
Total	195
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	166
Increase	29

Of the 195 decedents, 188 were white and 7 colored; 133 were born in the United States, 60 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 2 was unknown; 47 were of American parentage, 122 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 26 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	70	6
Scarlatina	15	2
Typhoid fever	6	2
Measles	60	-
Totals	151	10

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	25
Pneumonia	11
Whooping Cough	3
Heart disease	13
Bronchitis	3
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	15

Total from principal causes	73
Total from infectious diseases	10
Total from other causes	112

Total from all causes	195
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Deaths of children under 1 year	40
Deaths of children under 5 years	66
Deaths of persons over 60 years	37
Deaths in public institutions	67

There was one death from small-pox at quarantine during the week, and one case was reported.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending July 15, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.0
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	18.8

Number of deaths:

Males	98
Females	100
Total	198
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	192
Increase	6

Of the 198 decedents, 193 were white and 5 colored; 142 were born in the United States, 52 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 30 were of American parentage, 143 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 25 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	49	7
Scarlatina	10	1
Typhoid fever	8	3
Measles	56	2
Totals	123	13

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	15
Pneumonia	9
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	13
Bronchitis	1
Marasmus	8
Violent causes	14

Deaths from principal causes	62
Deaths from infectious diseases	13
Deaths from other causes	123

Deaths from all causes 198

Deaths of children under 1 year	68
Deaths of children under 5 years	90
Deaths of persons over 60 years	31
Deaths in public institutions	62

At the third annual convention of the League of American Municipalities, to be held at Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 19-22, the five following topics have been selected for discussion: "The Municipal Ownership of Public Service Industries," "The Contract vs. the Per Diem System for Public Works," "The Collection and Disposal of Garbage and City Wastes," "Public Bath-houses and Playgrounds," and "The Special Assessment System for Public Improvements."

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 14, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Fowler street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Glenway street to McLellan street, over and including a private way known as Read street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-eighth day of July, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, July 1, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Main street, in the Charlestown District, from and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on said street, at a point near Cambridge street, to and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on said street, at a point near Mishawum street; also connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Bunker Hill street, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C.E., dated June 30, 1899, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,

By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 17, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, July 3, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks, in place of existing single track, on Western avenue, in the Brighton District, from the dividing line between the City of Cambridge and the City of Boston to a point about four hundred (400) feet westerly on said avenue, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, connecting with the existing tracks of said company on said street, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C.E., dated July 3, 1899, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,

By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 17, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Brighton Item and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 14, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Brookline avenue be relocated as a highway, at Roxbury, from the Longwood entrance of the Back Bay Fens to the Riverway, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-eighth day of July, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, July 7, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 48 Bartlett street, corner 36 Elm street, Ward 3, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over the corner of Bartlett and Elm streets. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, twelve feet wide, and two feet over line of street.

FRANCIS G. SAGER.

116 School street, Somerville.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 17, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the thirty-first day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 10, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 250 Washington street, Ward 6, metal cornice and sign of the following description: To project from first story, beyond present line of stone cornice, two (2) inches from metal cornice and eight (8) inches for metal shield over Washington street. Dimensions: Shield two and one-half feet, cornice three feet high, shield two and one-half feet, cornice fourteen feet wide, and shield one and one-half feet, cornice one foot over line of street.

HOWARD C. WOODBURY,

77 Devonshire street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 17, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the thirty-first day of July, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 14, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Washington street, at Dorchester, be relocated as a highway, from Fairmount street to Codman street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-eighth day of July, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY HALL,
BOSTON:

Boston, June 24, 1899.

The Brookline Gas Light Company hereby respectfully petitions your Honorable Board for permission to erect and maintain forty-six carrying poles for electric wires on the southerly side of Cambridge street, between Harvard avenue and Charles river, Allston, to take the place of thirty-six carrying poles, which are to be removed. The Brookline Gas Light Company also respectfully petitions for permission to erect and maintain eighteen carrying poles for electric wires on the westerly side of Harvard avenue, between Cambridge street and Commonwealth avenue, Brighton, to take the place of fifteen carrying poles which are to be removed, all of which is shown on the accompanying plan (No. 434), dated June 20, 1899.

Brookline Gas Light Company,
By CHARLES D. BURRAGE.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 17, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby ordered, that due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this board will, on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of July, at 12 o'clock, noon, take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Traveler, Brighton Item and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY HALL,
BOSTON.

Boston, June 24, 1899.

The Brookline Gas Light Company hereby respectfully petitions your Honorable Board for permission to erect and maintain one carrying pole for electric wires on the southerly side of Sparhawk street, between Muddock and Elko streets, Brighton as shown on the accompanying plan (No. 435) dated June 23, 1899.

Brookline Gas Light Company,
By CHARLES D. BURRAGE.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 17, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this board will, on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of July, at 12 o'clock noon, take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Traveler, Brighton Item and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY
OF BOSTON:

July 18, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Stratford avenue, at West Roxbury, be laid out from Anawan avenue to Clement avenue as a highway with the name of Stratford street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the first day of August, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, July 7, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm, and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Forest Hills street, Jamaica Plain, Ward 23; Alford street, Charlestown, Ward 4; Columbia road, Dorchester, Ward 20; Glendale street, Dorchester, Ward 16.

Also to remove poles from Forest Hills street, Jamaica Plain, Ward 23; Alford street, Charlestown, Ward 4; Columbia road, Dorchester, Ward 20; Glendale street, Dorchester, Ward 16.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 17, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of July, at 12 o'clock M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY HALL,
BOSTON:

Boston, June 24, 1899.

The Brookline Gas Light Company hereby respectfully petitions your Honorable Board for permission to erect and maintain six carrying poles for electric wires on the westerly side of Linden street, between Brighton and Commonwealth avenues, Brighton, as shown on the accompanying plan (No. 433), dated June 19, 1899.

Brookline Gas Light Company,
By CHARLES D. BURRAGE.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 17, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of July, at 12 o'clock M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Traveler, Brighton Item and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY
OF BOSTON:

July 18, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Wordsworth street, at East Boston, be laid out as a highway, from Saratoga street to Pope street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the first day of August, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

Boston, Mass., June 28, 1899.

Respectfully represent your petitioners that they are a majority of the Directors of the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of Massachusetts, whose charter has been duly accepted and whose tracks have been located and constructed in said City of Boston; and as such Directors pray that the location of the tracks of said company within said city be extended and that other and additional locations may be granted to it as herein after set forth, and that the said company may be permitted to locate, lay, and maintain tracks with such turn-outs and switches as may be necessary, and erect and maintain the necessary poles, wires and other fixtures along the ways hereinafter named for the purpose of operating by electricity or other motive power, except steam, a street railway through the following streets and public ways in said City of Boston, to wit:

Commencing at a point on River street, at a connection with the present tracks of said company and near Oakland street, thence running through said River street and through the open place or square formed by the intersection of said River street, Blue Hill avenue and Oakland street, in that part of Boston called Mattapan, to make connection with the location hitherto granted to the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company, and to the Milton line.

The location of said tracks, turn-outs, switches and poles is shown on a plan made by H. T. Whitman, engineer, dated June, 1899, and filed herewith.

Also commencing at a connection with the present tracks of this company on Washington street, near Dorchester avenue, and thence running through said Washington street and through the public street or way, supposed to be called Washington street, near the Chocolate Factory, so called, to the Milton line.

Also commencing at a connection with the present tracks of said company on Adams street, near Dorchester avenue, and thence running through said Adams street and through said public street or way, supposed to be called Washington street, near the Chocolate Factory, so called, to a connection with the location last hereinbefore asked for.

The location of said tracks, turn-outs, switches and poles is shown on a plan made by H. T. Whitman, engineer, dated June, 1899, and filed herewith.

Your petitioners further pray that said Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company may be authorized, at its own expense, to make such changes in the tracks of the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company, and in its overhead electrical system, as may be necessary or convenient in order to connect with the tracks, hereinbefore referred to, of the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company.

GALEN L. STONE,
A. RAYMOND,
J. D. McAVOY,
JOHN W. CHASE,
CHARLES F. JENNEY,

A majority of the Directors of the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 17, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioners to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY
OF BOSTON:

July 18, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Conrad street be laid out as a highway from Summer street, at Dorchester, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the first day of August, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD.

BUILDING GATE CHAMBER AND LAYING
CAST-IRON PIPES.

Boston, July 17, 1899.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, No. 3 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass., until 2.30 o'clock P.M. of Thursday, July 27, 1899, for building a gate chamber and laying cast-iron water pipes at Chestnut Hill Reservoir. The principal items of work to be done are approximately 8,500 cubic yards of earth excavation, 650 cubic yards of concrete masonry, and laying about 1,800 linear feet of 60-inch and 48-inch cast-iron pipe. Pamphlets containing further information for bidders, forms of proposal, contract and specifications will be mailed to contractors who apply to the Chief Engineer, or may be obtained at his office, No. 3 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass. Plans of the work may also be seen at his office. The printed forms must be used in making proposals. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to accept the proposal deemed best for the Commonwealth.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE, Chairman.

WILMOT R. EVANS,

HENRY P. WALCOTT,

Metropolitan Water Board.

FREDERIC P. STEARNS, Chief Engineer.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 17, 1899.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to erect poles for the support of its wires, as follows:

Maple street, Roxbury, between Cheney and Georgia streets, two poles, thirty-five feet by ten inches by ten inches. Width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Boston Electric Light Company,

By SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 17, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of July, at 12 o'clock M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed:

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Boston, July 17, 1899.

The undersigned respectfully petitions for leave to lay down a single track of a railroad for private use in the transportation of freight across Everett street, Brighton, at grade, between Braintree street and the southerly line of the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad, as per plan filed herewith.

The Thompson and Norris Company,

Per WILLIAM WATT, Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 17, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Brighton Item, and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston will receive proposals, at its office, 64 Pemberton square, Boston, Mass., for building boundary walls at Arnold Arboretum and Franklin Park, and furnishing a bond in a sum not exceeding one-half the amount of the contract for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the Engineer's office, Jamaica Park, Boston, fill out and sign each proposal, and leave it at said office, 64 Pemberton square, before 2 o'clock of Friday, July 21, 1899, and leave with it a certified check for \$200, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal they deem best for the city, and notify all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,

LABAN PRATT,

JAMES M. PRENDERGAST,

Board of Park Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 17, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing about 15,000 cubic yards, more or less, of good clean earth or gravel filling in Worthington street, between Longwood avenue and the Back Bay Fens, Boston, Mass., 3,000 cubic yards, more or less, to be delivered on or before August 15, 1899, according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Monday, July 24, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$100, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 13, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for paving and regulating Charlestown street, between Haymarket square and Causeway street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond of \$5,000 for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Monday, July 24, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY
OF BOSTON:

July 13, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Boylston street be relocated as a highway, from Tremont street to Carver street, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twenty-seventh day of July, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive proposals for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the Quincy and Perth streets Grammar School-house; also for furnishing and installing a plumbing system in said building; also for plastering said building, according to the office copy of the contracts and plans, which may be seen, and proposals obtained, at the office of A. Warren Gould, 2A Beacon street, Boston, Mass.; a satisfactory bond in the sum of \$5,000 for faithfully doing the work under the first contract, \$2,500 for the second contract, and \$4,000 for the third contract, will be required. The bidder must use the form of proposal for each contract to be obtained at said office, sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M. of July 24, 1899, with a certified check accompanying the proposal for \$500 under the first contract, \$500 under the second contract, and \$500 under the third contract, payable to the City of Boston. These checks are to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive proposals for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the South Boston High School-house, and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$6,000 for faithfully doing the work. The office copy of the plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the S. Homer Woodbridge Company, 4 Post Office square, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M. of July 24, 1899, with a certified check for \$1,500, payable to the City of Boston, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.

CITY OF BOSTON.

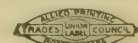
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive proposals for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the Dorchester High School-house, and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$6,000 for faithfully doing the work. The office copy of the plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the S. Homer Woodbridge Company, 4 Post Office square, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M. of July 24, 1899, with a certified check for \$1,500, payable to the City of Boston, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume II.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1899.

Number 30.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale by the W. B. Clarke Company—Park Street Church stores A and B, Park and Tremont streets.

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611 WASHINGTON STREET.

The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 1899, voted to confirm the following appointments by His Honor the Mayor:

(1.) Andrew H. Dwelley, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(2.) Allen G. Boyd, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

EAST BOSTON FERRY-BOAT.

Superintendent Wells of the Street Department is in receipt of advices from the Navy Department, stating that the City of Boston's bid of \$25,000 for the "Governor Russell," formerly an East Boston ferry-boat, but sold to the United States government during the Spanish war, could not, under the law, be accepted, being less than the appraised value of the vessel, which is \$35,000. The bids were submitted on the advice of the two experts, who made a thorough examination of the boat. The "Governor Russell" is in bad shape in many ways, the government having stripped her of her electric plant and various other

fittings; and what with the expense and risk of bringing her to Boston, \$25,000 was considered a fair price.

It is quite probable that, now that the government has refused the offer of the city, steps will be taken immediately to build a new boat.

REPORT OF AUDITING DEPARTMENT.

The report of the City Auditor of the receipts and expenditures of the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk for the financial year 1898-99 is now ready for general distribution. The report constitutes City Document No. 3.

The same general plan has been followed as that used in these reports for many years past. The tables, which present in summary form information for a series of years, have all been continued and brought down to January 31, 1899. The table setting forth the gross receipts of the city, together with the deductions necessary in order to show the real income for the year, which appeared for the first time in the report of 1897-98 (see City Record, Vol. I., No. 30, page 449), has been replaced in this year's report by a more extensive table. The new table shows to what class of accounts each item of the revenue has been credited; that is, whether credited to the general income account, to a regular department appropriation, or to a special appropriation. The amount of principal of trust funds received during the year is shown; the income of the trust funds of which the city has charge, and the amount credited during the year to the Sinking Funds. In the last column, certain miscellaneous accounts in the nature of book-keeping items are grouped together. The real income of the city may be found by adding together the footings of the first three columns, namely, General Income, Department Appropriations and Special Appropriations.

The total amount of debt created during the financial year was \$6,477,630, as against \$8,627,600, created in 1897-98, or a decrease of \$2,149,970. Of the \$6,477,630 issued in 1898-99, \$4,853,650 was outside the debt limit, and \$1,623,980 inside the debt limit. The following table gives the amount of debt

issued outside the debt limit on account of various objects:

Sewerage Works	\$1,500,000
Laying out and construction of highways	811,650
Blue Hill and other avenues	750,000
Market or other public purposes	616,000
Parks	500,000
Rapid Transit	200,000
Water Works, extension of mains	200,000
Library Building, Copley Square	100,000
South Union Station	100,000
Cambridge Bridge	50,000
Ferry Landing	26,000

Total \$4,853,650

Of the \$1,623,980 issued inside the debt limit, the chief objects of expenditure were streets and schools.

The following table gives the amount of debt issued inside the debt limit on account of various objects:

Streets:	
Street Improvements	\$335,480
Blue Hill and other avenues	142,000
Essex and Lincoln streets	63,000
Washington street, Grove Hall to Columbia Road	4,500
	\$544,980
Schools,	686,000
Faneuil Hall, reconstruction	80,000
Wire Department	50,000
City Hospital, new buildings	61,500
Institutions, sundry loans	40,500
Baths, gymnasias and convenience stations	32,500
Election booths	30,000
Cemeteries	29,000
Bridges	28,500
Back Bay Fens, sewerage	25,000
Miscellaneous	16,000
	\$1,623,980

Although the amount of debt created during the year amounted to \$6,477,630, the increase in the liability of the city on this account was much less. The debt was reduced during the year by the payment of bonds issued in previous years to the amount of \$3,131,720.04. The means on hand for paying debt, including the assets of the sinking-funds, sums set aside by the City Treasurer to meet bonds matured but not called for, and the credit balance of the betterment account, increased during the year from \$28,110,742.75 to \$28,716,636.22, or \$605,893.47. The decrease in the assets of the sinking-funds amounted to \$66,574.82, but

at the same time the credit balance of the betterment account increased \$330,614.79 by reason of betterments collected and the money in the treasury set aside to pay bonds matured increased \$341,850. This makes the net increase in means of paying debt, \$605,893.47. Deducting from the amount of debt created, the amount of debt paid and the increase in means of paying debt, leaves the net increase in liability at \$2,740,-016.49 as against \$5,602,799.81 in 1897-98.

The gross receipts of the city increased from \$37,600,127.68 in 1897-98 to \$40,587,-085.24 in 1898-99, or \$2,986,957.56; the gross expenditure increased from \$38,299,625.23 in 1897-98 to \$40,203,687.34 in 1898-99, or \$1,904,053.11; the balance in the treasury increased from \$4,094,352.66 on January 31, 1898, to \$4,477,759.56 on January 31, 1899, or \$383,406.90.

THE EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

Following is the final decree of the Supreme Judicial Court given on July 21, 1899, in the case of Causten Browne et al. vs. Alfred T. Turner et al. relative to the construction of the proposed East Boston tunnel by the Boston Transit Commission:

This case came on to be heard and was argued by counsel and, thereupon, upon consideration thereof and of the rescript of the Supreme Judicial Court for the Commonwealth, handed down July 3, 1899 (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 28, page 509), it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the respondents Crocker, Dalton, Gargan, Swain and Allen, constituting the Boston Transit Commission and said Commission and its agents and servants be, and hereby are, enjoined and restrained from constructing or in any way causing to be constructed any tunnel or tunnels under the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897, or any prior statute of such character that the connection between such tunnel or tunnels and the subway in the City of Boston proper will have to be by surface street railway tracks, or any tunnel or tunnels not having an actual physical connection at the same grade at the point of junction with the subway in said City of Boston proper, and that the defendant Turner, as Treasurer of the City of Boston, be, and hereby is, enjoined and restrained from paying or disbursing any moneys of the City of Boston, or any proceeds of bonds of the City of Boston already issued, and from issuing any bonds or other obligations purporting to bond the City of Boston for the payment of the cost of the construction of any such tunnel or tunnels as said Boston Transit Commission is hereby enjoined from constructing.

And it is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the petitioners recover against the Boston Transit Commission the costs sustained by the petitioners in this proceeding.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Children's Institutions Department for the year ending January 31, 1899 — constituting Document 6, 1899 — has recently been presented to His Honor the Mayor.

During the year sixty-two meetings of the Trustees have been held. In addition to the four standing committees, two members of the Board are appointed each month to be a visiting committee for the Parental School and the House of Reformation.

There are now in the care of the Trustees 1,475 children. Of these 485, or about one-third, are in institutions, while 990, or a little over two-thirds, are living in families scattered about in this and neighboring States, under the care and supervision of the Placing-out Division.

Of the children in institutions, 176 are in the Parental School (the truant school of the City of Boston), 138 in the House of Reformation, and 171 in or under the care of various schools for defectives, or other institutions not under the management of the Trustees where children have been placed for various reasons.

Children at the Parental School have been committed by the Courts for truancy only, on complaint of truant officers of the Boston School Committee. When their term of commitment has expired they pass out of the control of the Trustees entirely.

Children (boys only) at the House of Reformation at Rainsford Island are committed for various offences by the Courts, and are placed under the care of the Trustees either during minority, or for non-payment of fines, during shorter periods (thirty to ninety days). Boys who have been committed during minority are kept on the Island only so long as they appear to the Trustees and to the Courts to need the training and restraint of the school; after that they are allowed to go home on probation, or placed out in families, likewise on probation, if they have no fit homes. While on probation these boys are regularly visited by an agent of the Board.

The children in families, and therefore under the care of the Placing-out Division, are (1) boys released on probation from the House of Reformation; (2) occasionally boys from the Parental School; (3) neglected children; (4) dependent children.

The neglected children are committed by Courts to the care of the Trustees, not as criminals, but because they have not received proper care from their parents or guardians. These children are very seldom disposed of otherwise than by placing them in families either at board or in free homes.

By far the largest class of children are the dependents who are placed in the charge of the Trustees on account of poverty. Like the neglected children, the dependents are seldom disposed of otherwise than by placing them in country homes either at board or on indenture, until relatives or friends are able to take charge of them again.

For less than one-half of these (471) board is paid. The rest (519) are in homes where they are cared for without payment of board, either because they can make themselves useful enough to pay their way or because the families who have them in charge are willing to take care of them out of affection, or with the intention of adopting them legally.

Formerly all dependent and neglected children were placed in the Marcella-street Home, which contained at one time nearly 400 children, boys and girls, but during the past year the number was steadily diminished, until on November 22, 1898, the Home was finally closed, it having been found that all neglected and dependent children committed to the care of the Trustees could be placed at once in families.

The gradual reduction of population and final closing of the Marcella-street Home naturally increased the number of placed-out children, but this increase is not so great as might have been expected. On January 31, 1897, the number of children under visitation, boarded and in free homes was 668; on January 31, 1898, it was 836; while the number on January 31, 1899, under visitation is 991.

The juvenile offenders, who are placed in the House of Reformation, are as a rule the most lawless boys in the city, many of them having been brought up under weak parental control, and are grounded in habits of lying and deceit.

They are trained to be made strong and healthy and to become accustomed to regular habits, and to study with interest and energy. The improvement of the boys in writing and mathematics is often very great, as also in drawing, manual training, printing and shoemaking.

As soon as possible they are reinstated in the outside social life. It is believed that the visitation of the boys out on probation is one of the most important branches of the work, and valuable results from the regular and careful visitation which this Board has developed are looked for.

To do the best work for juvenile offenders the age should be limited, and children of different ages should be separated. Neither of these things has yet been accomplished, although some improvements in regard to the separation of the younger boys are in sight. It is also extremely necessary that

boys committed for short periods (thirty, sixty or ninety days) for the non-payment of fines be kept apart from the boys committed for minority for more serious offences. This is to a large extent accomplished, but it is a deplorable thing, in the opinion of the Trustees, that these boys sentenced for slight offences should be made inmates of the House of Reformation at all.

The truants at the Parental School resemble the juvenile offenders in many respects, but the difference exists to a certain extent that they have not fallen so much into lawless ways, except in the matter of neglecting school.

Truants are hard to teach when they first come to the Parental School. Accustomed to roam the streets, they have lost the habit of application, and have also fallen behind their proper grade in the public schools. The problem is not only to make them study well, but to make them catch up with the boys of their own age.

To accomplish this the Trustees find it of great importance to have the classes small, so that the teaching can be more individual than in the ordinary public school.

The first report of the Trustees in 1897, showed the imperative needs of the Parental School. The report of the Superintendent for this year lays an even greater emphasis upon the same needs. As no appropriation for the new permanent buildings could be obtained, the question of erecting temporary wooden school-houses was under consideration during the whole year, but it was impossible to obtain a sum of money even for this.

In spite of the crowded condition of the Institution, notable improvements have been introduced. The number of teachers has been increased to six regular teachers, a sloyd teacher and a teacher of drawing and clay modeling, and the size of the classes has been cut down proportionately.

A little more room has been gained because the three truant girls were released. By a law of 1898, truant girls are now sent to the State Industrial School.

The boys have for the first time this year been furnished with winter underflannels, and with winter out-door jackets or sweaters. Efforts have been made to interest the boys in various ways in the evenings.

Among the improvements the chief is in the excellence of the schools.

Last autumn the Trustees asked that teachers of the Parental School should be given the same credit for length of service as if they had served in the Boston public schools. This request was granted. This makes appointment at the school desirable to good teachers.

At the beginning of the year a teacher of experience was engaged, and took charge of

the schools until August, when the new Superintendent, Mr. B. C. Day, entered on his duties.

For those children who come as dependent or neglected children, generally young and free from bad habits, a good home in the country is the best cure.

To make all these thousand children as nearly as possible like boys and girls in the care of good parents is the aim of the system, and on the whole the results obtained are most gratifying.

The total number of children in charge, by classes and present placing, on February 1, 1899, is as follows:

Dependent and neglected children:	
Boarding	471
In free homes, directly in care of the Trustees	374
In other institutions	171
Released to homes on probation	7
Total	1,023
Truants:	
In Parental School	176
Juvenile Offenders:	
In House of Reformation	126
Runaways	12
Indentured in free homes, on probation	31
Released to relatives on probation	83
In House of the Angel Guardian	1
Lost sight of	17
Doing for themselves	6
Total	276
Grand total	1,475

The total cost of the Department during the year was as follows:

Placing-out and Office Division	\$73,282 23
Marcella-street Home	22,152 47
Parental School	29,293 00
House of Reformation	42,019 56
	\$166,747 26

Average per capita expense of total number of children under care, per year	\$118 01
Average per capita expense of total number of children under care, per week	2 26

In addition to the report of the Trustees, from which the above extracts have been taken the general report contains the reports of the Superintendents of the House of Reformation and the Parental School, giving detailed accounts of the work at each institution during the year. Embodied in these reports are also statements from the heads of the various departments covering the work placed under their charge.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, August 1, at 12 M.

RANDIDGE EXCURSIONS FOR 1899.

The picnic excursions given by the City of Boston during the summer months, at the expense of the income derived from the fund left by George L. Randidge, began on July 5. The following schedule giving the dates for the excursions assigned to the various churches, missions and clubs of the city has been prepared by Penal Institutions Commissioner Marshall:

JULY.

July 5—North Bennet Street Club and Albany Street Club.

July 6—Star of the Sea, East Boston.

July 7—Unity Chapel and Parker Memorial.

July 8—Italian Mission and Boston North End Mission.

July 10—St. Francis de Sales, Charlestown.

July 11—St. Joseph's, St. John's, St. Hugh's.

July 12—St. Phillip's Congregational, Hawes' Unitarian.

July 13—St. Joseph's, West End.

July 14—St. Andrew's M. E., Egleston Square M. E., Friends' Church.

July 15—Grace Church, Maverick Congregational, North Bennet Street Industrial Club.

July 17—St. James, Harrison avenue.

July 18—Gate of Heaven.

July 19—Sacred Heart, East Boston.

July 20—St. Margaret's, Brighton, St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal, Harvard Street Baptist, South End House.

July 21—Berkeley Temple, Tremont Temple, Roxbury Presbyterian Sunday School.

July 22—Morgan Chapel, Lenox Street Congregational.

July 24—St. Stephen's.

July 25—Salvation Army.

July 26—Cathedral.

July 27—St. Peter's.

July 29—St. Paul Baptist and Calvary Baptist. (Colored.)

July 29—Ruggles street Baptist and Church of Messiah.

July 31—Sacred Heart, North square.

AUGUST.

August 1—Immaculate.

August 2—Home for Destitute Catholic Children, South End Girls' Club.

August 3—St. Catherine's, Charlestown.

August 4—Roxbury German Luther, Martin Luther Home, Every Day Church.

August 5—First Reformed Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, South Congregational, Baptist Tabernacle.

August 7—St. Patrick's Church.

August 8—College Settlement.

August 9—Highland Congregational, Dorchester Temple Baptist, Mattapan Baptist.

August 10—Bulfinch Place Church and North End Union.

August 11—Ebenezer Baptist, Twelfth Baptist. (Colored.)

August 12—St. John's Episcopal, East Boston; St. Mary's, East Boston.

August 14—The Associated Hebrew Charities.

August 15—Protestant Churches of Charlestown, Gwynne Temporary Home.

August 16—First M. E., Tremont street M. E., Mrs. Shaw's Schools.

August 17—South End Day Nursery, Guild of St. Elizabeth.

August 18—Roxbury Vacation School.

August 19—Free Boarding House, Dorchester Industrial School.

August 21—Church of the Assumption, East Boston.

August 22—SS. Peter and Paul's.

August 23—St. Phillip's.

August 24—St. Joseph's, St. John's, St. Hugh's, St. Joseph's, West End.

August 25—A. M. E. Zion, Charles street A. M. E. (Colored).

August 26—Hale House, Swedish Lutheran Church (First German Baptist), South End Club.

August 28—Italian Church, Prince street.

August 29—St. Mary's, North End.

August 30—St. Francis de Sales, Roxbury.

August 31—St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum.

SPECIAL EXCURSIONS.

July 20—Baker Congregational, East Boston. Leave Boston at 7.45 A.M.

August 20 and 27—Hebrew Free School; harbor excursion, 2 P.M.

An average of 310 tickets are issued for each day, and all the tickets are generally used.

SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES.

In addition to the lists previously printed in THE CITY RECORD, on pages 496 and 534, Governor Wolcott, on July 25, 1899, designated the following-named Justices of the Peace as empowered to solemnize marriages in the City of Boston, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 387 of the Acts of 1899:

Charles H. Brigham, 7 Norway street.

William D. C. Curtis, Highland avenue.

Christopher D. A. Hourin, 16 Chestnut avenue.

D. Foster Farrar, 24 Hayward place.

Joseph E. Duxbury, 1308 Washington street.

John W. Rose, 9 Blue Hill avenue.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of importations and exportations, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of June, 1899, as compared with the corresponding month of 1898:

	Imports.		Exports.	
June, 1899 . . .	\$5,571,766		\$10,675,285	
June, 1898 . . .	3,996,158		9,089,466	

	Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
June, 1899 . . .	196	194,728	174	170,810
June, 1898 . . .	166	146,014	190	149,402

Arrival of passengers, June, 1899 . . .	2,671
Arrival of passengers, June, 1898 . . .	1,468

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, July 19, 1899.

The forty-sixth meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Wednesday, July 19, 1899, at 3 P.M.

Present: All the members except Mr. Barry.

The records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Kiley.

A communication was received from Dr. Henry C. Baldwin, Chairman of the Insane Hospital Trustees, requesting an appropriation aggregating \$14,250 for the following purposes:

Electric light plant	\$8,000
Remodelling the "A" building . . .	3,000
Addition to the boiler-house, men's department	1,500
Repairing chimney in dining-room . .	550
Wagon shed	600
Moving hydrants	200
Reclaiming meadow	400

Total \$14,250

The Board gave a hearing in regard to the matter, and Dr. Henry C. Baldwin, George A. Sanderson and George A. Goddard, of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Edward B. Lane, Superintendent of the Boston Insane Hospital, appeared and were heard.

A communication was received from Fire Commissioner Russell requesting that a loan appropriation of \$5,000 be provided for meeting the expenses necessarily incurred for placing underground certain of the wires belonging to the Fire Department in the Charlestown District; said alteration being made imperative by changes caused by the new bridge and the necessity of moving the old wires.

The Board gave a hearing in regard to the matter, and Fire Commissioner Russell appeared and was heard.

On motion of Mr. Dore, the Board took up the following assignment:

Communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting an appropriation of \$4,300, under Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895, for completion of the ferry-boat "Noddle Island."

The Board gave a hearing in regard to the matter, and Mr. Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets, appeared and was heard.

The Board then went into executive session.

On motion of Mr. Minot, the following papers, pending before the Board as unfinished business, were placed on file:

(1.) Communication from the Park Commissioners requesting an additional appropriation to enable the Department to meet the expense of caring for Rogers Park, recently transferred to their charge.

(2.) Mayor's message (referred by the City Council) transmitting a memorial relative to the need of a fence around Worcester square.

(3.) Communication from Dr. Vincent Y. Bowditch requesting that Beacon street,

between Massachusetts avenue and the Brookline line, be asphalted.

(4.) Order (passed by the City Council) requesting the Board to provide a sum sufficient for the erection of a brick wall at the Charles street jail, in place of the existing wooden wall.

On motion of Mr. Dore, the following papers, pending as unfinished business, were also placed on file:

(1.) Communication from Alderman Colby and Mr. T. D. Roberts, Superintendent Boston Industrial Home, requesting that Harrison avenue, between Asylum and Davis streets, be asphalted.

(2.) Report from the Superintendent of Streets on order referred to him on May 16, requesting appropriations for paving sundry streets in East Boston.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, the following paper, pending as unfinished business, was referred to the Board of Street Commissioners:

Petition of the Citizens' Trade Association of East Boston, for a hearing upon the subject of widening Battery street.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, the following assignments were further assigned to the next meeting:

(1.) Communication from the City Engineer stating that the estimated cost of building a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Travers street is \$15,000.

(2.) Communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting an appropriation of \$4,300, under Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895, for the completion of the ferry-boat "Noddle Island."

(3.) Order (passed by the City Council) requesting the Board "to provide the sum of \$500 to be expended by the Bath Department for the completion only of the public landing, Dorchester bay."

On motion of Mr. Kiley, the following assignments were placed on file:

(1.) Order (referred by the City Council) requesting the Board to provide the sum of \$1,500 for the completion of Princeton street, and \$10,000 for resurfacing Trenton street, and \$10,000 for resurfacing Falcon street, Ward 1.

(2.) Order (passed by the City Council) requesting the Board "to provide the sum of \$200 for hiring the lot of land on Geneva avenue, between Olney street and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, known as Morse Field, for temporary playground purposes."

On motion of Mr. Kiley, the following past assignment was placed on file:

Order (referred by the Board of Aldermen) requesting the Board "to provide an appropriation for paving Dover street from Tremont street to Washington street."

On motion of Mr. Kiley, the following past assignments were assigned to the next meeting:

(1.) Communication from the Penal Institutions Commissioner requesting a loan appropriation of \$1,000 for the reconstruction of the steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee."

(2.) Communication from the Penal Institutions Commissioner requesting an additional appropriation of \$1,800 for the reconstruction of the steamer "John Howard."

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, August 7, at 2 P.M.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to approve the bill of Frank L. Wells for the sum of \$25 for engrossing the resolutions passed by the Board on the death of Hon. John H. Sullivan.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Dore, at 4.27 P.M., to meet on Monday, August 7, at 2 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 12 o'clock, on Tuesday, July 25, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Appointment by the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 10, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Mason B. Whittemore an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay or Straw, and Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1900.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

Temporary Track Location.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 5, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a plan showing a temporary track location granted by me on July 17 to the West End Street Railway Company on Summer-street extension, opposite the Southern Union station. This location was granted under the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1896.

I recommend that this plan be placed on file.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

July 12, 1899.

General Order No. 610.

Sergeant Walter E. Bruce, of Division 13, is hereby transferred to Division 4.

This order will take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock P.M., Friday, fourteenth instant.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved July 19, 1899:

Order authorizing the payment of State aid to soldiers and sailors and their families for the month of July, 1899.

The Constables' bonds of two persons.

Permit to the Gilmore Electric Company to store naphtha in a tank (underground) at 625 East First street.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

O'Brien Brothers, illuminated sign at 152 Summer street and at 179 Federal street, Ward 7.

Edward J. Keeler, druggist's mortar at 1567 Tremont street, Ward 19.

Allard Brothers, illuminated sign at 19 Tremont street, Ward 6.

Morris Peyser, illuminated sign at 1109 Washington street, Ward 9.

Joseph P. Jones, barber-pole at 58 Falmouth street, Ward 10.

Alexander Sholton, barber-pole at 47 Lowell street, Ward 8.

Charles Homer, barber-pole at 201 Ruggles street, Ward 19.

William L. Rugg, sign at 326 Washington street, Ward 25.

Lewis Zona, sign at 152½ Castle street, Ward 9.

Bates Dental Company, sign at 19 Tremont row, Ward 6.

W. S. Lung & Co., sign at 28-30 Harrison avenue, Ward 7.

Alexander Cava, sign at 24 Tremont row.

Alexander Cava, lamp at 24 Tremont row, Ward 6.

Young Ladies' Catholic Association, two transparencies—one over Columbia road, at Upham's Corner, and one at Eaton square, opposite St. Peter's Church.

L. J. Lyons, two bay-windows from building on Huntington avenue, corner Kenwood road, Ward 19.

Orders authorizing permits to move wooden buildings, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

George R. Cavanagh, one, pitch roof, twenty feet in length, by twelve feet in width, by twelve feet in height, from East Ninth street, opposite H street, along said street to a lot near Old Harbor street, Ward 14.

H. S. Angus, one, flat roof, forty-three feet in length, by forty-four feet in width, by thirty-three feet in height, from 2 and 4 Ipswich place, corner Everett street, around said corner to lot fronting on said Everett street, Ward 2.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width with granite edgestones, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Joseph Shoolman, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116 Chelsea street, and 1 and 3 Prospect street, Ward 3, of artificial stone.

M. C. Shea, 15 Fenelon street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Alexander McGlennie, 16 and 17 Fenelon street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

W. M. Brummett, 14 Fenelon street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Mary E. Whipple, 10 and 12 Fenelon street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Catherine D. McMorro, 6 and 8 Vale street, Ward 15, of artificial stone.

Joseph Green, 27 Dundee street, Ward 10, of artificial stone.

H. A. Lucas, Abbotsford street, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

Quincy and Boston Street Railway Company, southerly side of Neponset avenue, between 491 and the bridge, Ward 24, of brick.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work in front of estates, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

D. Doyle, to lay, maintain and use a one and one-quarter-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached thereto, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 3480 Washington street, Ward 23.

J. Franklin Fuller, to construct, maintain and use an area, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk, 84 Kingston street, Ward 7.

Frank Shute, trustee, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening four feet by three and one-half feet, with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk, 168 Cambridge street, Ward 11.

James W. Tufts, to construct, maintain and use a coal-hole opening not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk, 94 Portland street, Ward 6.

S. Breth, to enlarge, maintain and use the present bulkhead openings in the sidewalk, 17 Norman street, Ward 8, to the following dimensions:

Three feet six inches long, extending eighteen inches out over the sidewalk, with covers of iron grating.

Albert C. Burrage, to lay, maintain and use a one and one-quarter-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and in the sidewalk, 2951 Washington street, Ward 22.

Augustus P. Loring, trustee, to construct, maintain and use areas eighty feet by eight and one-half feet, with sidewalk light and iron covers, under and in the sidewalk, Lincoln street, between Beach and Kneeland streets, Ward 7.

John Lepore, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening five feet by four feet, with sidewalk light cover, under and in the sidewalk, 31 Thacher street, Ward 6.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by James T. Ball, dated April 5, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

East Cottage street, eighteen poles; West Cottage street, thirteen poles; said poles to be thirty-five to fifty feet in height, and from twelve to sixteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Charles A. Pearson, dated June 8, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Kingston street, two poles, thirty-five feet high, nine inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, dated June 15, 1892; said pole to be located as follows:

East Second street, Ward 14, one pole, thirty-five feet high, twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove one pole from East Second street, said pole being shown by a red dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, dated December 15, 1894; said pole to be located as follows:

Wait street, Ward 19, one pole, thirty-five feet high, twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, six feet.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Wait street, one pole shown by a red dot marked "remove" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated May 31, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Centre street, Ward 23, seven poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Centre street seven poles shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, dated June 4, 1896; said poles to be located as follows:

Market street, Ward 25, one pole; Western avenue, Ward 25, one pole; each forty feet high, fifteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove one pole from Market street and one pole from Western avenue, shown by red dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets made by G. H. Dresser, dated May 23, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Wabon street, Ward 21, two poles; Top-liff street, Ward 20, thirteen poles; Mansfield street, Ward 25, five poles; Washington street, Ward 18, one pole, all of said poles to be thirty-five feet high and thirteen inches in diameter. Width of sidewalks on first three streets, six feet; on Washington street, ten feet.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Washington street one pole, shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use a curved track at the junction of Washington and Eustis streets, said tracks and turnouts being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 12, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use a single track at the junction of Washington and Roxbury streets, connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Washington and Roxbury streets, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 12, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

BOOK ON BOSTON'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC BATHS.

The Municipal Printing Office has recently issued a pamphlet entitled "Free Municipal Baths in Boston," edited by Mr. William I. Cole, of the South End House, a member of the Mayor's Advisory Committees on Free Lectures and Boy's Camp.

The pamphlet contains a history and description of the system of public baths in Boston, together with a map showing the location and kind of each of the baths and statistics concerning the number of bathers and the yearly expenditure since the establishment of the system.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1899.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	734	79	813	366	374	73	411	125	119	807	6
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	161	—	161	50	84	27	33	22	100	161	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	609	130	739	249	435	55	284	168	225	722	17
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	61	4	65	34	16	15	13	10	34	63	2
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	13	2	15	9	6	—	4	4	3	15	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	77	28	105	33	53	19	65	3	6	105	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	85	114	199	46	150	3	61	27	18	199	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	7,161	846	8,007	520	7,287	200	3,891	2,900	757	7,322	685
Totals	8,901	1,203	10,104	1,307	8,405	392	4,762	3,259	1,262	9,394	710

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	3	—	22	—	69	3	176	9	157	17	106	13	82	14	44	15	31	4	26	2	5	1	13	1
No. 2.	8	—	61	—	26	—	26	—	17	—	8	—	5	—	5	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	1	—
No. 3.	14	—	102	—	87	8	104	22	87	32	74	15	58	18	34	15	21	6	13	7	8	4	7	3
No. 4.	8	—	15	1	11	—	7	1	7	1	9	—	1	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	2	1	—	3	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6.	—	—	2	—	1	1	7	2	14	5	9	5	21	5	5	4	8	4	6	1	3	—	1	1
No. 7.	—	—	—	—	3	11	22	39	13	33	18	19	16	6	4	3	4	2	4	1	—	—	1	—
No. 8.	26	7	178	7	413	37	951	109	1,162	166	1,124	138	1,051	150	738	75	575	59	385	36	255	15	303	47
Totals	59	7	380	8	612	60	1,296	184	1,458	254	1,351	190	1,235	194	832	112	643	75	436	47	273	20	326	52

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	89	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	31	Males	45
Missing persons reported	73	Females	6
Missing persons found	24	Americans	33
Lost children restored	917	Foreigners	18
Sick and injured persons assisted	906	Non-residents	48

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	5,342	22	<i>Brought forward</i>	10,010	31
British Provinces	882	2	Finland	8	—
Ireland	2,378	5	Denmark	9	—
England	345	1	Holland	4	—
France	22	1	Wales	6	—
Germany	98	—	East Indies	—	—
Italy	293	—	West Indies	18	—
Russia	177	—	Turkey	31	—
China	123	—	South America	3	—
Greece	50	—	Switzerland	5	—
Sweden	108	—	Belgium	3	—
Scotland	122	—	Africa	—	—
Spain	2	—	Hungary	—	—
Norway	31	—	Arabia	5	—
Poland	14	—	Mexico	—	—
Austria	16	—	Australia	1	—
Portugal	7	—	Armenia	1	—
Roumania	—	—			
Carried forward	10,010	31	Totals	10,104	31

Awards of Contracts.

Park Department.

Proposals for furnishing the Park Department with 1,700 yards of duck for covering the shelter on Marine Park pier were opened on June 26, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.	
	First, Per Yard. Cents.	Seconds, Per Yard. Cents.
Hall, Lincoln & Co.	13½	12
N. Boynton & Co.	14	12
C. H. Batchelder	14½	12½
Albert Winslow & Co.	14¾	—

The contract was awarded to N. Boynton & Co.

Proposals for building a boundary wall at the Arnold Arboretum were opened at the office of the Park Department on July 21, 1899, as follows:

	Per Linear Foot.	
John A. Rooney	\$2	44
John A. Whittmore's Sons	1	45

The contract was awarded to John A. Whittmore's Sons.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for paving and regulating Charlestown street, from Haymarket square to Causeway street, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on July 24, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Metropolitan Contracting Company, \$14,435 50	
Jones & Meehan	15,020 00
P. McGovern	15,369 25
C. H. Eglee Company	15,476 00
J. B. O'Rourke	15,476 00
H. Gore & Co.	15,784 50
Barnes Ruffin Company	15,992 50
J. Doherty & Co.	17,177 00
D. E. Lynch	21,423 50

The contract was awarded to the Metropolitan Contracting Company.

Proposals for furnishing about 15,000 cubic yards of good clean earth or gravel filling in Worthington street, between Longwood avenue and the Back Bay Fens, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on July 24, 1899, as follows:

	Per cubic yard.
J. C. Coleman & Son	\$0 44
P. F. Donovan	0 49
R. L. Barrett	0 54
Collins & Ham	0 64½
A. H. Eichorn	0 90
Neil McBride:	
Cart	1 00
Fill	0 94

The contract was awarded to J. C. Coleman & Son.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Board Meetings.

Childrens' Institutions Department.

The following extracts are taken from the records of the meetings of the Trustees for Children:

On May 16, the Superintendent of the House of Reformation was authorized to fence in the old cemetery on Rainsford's Island.

On May 17, the Board was organized for the ensuing year by the choice of Horatio A. Lamb, Chairman, Charles P. Putnam, Secretary, and Miss Helen Cheever, Assistant Secretary.

On May 19, contracts for coal were approved.

On May 22, Dr. Richard E. Edes and Dr. Francis P. Denny were appointed to fill vacancies on the medical staff of the Parental School.

On July 5 it was voted to make permanent the arrangement to have one of the medical officers of the Long Island Hospital spend his nights at the House of Reformation.

On July 6, it was arranged with the Superintendent of the Parental School that the summer school studies should include nature, literature, cooking, military drill, and possibly carpentry, with the expectation that this might cost not over \$275 for eight weeks.

It was also voted that during the absence of the Chairman, Mr. John A. Bruen should perform the duties of that office.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street on July 13, 1899.

Present: Messrs. Goddard, Sanderson, Baldwin and Knapp.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$6,120.27, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

The pay-roll for the month, amounting to \$3,576.75, was referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

The bills for the care of the insane in other hospitals were referred to the Committee on Insane in other Hospitals, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

The question of visiting on Sundays by near relatives of the patients was referred to the Chairman and Mrs. Howard, as a special committee, to report at the August meeting.

Letters from Dr. Woodbury and Dr. Lane with reference to the deduction from the bill for board of certain patients at the Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs were read.

It was voted that the board be allowed to the Hospital for Patrick J. Coleman during his stay at the Eye and Ear Infirmary, and to make deductions in the future for absences of three days and over.

The Superintendent's report was read, accepted and placed on file.

The question of moving the hydrants, of building a catch-basin and of burying the wires was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds with full powers.

It was voted to ask for the transfers of six men and six women from the Boston Insane Hospital to the State Hospital.

The question of the wages of an attendant in the infirmary and excited wards was referred to the Committee on Service with full powers.

It was voted that a special committee of four be appointed to ask the Board of Apportionment for a special appropriation for repairs upon the "A" building and for an electric lighting plant in the women's department.

The Chairman, Messrs. Goddard and Sanderson and Dr. Knapp were appointed on that Committee.

The question of the purchase of a light express wagon was referred to the Committee on Service with full powers.

It was voted that, so far as possible, grain be purchased so that it may be used up within the month.

The question of the purchase of butter was referred to the Committee on Supplies with full powers.

The population on July 12, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	250	240	490
On visit	7	8	15
Totals	257	248	505

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners held on June 26 and July 21, 1899, respectively:

June 26, 1899.

The Superintendent submitted bids for furnishing 1,700 yards of duck for covering the shelter on Marine Park pier.

On recommendation of the Superintendent the bid of N. Boynton & Co., as being the best quality for the price, was accepted. (See Awards of Contracts on this page.)

The Superintendent was authorized to remove the band-stand on North End Beach, to Marine Park, also to repair the beach and place benches there.

Voted, That the pole locations on Columbia road from Franklin Park to Edward Everett square, as shown on a plan signed by A. L. Plimpton, civil engineer, dated November 8, 1898, be approved.

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to settle the suit for betterment assessment on account of the laying out of the parkway in that part of Boston called West Roxbury, on a certain parcel of land bounded northerly by Morton street, south-easterly by the location of the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation and south-westerly by Walk Hill street, owned by the said Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation and leased to the Old Colony Railroad Company, and by it leased to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, upon the consideration that in the suit now pending by said companies against the city for taking of land for parkway on May 28, 1894, across the location of the Boston and

Providence Railroad Corporation at West Roxbury, there be an entry of judgment for the petitioner of \$1 without costs.

Voted, That the regular meetings of the Board be held fortnightly during the summer months, provided, however, that the meetings in town shall be held as usual on the last Monday in each month.

July 21, 1899.

Bids for walls at Franklin Park and Arnold Arboretum were received and opened at the office, 64 Pemberton square, at 2 P.M., Mr. Stratton being present.

The bids were taken under advisement. Subsequently the Commissioners met and awarded the contract for the Arboretum wall to John A. Whitemore's Sons upon the condition of their furnishing a bond of \$750 conditioned upon a fulfilment of the contract on or before November 15, 1899. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 556.)

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, June 30, 1899.

A special meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Friday, June 30, 1899, at 11 A.M.

Present: Dr. Grainger, Mr. Hunnewell, Mr. Rutan, Mr. Dobbins and Miss Morse.

Voted, That Miss Frances R. Morse serve as Secretary pro tempore during the absence of Mrs. Lincoln, Secretary of the Board.

At 12 o'clock bids were opened for the following work: Erection of power-house at Long Island; steam mains, piping, etc., for new power-house at Long Island; boilers and machinery for new power-house at Long Island.

The bids were taken under advisement by the Board.

Voted, That the Acting Chairman and the Chairman of the Finance Committee should see the Mayor and arrange to appear as soon as possible before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the purpose of securing an additional appropriation of \$10,000 for the power-house at Long Island.

28 Court Square, July 3, 1899.

The fifty-sixth regular meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, July 3, 1899, at 10 A. M.

Present: Dr. Grainger, Mr. Hunnewell, Mr. Rutan and Miss Morse.

The Acting Chairman reported a letter from Mr. H. A. Lamb, Chairman of the Children's Trustees, relative to payment for medical service at Rainsford Island. The letter was referred to the secretary of the visiting medical staff.

A letter was read from Dr. A. A. Taft, acknowledging the increase of salary and his appointment for the following year.

Letters were read from Drs. A. S. Hartwell, B. F. Worthing, and G. B. Hoitt, acknowledging their appointments to the resident medical staff at Long Island.

Mr. Howard of the Architectural Division came before the Board for consultation relative to awarding the contracts for the work on the new power-house.

Voted, That the Finance Committee be instructed to advertise for proposals for furnishing 2,000 tons soft coal for the Almshouse at Long Island.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee was authorized to return all certified checks deposited by bidders on the power-house, with the exception of those deposited by the lowest bidders.

A letter from the Penal Institutions Commissioner of June 22, relative to refusing transportation on the boat to inmates not provided with a proper pass, was read, and also a letter from the Penal Institutions Commissioner of June 29, relative to the placing of signs on Long Island prohibiting trespassing. Both letters had been answered by the Agent of the Board.

A letter from Mr. A. J. Bailey, Corporation Counsel, under date of June 29, was read, relating to length of time that this Department may retain almshouse inmates.

Miss Weeden, Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse, appeared before the Board and reported that all were doing well at the Almshouse.

The Superintendent of Long Island reports the following precautions against small-pox:

Two physicians examine incoming inmates at the house on the wharf for eruption on face and arms and to take the pulse. The Superintendent was instructed to detain any persons suspected of small-pox in the house on the wharf, and also any persons coming at the same time, and notify the Board of Health at once.

A communication from the City Clerk was read, transmitting the following order:

Ordered, That the sum of four thousand (4,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Pauper Institutions Trustees in purchasing and laying a telephone cable from Moon Island to Long Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The census of inmates at Long Island on July 1, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	68	142	210
Children	6	6	12
Women's Building	—	181	181
Men's Building	172	—	172
Totals	246	329	575
June 17, 1899	257	332	589

FRANCES R. MORSE,

Secretary pro tempore.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Friday, June 30.

A public hearing was given in the matter of relocating Medway street, and extending it from Branch street to Vose street.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to relocate Swett street, and to extend Spencer street; and orders were

passed laying out Sears street, and relocating Washington street, at Dorchester.

A petition was received for changes in Board of Survey Plat 4, plan M 67.

Monday, July 3.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Barry street.

Orders of the City Council were received requesting the Board to lay out Longfellow street, and to widen Geneva avenue.

A petition was received for the laying out of a public way from Leyden street to Gladstone street.

It was voted to pay W. H. Haddock and W. G. Nash \$1,311.37 for damages occasioned their estate by the laying out of Florida street.

A public hearing was given in the matter of changes on Board of Survey plan O 42, Plat 8.

A petition was received for the laying out of Levant street.

Tuesday, July 11.

It was voted to pay Morris Gutlon \$2,000 for damages occasioned his estate by the widening of Albany and Northampton streets, at their junction.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Torrey street and to relocate Alford street.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Ray street.

Wednesday, July 12.

A public hearing was given in the matter of relocating Gibson street.

A catch-basin was ordered to be built in Adams street, and orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Farnham, Allerton, and Island streets.

Petitions were received for the rebuilding of a sewer in Tremont street for a catch-basin in Waumbeck street, a drop-inlet in Neponset avenue, and that Russell park may be laid out.

Thursday, July 13.

Orders were issued laying out Public Alley No. 102, District No. 2 (Hancock row) and Edison Green; to build a sewer in Chaucer street; and an order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to relocate Boylston street.

Friday, July 14.

Public hearings were given in the matter of relocating Swett street, and of the extension of Spencer street.

Warner street was ordered laid out, and orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out an extension of Fowler street, and to relocate Brookline avenue and Washington street.

Monday, July 17.

Orders were passed laying out Oakview terrace, and relocating Cambridge street, at Brighton.

Tuesday, July 18.

It was voted to pay the executors of the estate of Thomas Doane \$11,000 for estate on Pearl street, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes.

An order of notice to quit was issued on Bennington street, and notices of the intention of the Board to lay out Stratford, Conrad and Wordsworth streets were issued.

Petitions were received for a catch-basin in Woodcliff street, and that Bird street may be extended from Columbia road to Hancock street.

Wednesday, July 19.

Authority was given to open the private way designated as Mount Pleasant terrace, leading from Mount Pleasant avenue.

A catch-basin was ordered to be built in Neponset avenue, and an order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to widen Rutherford avenue.

Thursday, July 20.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out Barry street.

Williams street was ordered relocated and extended to Call street, and an order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Custer street.

A petition was received for the laying out of Kilton street.

Friday, July 21.

It was ordered that land be taken for a new channel, and for temporary purposes while building the new channel, for Stony Brook, between Jamaica Plain and Boylston stations.

An order of notice was issued of the intended widening of Centre avenue.

Petitions were received for the relocation of Chambers street, and the laying out of Kilton and Learnard streets.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Bath Department.

The following table shows the number of persons given swimming instruction at the various public baths of the city from June 17 (when instruction for the season was begun) to June 30, 1899, inclusive:

BATH.	Men.	Boys.	Women.	Girls.	Total.
Malden Bridge . . .	430	3,712	76	813	5,031
Charlestown Beach .	155	3,725	72	457	4,409
Chelsea Bridge . . .	522	2,759	470	1,780	5,531
Wood Island	659	4,250	278	919	6,106
Border Street . . .	1,939	4,717	125	1,160	7,941
Jeffries Point . . .	58	2,535	8	717	3,318
North End Park . .	617	2,734	456	1,685	5,492
Warren Bridge . . .	3,082	9,347	1,690	1,240	15,359
Craigie's Bridge . .	1,850	15,050	—	—	16,900
West Boston Bridge .	1,015	4,050	—	—	5,065
Harvard Bridge . .	580	2,700	—	—	3,280
Dover-street Bridge .	2,230	6,999	1,167	2,732	13,128
L Street	14,450	18,600	—	—	33,050
K Street	—	—	940	4,560	5,500
Orchard Park . . .	178	8,036	23	446	8,683
Cabot Street	1,112	10,450	1	836	12,399
Spring Street . . .	182	2,190	—	—	2,372
Commercial Point . .	192	3,765	208	3,905	8,070
Neponset Bridge . .	16	1,832	127	1,141	3,116
Neponset Beach . .	107	226	—	—	333
Totals	29,374	107,677	5,641	22,391	165,083

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Building Department.

Old Court House, June 19, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending June 17, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	—	3	—	—	1	—	2	—	4	16	
2...	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	2	21	
3...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
4...	4	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	7	2	
5...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	
6...	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	10	23	
7...	2	6	—	1	—	—	3	5	5	23	
8...	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	4	14	
9...	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	11	
10...	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	3	7	11	
11...	—	6	—	—	—	—	2	5	6	14	
12...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	10	
13...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	
14...	—	1	—	1	—	—	3	—	3	4	
15...	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	
16...	2	3	1	—	—	1	2	4	4	7	
17...	—	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	
18...	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	13	4	
19...	3	—	5	—	—	1	—	1	4	9	
20...	1	7	1	—	—	—	—	12	10	47	
21...	—	2	—	—	—	33	—	8	1	5	
22...	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	
23...	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2	3	
24...	3	2	1	—	—	—	1	3	9	15	
25...	1	1	12	—	—	—	1	1	6	7	
T'ls.	21	49	39	2	1	36	24	50	119	260	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, July 24, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending July 22, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	86
Number of discharges of mortgages . .	19
Number of assignments of mortgages . .	8
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of attachments	1
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of wages	46
Number of married women's certificates.	7
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3

The following accident notices have been filed:

July 17—Minnie Salkind, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk, corner Kendall street and Shawmut avenue.

July 19—Charles C. Collins, injuries to horse, caused by alleged defect in highway on Huntington avenue.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol street, July 24, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending July 22 as follows:

Thomas A. McKenna has been appointed a call substitute for Engine Company 30.

Edward A. Shea has been reinstated as a member of this Department and assigned to Engine Company 44.

There have been purchased of Welch & Hall two horses for \$137.50 each.

Ordered, That owing to the dangerous construction and size of dynamite fire crackers, no more licenses for their sale be granted by this Department.

Ordered, That John Pendoley, of Ladder Company 7, forfeit three days' pay for repeated violation of Section 3, Rule 86 of the General Rules.

Robert Rooney has been transferred from Engine Company 18 to Ladder Company 12; George P. Smith, Ladder Company 12 to Engine Company 18.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, July 15, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Mary H. Kittredge, 532 Beacon street, Ward 11, four horses. Lewis Smith, 23 Cross street, Ward 23, one horse. Little Sisters of the Poor, Dudley street, Ward 17, one cow and two horses.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending July 15, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	9	35	44
Negative	26	44	70
No growth	1	2	3
Totals	36	81	117

Typhoid diagnoses, five cases; negative. Glanders, one case; positive. Malaria, one case; negative.

Old Court House, July 22, 1899.

The following petition for the occupancy of a stable has been filed in this office:

Louis Smith, 77 Sheridan street, Ward 23, four additional horses (total of eleven); hearing July 27, at 11 o'clock.

The petition of O. H. Weed for the occupancy of a stable on Centre street, corner Corey street, Ward 23, was rejected.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending July 22, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	11	32	43
Negative	19	22	41
No growth	1	—	1
Totals	31	54	85

Typhoid diagnoses, twenty cases; one case positive, seventeen cases negative and two unsatisfactory. Glanders, one case; first specimen, unsatisfactory; second specimen, positive. Gonorrhea, one case; positive.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, July 10, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending July 8, 1899:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications	61	61
Number of Admissions:		
To State Almshouse	25	
Long Island Almshouse,	6	
Charlestown Almshouse,	2	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	6	
Boston Insane Hospital,	3	
Taunton Insane Hospital	2	
Foxboro' Asylum	1	
	—	45
Number of applications re-		
fused	6	
Number of applications with-		
drawn	10	
Cases pending	—	61
Settlements investigated		66
Settlements reported to the		
Trustees for Children		4

28 Court Square, July 17, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending July 15, 1899:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications	98	98
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	42	
Long Island Almshouse	21	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	5	
Boston Insane Hospital	6	
Taunton Insane Hospital,	3	
Foxboro' Asylum	6	
Massachusetts Hospital		
for Epileptics	1	
	—	84
Number of applications re-		
fused	5	
Number of applications with-		
drawn	9	
Cases pending	—	98
Settlements investigated		117
Settlements reported to the		
Trustees for Children		16

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, July 10, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending July 8, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	151	14
Females	21	—
Totals	172	14
Offences:		
Against the person	8	1
Against property	10	13
Against public order		
and decency	157	—
Totals	* 175	14
Discharges:		
Males	171	18
Females	19	2
Totals	190	20

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence,	163	19
Permit of Commis-		
sioner	8	—
Payment of fine	18	—
Escaped	1	—
Transferred to Deer		
Island	—	1
Totals	190	20
Population:		
July 1, 1899	1,111	484
Committed since July		
1, 1899	172	14
Totals	1,283	498
Discharged since July		
1, 1899	190	20
July 8, 1899	1,093	478

* Three committed charged with two offences each.

32 Tremont Street, July 17, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending July 15, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	180	8
Females	19	4
Total	199	12
Offences:		
Against the person	18	2
Against property	14	4
Against public order and		
decency	171	6
Total	* 203	12
Discharges:		
Males	177	9
Females	30	2
Total	207	11
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	178	11
Permit of Commissioner,	3	—
Payment of fine	25	—
Died	1	—
Total	207	11
Population:		
July 8, 1899	1,093	478
Committed since July		
8, 1899	199	12
Total	1,292	490
Discharged since July		
8, 1899	207	11
July 15, 1899	1,085	479

* Four committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, June 27, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending June 24:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	363
Defects corrected	63
Defects reported	51
Feet of dead wire removed	13,400
Feet of wire retained	1,000
Notices of new work received	31
Poles set	8
Fixtures removed	18

The Department employees responded to two fires, one on Shelton street, Ashmont, June 20, at 7 P.M., for which three alarms were given, the other at 144 Purchase street, June 25, at 9.40 P.M., for which four alarms were rung in.

The fire on Blake street, June 20, at 8.30 P.M., was found to be due to wires of the Boston Electric Light Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company; these wires were together and owing to imperfect insulation at the point of attachment the fire was started to the arm of the pole, burning off about one foot of same during the heavy rain at the hour named.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections	286
Notices of new work received	119

Inspections have been made at the various theatres, and at one of them changes were insisted on in the interests of safety.

An investigation has been made of electrical trouble at 147 Tremont street, for which members of Engine 26 were called on a still alarm June 18. The trouble was found to be due to the overheating of a rheostat used in connection with a low potential arc lamp, due to excessive flow of current through the same, as a result of the grounding of circuit at lamp through chains used to suspend a special shade for same. No damage was sustained.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	11
Building connections	15
Lamp connections	2
Pole connections	12
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	36
Building connections	11
Lamp connections	7
Pole connections	2
Repairs	5
Cable drawings	54

Old Court House, July 3, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending July 1, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections	331
Defects reported	54
Defects corrected	36
Notices of new work received	15
Feet of dead wire removed	7,300
Feet of dead wire retained	100
Fixtures removed	8
Poles set	13

At about 4.30 P.M., June 24, a boy, William Thomas, twelve years of age, residing at 41 Decatur street, East Boston, climbed to a projection on building 43 Decatur street and received a severe shock. He was taken to the Massachusetts General Hospital for treatment.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	288
Notices of new work received	119

The inspection of temporary wiring at the various theatres has been made.

The fire which occurred at 176 Boylston street about 4.30 A.M. June 26 was investigated, and found to be caused by the corrosion of a wire due to an electrolytic action.

The Department employees responded to a second alarm fire from Box 513 on Amory street, June 29; also Box 136 on First street, June 30.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	2
Building connections	8
Pole connections	3
Lamp connections	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	36
Building connections	20
Pole connections	10
Lamp connections	2
Repairs	9
Cable drawings	21

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	6,440
Feet of duct laid	38,168
Feet of cable drawn in	36,004
Manholes built	33
Service connections made	52
Underground plans filed	16

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

The average price per bushel of wheat exported during the fiscal year 1899 was 74.77 cents, and the average price per bushel for the wheat exported in the form of flour was 87.67 cents, calculating that $4\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of wheat are utilized in the production of a barrel of flour. This adds 12.9 cents to the amount of money received for each bushel of wheat sent abroad in this form, thus bringing to American industry over \$10,000,000 during the year as a compensation to the enterprise which transformed the 80,000,000 bushels of grain into the 18,000,000 barrels of flour exported.

The Health Department of Syracuse, N. Y., has recommended that the collection of all garbage be done at night.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 19, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Rutherford avenue, between Chapman street and Devens street, Devens street, between Rutherford avenue and Washington street, and Bow street, between Washington street and City square, Charlestown, be widened and relocated as highways, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan for widening said highways, prepared by this Board and approved by the Mayor under the provisions of Chapter 275 of the Acts of 1898, in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the second day of August, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 21, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Centre avenue, at Dorchester, be widened as a highway at its junction with Centre street, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the fourth day of August, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 26, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Province court, leading from Province street, be laid out as a highway, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the ninth day of August, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, July 21, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 2985-2987 Washington street, Ward 22, Two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Washington streets. Dimensions: Each twenty feet high, nine feet wide, and two feet over line of street.

J. H. CONNOLLY,
6 Fountain street, Roxbury.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 25, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the fourteenth day of August, at 12 o'clock noon, consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 20, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Custer street, at West Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from Woodman street to the Arnold Arboretum, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the third day of August, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD.

IMPROVEMENT OF SPOT POND.

Boston, July 19, 1899.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, No. 3 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass., until 2.30 o'clock P.M. of Monday, July 31, 1899, for two separate contracts, Nos. 177 and 179, for excavating earth, building embankments, grading shores and doing other work in connection with the improvement of Spot Pond, in the town of Stoneham, Mass. Contract No. 177 calls for 230,000 cubic yards of earth excavation and 1,600 cubic yards of riprap; and contract No. 179 calls for 260,000 cubic yards of earth excavation and 4,200 cubic yards of riprap. Pamphlets containing further information for bidders, forms of proposals, contract and specifications for the above work will be mailed to contractors who apply to the Chief Engineer, or may be obtained at his office, No. 3 Mt. Vernon street. Plans of the work may be seen at his office. The printed forms must be used in making proposals. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to accept the proposals deemed best for the Commonwealth.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE, Chairman.

WILMOT R. EVANS,

HENRY P. WALCOTT,

Metropolitan Water Board.

FREDERIC P. STEARNS, Chief Engineer.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Boston, July 21, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed, dated March, 1896.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm, and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Park street, West Roxbury, Ward 23. Also to remove poles from Centre street, West Roxbury, Ward 23; Park street, West Roxbury, Ward 23.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 25, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Tuesday, the first day of August, at 12 o'clock noon, take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Jamaica Plain News, and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

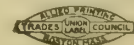
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Sealed proposals for the furnishing of lumber, mouldings, window frames, sashes, blinds, doors, etc., etc., to be used in the erection of new hospital building, Deer Island, Boston Harbor, Boston, Mass., and the delivery of the same on the wharf at Deer Island, will be received at the office of the Penal Institutions Commissioner, No. 32 Tremont street, Boston, until 12 o'clock M., of August 2, 1899, and at that time will be publicly opened and read. Each proposal must be accompanied with a properly certified check for the sum of \$500, payable to the City of Boston. Form of proposal may be obtained, and plans and specifications of the buildings, may be seen at the office of the Engineering Department, Architect Division, Room 70, City Hall, Boston.

E. C. MARSHALL,
Penal Institutions Commissioner.



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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

At its meeting on Tuesday, August 1, 1899, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the appointment by His Honor the Mayor of Mason B. Whittemore, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw and a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1900.

DEATH OF LIEUTENANT RYAN.

Lieutenant William J. Ryan, of Engine Company 7 of the Fire Department, died suddenly at the City Hospital on Tuesday, July 25, 1899.

Lieutenant Ryan was born in Ireland in 1865. He was a resident of Charlestown, and was appointed a permanent substitute in the Fire Department on May 18, 1891, and assigned to Engine Company 26. He became a permanent member of the Department on September 16, 1892. On February 18, 1898, Mr. Ryan was promoted to be a Lieutenant, and assigned to duty with Tower Company 1, but in January, 1899, he was transferred to Engine Company 7, where he remained until the time of his death.

DEATH OF EX-COUNCILMAN WARD.

Mr. John P. J. Ward, a former resident and Councilman of Boston, died at his home in Newton Centre on Monday, July 24, 1899. Mr. Ward resided in Boston until a few years ago, and in 1880 represented old Ward 7 in the Common Council.

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

At a meeting of the Executive Council held on Wednesday, August 2, 1899, Governor Wolcott's nomination of Associate Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, in place of Chief Justice Walbridge A. Field, deceased, was confirmed.

Judge Holmes was born in Boston in 1841, and was graduated from Harvard College in 1861. He served with distinction during the Civil War, being thrice wounded. At the close of his military service in 1864 he returned to Boston and entered the Harvard Law School, where, in 1866, he received his LL.B. In 1867 Judge Holmes was admitted to the Suffolk bar. For several years following he taught and lectured at the Harvard Law School, and from 1870 to 1873 he had editorial charge of the "American Law Review."

In 1882 Judge Holmes was appointed an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court by Governor Long.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

The Trustees report that the cost of maintaining the Library during the year ending January 31, 1899, was \$264,580, which was met by (1) the annual appropriation, \$246,855; (2) income of trust funds, \$13,674, and (3) miscellaneous gifts, etc., \$4,050. The total ordinary income of the Library, including balances from the preceding year, etc., amounted to \$295,010.

Two sources of income, viz., the rents of the old Library building and the proceeds of fines and of the sales of the publications of the Library, of which the Library had heretofore received the benefit, were rendered

unavailable by the appropriation bill of 1898, which required sums received from these sources to be paid into the City Treasury. In consequence, the means at the disposal of the Trustees for the general purposes of the Library were less by about \$2,000 than in the preceding year, although the general appropriation by the city exceeded that of the preceding year by \$10,000.

It seems just to the Trustees that the proceeds of the sales and of the fines should both be allowed to the Library, or that the expenses incurred by them in these regards should be reimbursed to them and not made a charge upon their general resources.

The use of the Library constantly increases. This increase is shown in various ways. The number of card-holders for the year 1898 was 72,005, showing an increase of 7,032, or nearly 11 per cent. over the previous year. This increased use involves increased expense in the administration of the Library, and such increased expense the Trustees have been able to meet chiefly by diminishing the purchases of books. It is upon this item of expenditure that the pressure of economy immediately falls. Accordingly the increase of the Library in volumes purchased has been considerably less during the past year than in the preceding. In 1897, 33,131 volumes were added to the Library, but in 1898 only 25,470 — a number less by 7,661.

The Trustees find it difficult, with the means at their command, to supply the Library and its branches with the popular publications of the day. It is only from the slender income of the trust funds that they can procure the rarer books needed to maintain the general character of the Library. The Library is greatly in need of means to purchase the rare historical material occasionally offered for sale, especially that relating to the history of Boston and of New England, which the Trustees consider it their especial duty to collect.

The general condition of the books in the Library is good, but prudent management calls for the expenditure of a much larger sum than the Trustees have at their command for the rebinding and repair of many volumes. At least \$20,000 are required by true economy for these purposes.

The means at their command have enabled the Trustees to comply with but a few of the requests for permanent improvement of certain branches, for the establishment of new delivery stations, and for similar expenditures. During the year four additional public schools and one branch post-office have been made deposit stations, and one delivery station has been supplied with a deposit collection.

With respect to the financial position of the Library the Trustees report that they have kept their expenditures strictly within their means, and consequently there is no deficit at the close of the year. It is of course obvious that unless these means increase in proportion to the use of the Library and the growth of the city it will be impossible to maintain its present rank and usefulness.

The Trustees have added a new department this year to the Library, that of documents and statistics. In June, 1898, the American Statistical Association presented to the Library its valuable collection of books and pamphlets, numbering about 5,000 volumes. These, together with the public documents and other similar economic and sociological material already in the possession of the Library, constituted a valuable collection which the Trustees were satisfied could be made available for great service to the public. Accordingly, this department was created and Mr. Worthington C. Ford, formerly Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the United States Treasury Department, was appointed its chief.

The Trustees again call attention to the great need of permanent endowments for the Library. It is chiefly from such sources that the permanent value of the Library can be secured.

The Trustees hope that some generous giver may recognize his opportunity and provide means for decorating the large inner court of the Library building.

In conclusion, the Trustees report that they believe that, with the facilities furnished by the recent alterations and improvements, the Library building meets as well as possible the public needs. The graded system of service and appointment now for several years established secures fidelity, interest and a sense of permanence on the part of those employed.

Following is an abstract of the principal statements contained in the report of the Librarian, which follows the report of the Trustees:

The Library system has been augmented during the year by the establishment of one additional delivery station (Station U, established December 27, 1898). A new department of work, the department of documents and statistics, has been created at the Central Library, and the scope of existing departments in certain cases has been enlarged. Four additional schools and one

branch post-office have been made deposit stations. To the only delivery station lacking a deposit collection at the beginning of the year this feature has been added. The outlying system comprises a total of sixty-one outlying agencies, as against fifty-seven on February 1, 1898.

The recent alterations at the Central Library building were not designed to provide for additional departments of work so much as to enlarge the facilities of existing departments. They have, nevertheless, secured accommodations for the new department of documents and statistics; and in freeing the lecture hall, have reopened opportunity for a service to the public not hitherto fairly entered upon by the Library.

The cost of service in 1898 exceeded that in 1897 by over \$8,000 (an increase of 6 per cent.); that of cleaning increased \$2,000; and expenditure for repairs, and for furniture and fixtures (requisite in connection with alterations at the Central Library and branches), exceeded that for 1897 by some \$8,000.

The auditor's statement shows that the total expenditure from the city appropriation in 1898, \$246,855.87, was nevertheless practically no greater than in 1897, \$246,541.79. With each year of its development the Library requires a larger sum for its maintenance.

The increase in the aggregate only keeps pace with the growth of population of the city, and with the increase in the volume of work which the department is called upon to do. In these respects the Public Library is on no different basis from the public schools. It is not a single, isolated institution within rigid limits, but is a system attempting to respond to the needs of a city fast growing in population and in needs. It cannot remain stationary; if it does not advance and expand it must degenerate.

Of the total sum of \$100,000, contributed by the City of Boston, to be expended "upon the new Library building and the fittings thereof," the sum of \$13,654.85 was required for work already done and paid for by an advance from the original building appropriation. This left \$86,345.15 available for the work undertaken since May, 1898. This work, when completed, will have exhausted the entire amount.

One further endowment has recently become effective. This is a gift of \$2,852, contributed by relatives and friends of the late Henry Sargent Codman, to form a memorial fund. The income will be used in the purchase of books upon landscape gardening.

With this fund the endowments of the Library aggregate but \$270,000. Of this \$50,000 is the Todd Newspaper Fund. The total of endowments, the income of which is applicable to the purchase of books, is but \$220,000. The income of this is but a little over \$9,000 per year. Under necessary reinvestment at lower rates of interest this income is steadily diminishing.

There is a general impression among the citizens of Boston that the general and even development of the Library is amply assured by endowment and appropriation. This is an error which ought by every means to be corrected. On its popular side the Library is developing normally. The scholarly side is not developing in proper proportion. On this side the Library is relatively losing rank.

It will not, cannot, regain this rank until the citizens of Boston come to its aid with further endowment.

The only additional space gained by the alterations in the Library building during the year has been in the enclosure of the Boylston-street driveway. This secured an addition of some 33,000 cubic feet to the space available for practical active use. But in enabling the current newspapers to be removed from the lecture hall it freed over 143,000 cubic feet of space, which may be available for other uses.

The space for the issue of books has been doubled.

A new set of rooms has been created for the Librarian and the executive department generally, consisting of an anteroom, main office, private office, and a room for records and files.

Within the past four years the circulation of books from the Central Library, through the outlying departments, has greatly increased. In addition to the circulation of books upon specific application there are now also deposit collections to be provided for. The enlargement of the old work, together with these new undertakings, has necessitated the organization of a considerable department, the head of which is the supervisor of branches. The space assigned to the work of the branch division, when the new building was opened, was but 216 square feet; the space now provided for it is 1,766 square feet.

The room for the ordering department has been more than doubled in size by the addition to it of a corridor and other space. It has also been greatly improved as to light, and forms now a most admirable space for the business of securing and receiving books and preparing them for the catalogue and shelf departments.

In the entresol, south side, have been provided an office for the editor of library publications, an office for the use (jointly) of the chief of the issue and of the chief of the ordering department, and luncheon and additional locker rooms for employees of both sexes.

The alterations above described represent only the main features of the work on the building accomplished during the past eight months. Details incidental to the main work were, of course, many and in a measure costly. As in the case of the heating and ventilating system, the total work actually done has exceeded by a hundred per cent. the work originally planned. Its total cost has, nevertheless, been kept within the fraction (\$70,000) of the appropriation available for it. This has been possible through the ingenuity, skill and exceeding watchfulness of the architects, and through the competence, care and exceeding integrity of the general contractors.

The cleaning of building and books during and since the alterations has involved a specially heavy expense, also met by the general appropriation. Every volume of the 500,000 odd in the Central building has, within the past two months, been taken down and dusted and the shelf wiped off beneath it.

The improvements above described do not, indeed, absolutely perfect the building for present uses. But the most embarrassing difficulties have been overcome, and the most pressing needs of the moment have

been met; and what has been done will add greatly to the comfort of the public, and greatly to convenience in administration.

It is obvious that library facilities are distributed very unequally throughout the city, and that such as exist are ill-proportioned to existing needs. One district has the benefit of a collection of books numbering 35,000 volumes, in an independent building, ample, well equipped and attractive; another, with perhaps double the population to be served, and more remote from the main collection, has at its disposal but a third as many books and for accommodations meagre, ill-ventilated, inconvenient and uninviting rooms, in a building devoted mainly to other and inconsistent uses, in a neighborhood tending to demoralize its readers. Such contrasts exist. The outlying departments cannot be brought to reasonable equality or into reasonable relation with the Central Library without an expenditure on buildings and books of at least \$500,000.

A supreme advantage would be the application of such a sum all at once under a general scheme of improvement.

By the tables appended to this report, it appears that on January 31, 1899, the number of volumes in all departments is 716,050, of which 550,822 are in the Central Library. The net increase over 1897 is 17,162 volumes. The net gain to the Central Library is 22,743 volumes. The gain to the branches by accession is more than offset by considerable transfers to the Central Library of worn-out or unserviceable material, so that the year leaves outlying departments with 5,581 volumes less than at its beginning.

The expenditure for books and periodicals during 1898 was \$34,935, as against \$40,351 in 1897. This does not include \$1,836 expended from the income of the Todd Fund for current newspapers; nor \$488 paid for books for Delivery P out of the special appropriation; nor \$732 expended by the Fellowes Athenæum for books for the Roxbury Branch.

The accessions during the past year (as distinguished from the statistic of books actually located, and excluding mere transfers from one department to another) have been as follows:

	Volumes.	Volumes.	Total.
Added by purchase, Central Library . . .	10,357	Branches, 7,970	18,327
Added by gift, Central Library . . .	6,958	Branches, 185	7,143
Totals	17,315	8,155	25,470

As against a total of 33,131 volumes in 1897.

The number of those who have made gifts to the Library in 1898 is greater by 200 than in 1897, and greater by 400 than in 1896.

The work done by the Library bindery, which is an indispensable auxiliary to the Library printing department, is indicated by the following statement: Books bound in Bates Hall binding, 8,890 volumes; 52 large daily newspapers, 58 newspapers from branch-libraries, 3,905 pamphlets, 3,877 books repaired; library publications folded, stitched, trimmed, etc., 133,304, an increase of 30,862 over 1897.

The output of the printing department still includes all the printed work of the Library, excepting the annual report. It includes catalogue cards to the number of 18,558 titles; stationery, forms, etc., 521,539 pieces; call-slips, 2,222,514 pieces; placards, 2,014; and books and pamphlets to the number of 27, embracing 846 pages in editions aggregating 129,250 copies.

The number of volumes catalogued numbered 47,615, and 120,903 cards were placed in the catalogues of the Central Library in 1898.

The aggregate number of card-holders on January 31, 1899, was 72,005, an increase of 10.8 per cent. over that of the previous year. The proportion of present card-holders to the total population was 14.49 per cent. on January 31, 1899, showing an increase of 1.49 per cent. during the year.

The report contains an unusual amount of material relating to Library policy and administration, under the head of "Supplements to the Report of the Librarian," i. e., (A) Memorandum as to the General Card Catalogue, by James L. Whitney, Chief Cataloguer, who also contributes (B) Considerations as to a Printed Catalogue in Book Form. (C) Extract from the Report of the Special Libraries, Department of Fine Arts, by Otto Fleischner. (D) Report of Chief of Department of Documents and Statistics, by Worthington C. Ford. (E) Extract from the Report of the Children's Department, by Gertrude P. Sheffield. (F) Extract from the Report of the Branch Department, by Langdon L. Ward.

The report also contains the Report of the Examining Committee for 1898, a Financial Statement by the Auditor of the Library, and the usual extensive series of statistical and other tables relating to the history and administration of the Department.

INVITATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO TO VISIT BOSTON.

His Honor Mayor Quincy has extended a formal invitation to President Diaz and cabinet to visit Boston during October next. The following is a copy of the correspondence which has passed between the Mayor and the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements in charge of the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner-stone of the United States Government building at Chicago:

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

Chicago, July 21, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR, City of Boston, Mass.:

SIR: The committee having in charge the celebration of Chicago Day, Monday, October 9, 1899, at which time will be held the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner-stone of the United States Government building in this city by President McKinley, on the occasion of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the great Chicago fire, have received assurances that Gen. Porfirio Diaz, President of the Republic of Mexico, will be pleased to consider a formal invitation for himself and cabinet to visit the United States and attend this celebration, and meet President McKinley and his cabinet, as guests of said committee.

We feel that the formal invitation will be accepted by President Diaz, and it is proposed in that event, after he shall have finished his visit in Chicago, to take him and his party by special train to a number of the most prominent cities in the country.

In considering a possible itinerary to be hereafter submitted to him for his approval, it was thought to arrange for a stop at Boston for a day, when an opportunity would be given your citizens for extending such courtesies as might be thought desirable.

I therefore write you to suggest, if agreeable to you, that you prepare a formal invitation to His Excellency Porfirio Diaz, President of Mexico, for himself and party, tendering them a welcome to your city, and forward the same to me, addressed Room 611, Monadnock block, Chicago, Ill., when, as soon as the formal invitation from the General Committee is prepared, your invitation, together with many others, will be made a part thereof, and delivered by a special committee to be sent from Chicago, leaving here on August 5 next. It might be well, if you think it advisable, also to have your City Council pass resolutions extending the hospitalities of your city to President Diaz and party, and let a copy of the resolutions be made a part of your official letter.

As it is desired that President Diaz visit this country in October, I would suggest that you indicate that month in your invitation.

I take this occasion to state that in due time we shall be pleased to extend you an invitation to attend this celebration on the ninth of October next.

Trusting that we may have your co-operation in this matter at your early convenience, and awaiting your reply which I hope to receive before August 1, I am

Yours very truly,

CHARLES U. GORDON,

Chairman Committee of Arrangements.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL PORFIRIO DIAZ, President of the Republic of Mexico, etc., etc.

SIR: Having learned that yourself and members of your cabinet may be able to pay a visit to the United States during the month of October, it gives me much pleasure, on behalf of the City of Boston, and as its chief executive, to extend to yourself and your party a most cordial invitation to visit this city during your trip. The extent to which our citizens have invested their capital in Mexico, and their interest in the development of your country, perhaps, may give us a special title to hope that a visit to Boston will be included in your arrangements; and I can assure you that the distinguished services which you have rendered to your country, and its wonderful progress under your administration, are well known here, and will command for you not only the official welcome due to the Chief Magistrate of a great sister Republic, but the personal reception due to your character and career.

I have the honor to subscribe myself, with much respect,

Your obedient servant,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Monday, August 7, 1899, at 3 P.M.

HOUSES ORDERED VACATED AND DEMOLISHED.

The following is a list of the buildings ordered vacated during the month of July by the Board of Health:

390 West Second street.
218 North street.
290 North street.
33 Tileston street.
40 Webster avenue.
19 Morton street.
21 Morton street.
23 Morton street.
1 Wirth place.
Rear of 16 Camden street.
24 Camden street.
408 Commercial street.
410 Commercial street.
422 Hanover street.
153 Salem street.
11 Sheafe street.
1 Eaton court.
2 Eaton court.
1 Carter place.
3 Carter place.
4 Carter place.
97 North Margin street.
130 Orleans street.

The following is a list of the buildings ordered demolished by the Board of Health during July, 1899:

35 Minot street.
37 Minot street.
66 Nashua street.
68 Nashua street.
70 Nashua street.
Adjoining 238 Cabot street.
Adjoining 14 Fellows street.
Rear of 9 Reading street.
First rear of 83 Hampden street.
Second rear of 83 Hampden street.
Rear of 88 Hampden street.
Albany street, corner of Randolph street.

MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN FUND MANAGERS.

A meeting of the Managers of the Franklin Fund was held on Tuesday, August 1, 1899, in the Aldermanic Chamber. The resignation of Mr. Samuel F. McCleary, the Treasurer of the fund since 1876, was accepted, and a vote of thanks was extended to him for his services. City Clerk Galvin was elected Treasurer to fill the vacancy. A committee, consisting of the Rev. Charles W. Duane, Rector of Christ Church, Chairman, and Aldermen Adams, Colby, Dixon and McDonald, was appointed to recommend to the Managers at a later meeting the best manner in which the fund shall be expended. On January 1, 1899, the value of the Franklin bequest amounted to \$485,812.45.

One of the features of the Boston Municipal Camp for boys at Long Island, conducted under the executive direction of Penal Institutions Commissioner Marshall, is the publication weekly by the boys of a paper called "The Island Breeze."

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 12 o'clock, on Tuesday, August 1, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding. Absent — Alderman Colby.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Appointment of Constables.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 25, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation I hereby appoint John F. Murphy, Felice A. Reppucci and Ernest L. Weis, Constables of the City of Boston for the terms ending April 30, 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

Veto — Name in Sidewalk.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 28, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature an order passed by your Board granting permission to Frank Ward to insert his name "Ward" in brass letters in the sidewalk in front of his dining-room at 39 Main street, Ward 5. Chapter 352 of the Acts of 1895 provides that "no person shall place and maintain . . . upon any building or other structure . . . any sign or other projection the lowest part of which is ten feet above the sidewalk thereof." I am informed that no one has been granted permission to insert his name in the sidewalk since this statute was passed, or for some years before its passage, and I do not see how such permission can legally be granted, as in the opinion of the Law Department anything placed upon a building or other structure for advertising purposes must be considered as a sign.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto — Projection of Druggist's Mortar.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 28, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board granting permission to Edward J. Keeler to project a druggist's "illuminated" mortar at 1567 Tremont

street, Ward 19, said mortar to be composed of "wood covered with bronzed tin perforated," and to project "about two feet." The distance to which illuminated signs are allowed to project has been limited to two feet, and it does not seem to me advisable to word the permission granted to project a sign so that it can properly be interpreted to exceed this distance. There is also some doubt in my mind as to whether a mortar composed of wood covered with tin can properly be termed an "illuminated" sign.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto — Barber Pole on Sidewalk.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 28, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board granting permission to Carmelo De Luca to place a barber-pole sign on the sidewalk at No. 965 Tremont street, Ward 18, for the reason that such permission cannot legally be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the said permit was granted was reconsidered, and the question came on again granting permission, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to grant the permission — yeas, 0; nays, 7.

Veto — Barber Pole on Sidewalk.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 28, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board granting permission to John J. Dailey to place a barber-pole on the sidewalk at 1423 Dorchester avenue, Ward 20, for the reason that such permission cannot legally be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto — Mortar on Post.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 28, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature an order passed by your Board granting permission to the Jaynes & Chapin Company to erect, maintain and use an iron post, with an illuminated mortar attached thereto, in the sidewalk in front of estate corner Summer and South streets, Ward 7, for the

reason that such permission cannot legally be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Fence Along Charles River.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 25, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a letter from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting him to put the fence along the Charles river, on the western side of the alley in the rear of Beacon street, in proper condition.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

July 20, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In regard to enclosed order in reference to fences in rear of houses on Beacon street, I beg to state that the Department has taken care of all fences that were in any way injured by the Department or its contractors in dumping snow; and there are neither funds available, nor is it our province to repair the balance of the fence, which, as I understand it, belongs to the abutters.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN JULY.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of July, 1899, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 586; total number of mortgages, 562; total amount of mortgages, \$2,482,801.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	161
South Boston	53
East Boston	47
Roxbury	73
Dorchester	136
West Roxbury	75
Brighton	23
Charlestown	18
Total	586

The new Leyland Line steamer "Wini-fredian," which sailed from Liverpool on July 24, 1899, on her initial passage, arrived at Boston August 1. She is the fourth steamer of this type to be built for the Leyland Line, for the carrying trade between this port and Liverpool. Her principal dimensions are: Length, 552 feet; beam, 59 feet, and depth, 41 feet. The dead weight capacity of the ship is 13,000 tons.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved July 26, 1899:

The constables' bonds of two persons.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, said poles to be located as follows:

Forest Hills street, Ward 23, two poles, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, sidewalk eight feet wide, plan dated July 6, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Forest Hills street two poles shown by black dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, said poles to be located as follows:

Columbia road, Ward 20, one pole, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, sidewalk ten feet wide.

Glendale street, Ward 16, one pole, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, sidewalk ten feet wide; date of plan in each case July 3, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Columbia road one pole, and from Glendale street one pole, shown by black dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent

of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, said poles to be located as follows:

Alford street, Ward 4, fourteen poles, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches, sidewalk ten feet wide, plan dated July 1, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Alford street twelve poles shown by black dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington, said poles to be located as follows:

Maple street, Roxbury, two poles, thirty-five feet by ten inches, sidewalk seven feet wide, plan dated June 17, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington, said poles to be located as follows:

Savin Hill avenue, six poles, thirty-five feet by twelve inches, sidewalk six feet wide; Adams street, seventeen poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, sidewalk seven feet; Dorchester avenue, five poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, sidewalk ten feet; St. Alphonsus street, four poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, sidewalk seven feet; Fellows street, six poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, sidewalk seven feet; Mercer street, one pole, forty feet by fourteen inches, sidewalk seven feet; date of plan, June 12, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain, and use a curved track at the junction of Lexington street and Shelby street, East Boston, said track being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 29, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the

whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order, otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except United States mail, fire and police wagons, on Monday, September 4, 1899, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 1 P.M., the following-named streets, for the parade of the labor organizations known as the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Union, viz.:

For the formation—Huntington avenue, Boylston street, Newbury street, Commonwealth avenue and Beacon street, between Clarendon street and Massachusetts avenue.

For the parade—Copley square to Boylston street, to Berkeley street, to Columbus avenue, to Dartmouth street, to West Dedham street, to Washington street, to Eliot street, to Park square, to Charles street, to Beacon street, to School street, to Washington street, to Milk street, to Post Office square.

And the City Messenger is hereby requested to rope off said streets at the principal points where it may be required, under the direction of the Board of Police; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Mrs. Adella McEnnis, illuminated sign, 176 Friend street, Ward 6.

Samuel Katz, sign, 19 Tremont row, Ward 6.

Max Feldman, sign, 67 Compton street, Ward 9.

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F. W. Lydston, sign, 49 Charles street, Ward 11.

Julius Neudstadt, two key signs, 47 Compton, corner Middlesex street, Ward 9.

John Paris, sign, 212 Cambridge street, Ward 11.

M. I. Bornstein, auction flag, 1009 Washington street, Ward 9.

William J. Simpkins, sign, 210 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 10.

Gus De Stefong, barber sign, 96½ Summer street, Ward 7.

Max Fishman, sign, 64 Compton street, Ward 9.

Frank Porcellin, sign, 95½ West Springfield street, Ward 12.

Vincent Marino, barber-pole, 13 Maverick square, Ward 2.

Louis Heiman, sign, 128 Merrimac street, Ward 8.

Tony M. Guvitosa, two barber-poles, 453 Hanover street, Ward 8.

Thomas F. Maloy, two bay-windows over Columbus avenue, from building at the corner of Coventry street, Ward 18.

Awards of Contracts.

Cambridge Bridge Commission.

The contract for dredging in the Charles river, near the temporary pile bridge, proposals for which were opened at the office of His Honor the Mayor on July 17, 1899 (see THE CITY RECORD, page 539), has been awarded to the New England Dredging Company, at its bid of \$4,200.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN,

E. D. LEAVITT,

Cambridge Bridge Commission.

Metropolitan Water Board.

Proposals for excavating soil and building a road in West Boylston and Boylston were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on July 24, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Busch Brothers, Buffalo	\$35,843 25
Devine & McBride, Brighton	43,656 40
Thomas H. Gill, Somerville	45,329 50
Baker & Judson, Gloversville	49,121 50
Long & Little, Leominster	49,650 70
Newell & Snowling Construction Company, Uxbridge	50,302 10
Brodhead Contracting Company, Easton	61,496 00

NOTE.—The work includes 113,000 cubic yards of earth and rock excavation, paving, masonry, laying of pipe and hauling.

The contract was awarded to Busch Brothers.

Proposals for building a gate chamber and laying cast-iron water-pipes at Chestnut Hill Reservoir were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on July 27, 1899, as follows:

Baker & Judson, Gloversville	\$19,657 50
D. F. O'Connell, Boston	21,481 00
Guy C. Emerson, Boston	21,539 80
C. E. Trumbull & Co., Boston	21,965 75
Metropolitan Contracting Company, Boston	22,119 95
Edward W. Emerson & William H. Sherman, Providence	22,721 25
Bruno & Solamone, East Boston	28,781 75
H. A. Hanscom & Co., Boston	30,215 00
Norcross Brothers, Boston	35,418 00

The contract was awarded to Baker & Judson.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

Park Department.

Proposals for building boundary walls at Franklin Park, Walnut avenue and Sigourney street, were opened at the office of the Park Department on July 21, 1899, as follows:

	Per Linear Foot.
John A. Rooney	\$2 94
Robert L. Barrett	2 40
John A. Whittemore's Sons	2 33

The contract was awarded to John A. Whittemore's Sons.

At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held on July 31, 1899, the vote awarding the contract for building a boundary wall at the Arnold Arboretum (see THE CITY RECORD, page 556), bids for which were opened on July 21, was rescinded, and the contract was ordered readvertised.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for paving and regulating Public Alleys 401 to 405 inclusive, and 419 and 431, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on July 27, 1899, as follows:

Public Alley.	Simpson Brothers Corp.	Barber Asphalt Paving Co.	Boston Asphalt Co.	Boston Paving Co.	Jones & Meehan.
401	\$1,309	\$1,676 70	\$1,839 38	\$1,728 05	\$1,830
402	1,316	1,668 77	1,837 67	1,539 65	1,840
403	1,281	1,622 62	1,795 13	1,896 78	1,802
404	1,745	2,157 10	2,375 22	2,151 60	2,724
405	458	644 75	628 14	1,415 78	595
419	1,506	1,842 30	2,123 73	1,975 85	2,102
431	890	1,067 74	1,335 43	1,145 61	1,247

NOTE.—Public Alleys Nos. 401-405 are located between Huntington avenue and St. Botolph street; Public Alley No. 419 is between Beacon and Marlboro' streets, running from Dartmouth to Clarendon streets; Public Alley No. 431 is between Newbury street and Commonwealth avenue, running from Hereford to Gloucester streets.

The contract was awarded to Simpson Brothers Corporation.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

July 29, 1899.

General Order No. 611.

Whereas, Sergeant Frank G. Hurlbut of Division 4, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for eighteen and one-half years, and having been pronounced physically incapacitated by the physician to the Board of Health, it is hereby

Ordered, His Honor the Mayor having approved the same, that the said Sergeant Frank G. Hurlbut be retired from active service and placed upon a pension roll, with pay at the rate of \$466.66 per annum, being one-third the annual compensation received by him in the office from which he is retired.

The ten vacation schools of the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, New York City, opened July 17, were crowded to their full capacity, with 6,000 in attendance. The schools are classified as kindergarten, primary, grammar and industrial. Among the new features of the schools are outdoor gymnasia and swimming classes.

Board Meetings.

Library Department.

Friday, July 14, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Bowditch and Dwight.

Communications received: From Mr. Edward A. Phelps, dated April 15; the Auditor's Monthly Exhibit; the Acting Librarian's report.

The offer of Mr. Edward A. Phelps to place in the Library a collection of anti-slavery material belonging to his father, the late Rev. Amos A. Phelps, was accepted; and the Vice-President was requested to prepare a suitable acknowledgment to Mr. Phelps.

The request of the Tyler-street Vacation School for a deposit of books was granted.

Various applications for special privilege cards were considered and disposed of.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$114.60; to trust funds, \$228.36; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$18.96; to Station "P," \$13.25; to miscellaneous articles, \$84.93.

Voted, That the President or Vice-President, and any one of the Trustees, be a committee with power to approve bills entering into the September 1 requisition; also, until further action by the Board to the contrary, to approve the lists of books and miscellaneous articles submitted for purchase.

Bills allowed: To the amount of \$278.39, for improving the acoustics of the lecture hall.

The Committee on Art reported on the offer of the Handel and Haydn Society to place in the Library a bronze statue of Beethoven, and it was voted to accept the offer with thanks.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners, held on July 10 and 18, 1899:

July 10, 1899.

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of H. Burr Crandall for damages for 59,850 square feet of land taken for Neponset Playground, for the sum of \$1,150, without interest.

Voted, That the time specified in the vote of June 26, 1899, at which the rule forbidding a person to ride a cycle between sunset and sunrise without a suitable light should take effect, be extended to August 21, 1899.

Voted, That the rules adopted for the use and government of the public parks and boulevards, as amended June 26, 1899, be further amended by inserting before the word "sunset" the words "one hour after," and before the word "sunrise" the words "one hour before."

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to advertise for bids for walls on

the western boundary of the Arboretum and on the line of Sigourney street, Franklin Park.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to get estimates for illuminating the clock on the Head House, Marine Park.

Voted, That the entire reserve on the contract of Woodbury & Leighton for the construction of the Longwood-avenue bridge be paid to them at the expiration of thirty-five days after the completion of the contract, provided they sign an agreement to modify the contract in said particular and secure the consent of their bondsmen thereto.

July 18, 1899.

The Mayor submitted his approval, in writing, to the taking for a playground of the parcel of land containing 97,686 square feet, bounded by Melbourne, Brent and Carlisle streets, and by land of Ellen A. Patterson and others, shown on a plan thereof signed by C. E. Putnam, engineer, and dated July 18, 1899.

The Board passed the act taking said land for a playground.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending July 22, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week 23.9
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898, 15.1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	27	3
Scarlatina	20	1
Typhoid fever	18	3
Measles	21	—
Totals	86	7

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	20
Pneumonia	7
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	17
Bronchitis	6
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	9

Total from principal causes	67
Total from infectious diseases	7
Total from other causes	175

Total from all causes	249
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Deaths of children under 1 year	103
Deaths of children under 5 years	124
Deaths of persons over 60 years	41
Deaths in public institutions	53

Of the 249 decedents, 241 were white and 8 colored; 173 were born in the United States, 75 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 56 were of American parentage, 172 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 21 was unknown.

Number of deaths:	
Males	127
Females	122
Total	249

Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	155
Increase	94

There were 52 deaths from cholera infantum during the week. The deaths for the corresponding week last year were exceptionally low. The usual summer increase of diarrhoeal and other enteric diseases did not appear until the first week in August.

At San Francisco an ordinance has been prepared, which will undoubtedly be adopted by the city authorities, for placing overhead wires in underground conduits in that city.

The exports of manufactures of iron and steel from the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, amounted to \$93,715,951, as against \$70,406,885 in 1898.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, July 25, 1899.

The Western Union Telegraph Company respectfully petitions for the right to locate seven poles on Gove street, between the Boston and Maine Railroad and Meridian street, East Boston, for the purpose of carrying its wires from the railroad to its office, as shown in plan herewith.

THOMAS ROCHE, Superintendent.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 1, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Traveler, East Boston Argus-Advocate and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Boston, July 27, 1899.

The undersigned respectfully asks permission to project an awning of glass and copper over the entrance of the New Music Hall building on Massachusetts avenue; the said awning to be supported by brackets and to project to the line of the roadway.

New Boston Music Hall,
By CHARLES E. COTTING, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 1, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the fourteenth day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person object thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with the order of notice thereon in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, July 26, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed, dated August, 1898.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm, and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:
Northampton street, between Washington street and Shawmut avenue, Ward 12. Also to remove poles from Northampton street, between Washington street and Shawmut avenue, Ward 12.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 1, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Boston Journal and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, July 28, 1899.

The undersigned asks permission to erect two hard-pine poles, ten inches square at base, thirty feet high, for electric wires, on Chestnut street, Charlestown District, as shown on plan drawn by Charles A. Pearson, dated July 28, 1899.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company,
By GEORGE B. NEAL, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 1, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 1, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the private way, at South Boston, known as Old Harbor place be laid out, from Old Harbor street to Covington street, as a highway with the name of Dixfield street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the fifteenth day of August, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 31, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing 60,000 cubic yards, more or less, of good, clean filling in Cummington and Blandford streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Wednesday, August 9, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, July 31, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for laying about 23,000 square feet of artificial stone sidewalks in Devon street, between Blue Hill avenue and Columbia road, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond of a surety company in the sum of \$1,500 for maintaining the work for a period of ten years after its completion and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Tuesday, August 8, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$100, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital invite proposals for erecting and completing a connecting corridor and approach between the "Old Nurses' Home building" and the "Ann White Vose building" of the Boston City Hospital, Harrison avenue, in said city, and furnishing a bond in the sum of two thousand (2,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work; the office copy of the contract and plans for the work may be seen, and the proposal to be used, may be obtained at the office of Wheelwright & Haven, architects, 1129 Tremont building, 73 Tremont street, in said city; the bidder must fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at the office of the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital, Harrison avenue, in said city, before 12 o'clock M. of August 11, 1899, with a certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal; the Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal they deem best for the city.

A. SHUMAN,

President of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 1, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Washington street, at West Roxbury, be relocated as a highway, between Morton street and Tower street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the fifteenth day of August, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, July 24, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Tremont street, opposite Mission Church, Ward 19, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Tremont street. Dimensions: Each twenty feet high, twelve feet wide, and two feet six inches over line of street.

WILLIAM H. GIBBONS,
By T. J. DESMOND.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 25, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the fourteenth day of August, at 12 o'clock M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 18, 1899.

The undersigned request permission to project from building No. 24 Anderson street, Ward 8, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second, third and fourth, or three upper stories, over Anderson street. Dimensions: Thirty-two feet high, twelve feet wide and three feet over line of street.

ZIEMAN & SEEGAL,
40 Barton street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

July 25, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioners to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the fourteenth day of August, at 12 o'clock M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioners, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioners by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

July 27, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Upham street be laid out as a highway, at Dorchester, from Hancock street to Cushing avenue, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the tenth day of August, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



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BOSTON, THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1899.

Number 32.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,
EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

SPECIAL JUSTICE, EAST BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURT.

At the meeting of the Executive Council held on Wednesday, August 2, 1899, Governor Wolcott nominated Mr. Joseph H. Barnes, jr., to be a Special Justice of the East Boston Municipal Court.

Mr. Barnes was born in East Boston on May 31, 1869. He graduated from Harvard College in 1891, and from Harvard Law School in 1894. During 1895 and 1896 he represented Ward 1 in the Common Council. Mr. Barnes is President of the Citizen's Trade Association of East Boston.

DEATH OF EX-COUNCILMAN TUCKER.

The death of Mr. Horace G. Tucker occurred at his home, 16 Durham street, on Wednesday, August 2, 1899.

Mr. Tucker was born in Boston in 1823, and for over half a century previous to 1892 had been connected with what is now the firm of J. L. Fairbanks & Co. During 1868, 1869 and 1870 Mr. Tucker represented old Ward 6 in the Common Council of Boston.

REPORT OF THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

The report of the Printing Department for the year ending January 31, 1899, which constitutes City Document 27 — 1899, has recently been presented in print to His Honor the Mayor.

Following is a summary of the text of the report rendered by Mr. Whalen, the Superintendent of Printing:

"My report for the year ending January 31, 1898, which contained the details for the first eleven months' operation of the Department by the city, showed that after allowing for depreciation in value of material at the rate of 10 per cent. per year, a net gain to the city treasury was made of \$8,004.30, as compared with the work as previously done by private parties under the contract system. This result was obtained by making a comparison of the same rates of charges made by this Department to the other departments of the city, as had been paid for the last twenty years according to the terms of the contract made.

"The Department has been conducted in a business-like manner, and with a proper regard to the rules of the Typographical Union. In some respects the employees have been treated with consideration beyond that accorded their fellow-workmen in the service of most private printers. Holidays throughout the year are enjoyed as part compensation for services rendered. During the months of May, June, July, August, September and October of last year all the employees were allowed the Saturday half-holiday without loss of pay, making the hours of labor 49 hours per week for six months of the year, and 54 hours per week for the remaining six months. The granting of these holidays resulted in greater efficiency and a desire on the part of the employees to show their appreciation for the consideration accorded them.

"It is with pleasure I point to the men and women who perform the respective duties to which they are assigned in this Department of the city. For intelligence, competency, and faithfulness they will compare favorably with those employed in the best printing houses of the country. They render faithful service for fair wages and generous consideration, and the result undoubtedly indicates that the city has gained financially by doing its own work in this regard, instead of having it performed by private concerns as formerly. And far beyond the mere financial gain is the spirit of content and satisfaction among the workers, which is due in no small degree to the fact that they feel they are

secure in their positions so long as they are capable and faithful.

"A summary of the doings for the past municipal year ending January 31, 1899, may be briefly stated thus:

"The total business performed during the year amounted to \$152,136.72. The operating expenses for the year aggregated \$137,967.85, of which \$78,024.87 was on account of pay-roll. Allowing for depreciation in the value of the material of the Plant at 10 per cent. per annum, the rate considered fair by the most reliable judges, we find that the city has saved the sum of \$10,386.08 during the year by attending to its own printing.

"These figures are deduced by a comparison of the prices charged to the departments by this Department, and prices paid by the city to the firm which had the contract for doing the city printing previous to the establishment of the City Printing Plant. This Department has been charging precisely the same rates to other departments for printing as was paid by them to the former city printers with whom the city had a contract, and which contract was in operation for over twenty years.

"In other words, had the same amount of printed matter of like quality been produced under the terms of that contract, the city would have paid \$10,386.08 more than it has paid. It will therefore be seen that during the first twenty-three months of municipal operation of the Plant a saving has been effected amounting to \$18,390.38.

"The experimental stage in operating the Municipal Printing Plant of the city has passed. It has been proven to be a practical success, and I point out these important facts, justifying as they do the faith of the Chief Executive of the city in the undertaking, and his promise to the citizens of Boston that the city would be a large gainer by it.

"In this connection I desire to recommend that the rates at which some of the charges are made to the different departments be revised and reduced in order to correspond more nearly with the present condition of the printing industry. Some of the rates were made many years ago, and though still in use in the Department they were made necessary, as I have already explained, in order to get a proper basis of comparison.

"In accordance with the policy established by you at the beginning, the books of accounts and the transactions of the year have been examined by a committee of experts, consisting of Messrs. H. G. Curtis, Chairman, President of the Old Boston National Bank, George H. Ellis, Frederick Mills and Thomas P. Nichols, members of the Masters Printers' Club.

"Their report (see THE CITY RECORD, Vol. II., page 537) covers the operations of the Plant for the financial year ending January 31, last. The financial statistics of the report cover in detail the facts which I have given in a general way in the foregoing.

"That its progress has been watched with keen interest throughout the country has been made manifest by the hundreds of inquiries received by mail at this office, from city officials and other interested persons, respecting the cost of the plant, the system of management and such other information as might serve the object of the inquirers. A number of visitors also, not only from many cities in the United States but some from European cities, have called personally to investigate, and to see the working of the Department."

Appended to Mr. Whalen's report are: (1) a financial statement, setting forth in detail the receipts and expenditures of the Department, its operating expenses, etc.; (2) tables showing the cost of printing, stock, stationery and binding, supplied to the different departments of the city government, the courts of the County of Suffolk, and other appropriations enumerated and paid for by the same, outside of the City of Boston Printing Plant; (3) report of the committee appointed to examine the accounts, finances and operations of the Printing Department of the City of Boston for the financial year ending on January 31, 1899.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSTITUTIONS REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Institutions Registration Department for the year ending January 31, 1899, by Acting Institutions Registrar Marshall, has been submitted in print to His Honor the Mayor. The report constitutes Document 17 — 1899, and from it the following extracts are made:

"The Department has been conducted along the lines laid down in the act creating it, and has investigated all questions relating to the settlement of paupers and the commitment of the insane, and has made a collection of a mass of statistics relating to the dependent and deficient classes of the community, which should prove of great value to any student of sociological problems and to the city. It has been its aim to procure the fullest information regarding the individuals of these different groups, and its accumulations of material will, when properly analyzed, undoubtedly add much of interest and of value in regard to the causes and treatment of what might be termed the diseases of the social state, — crime, pauperism, and insanity. It must be allowed that in a healthy and model social state the first two of these evils would not exist, and that the third would be very much reduced in amount, and therefore it is the earnest wish of all social reformers to endeavor to ascertain the causes of these evils in order that they may be eradicated, or, if that is not possible, that their evil results may be nullified as far as it may be accomplished.

"All over the land vast buildings stand as monuments of what is being done for the dependent classes, and Boston is not behind in this beneficent and philanthropic work.

The city has invested in such structure the sum of \$5,066,300, and its annual charges for maintenance of these institutions amount to \$1,386,427. Besides all this there is expended for the out-door poor of our city the sum of \$132,000.

"If forced to the conclusion that it is poverty that causes these dependent classes to exist in the community, the problem is to determine its causes and seek a remedy.

"Most of those who have studied the problem have arrived at the conclusion that the remedy consists of returning in some manner to the farm districts of the country those idle in the cities, but the many experiments which have not been crowned with success that have been made in this direction leads one to suppose that the difficulties in the way of success are insuperable.

"The lowest standard to be reached is that every man who wishes work and is earnestly seeking it should be provided with it, and it is the duty of society to see that none of our citizens should be placed in our almshouses as long as they are able to earn their own living, but that we should direct our study to the question whether the money that is spent for the support of our institutions could not more wisely and economically be spent in plans that would enable us to provide work.

"Without going into the question as to the responsibility of the creation of the distress of old age, it seems to me that the State recognizes its duty to relieve it in the expenditure of the public monies for its relief at present, and the only question to be determined is whether the money, as now spent, is expended more wisely than by a system of old age pensions. If the worthy poor could be separated from the unworthy, and the money expended for our institutions devoted to the support of the worthy poor of the community, I believe that no more money would be required than is spent at present to give the aged, worthy poor a decent, comfortable living in their own homes, and if more money were required, I am of the opinion that a tax on the amusements of the people might be made that would not be felt, or, if felt, would be paid willingly and even gladly.

"The detail work of the office has been carried on on approved sociological lines and the city has been divided into twelve districts in order to localize poverty and crime in the city. The card system of registration is showing good results.

"The walls of the office have been made into blackboards on which are shown, by means of lines, the weekly movement of population in the institutions. The diagrams showing the comparative age periods of those admitted to the almshouse on Long Island have been prepared, under the direction of Professor Sedgwick, and have been placed upon the boards of the office.

"The most important and delicate work of the office is the determination of settlements. It is important, because a careless and slipshod system would result in a largely increased expense to the community by there being charged to this municipality the support of many people who should be supported by others or by the State. This Department stands as a safeguard against this unjust imposition. The change in the laws of settlement, invalidating all those acquired previous to 1860, made necessary a

review of all the histories of inmates of our eleemosynary institutions, numbering 2,338 cases. This resulted in the invalidating of the settlement of ninety-one inmates and placed the burden of their support upon the State, making a gross saving to the city of \$15,271.22 yearly.

"The number of persons examined as possible insane cases during the year was 952. Of this number 206 were sent to the Observation Hospital at Deer Island until the question of their mental status could be determined. While for many cases the hospital at Deer Island is the best place for their treatment, yet in some cases it is very desirable that there should be in the city a place of detention for persons whose mental condition is doubtful and who should receive medical care until their friends are ascertained and their mentality determined.

"At my suggestion, Dr. Jelly, the senior examiner of this Department, and Dr. Prescott, the medical director of the Penal Institutions Department, have considered the matter and have reported a plan for a detention hospital near or adjoining to the Court House which would accommodate ten patients, and I recommend that an appropriation be made for the establishment of such a detention hospital."

The work of the Department for the year ending January 31, 1899, has been as follows:

Number of applications	4,774
Outside investigations	1,260
Applications withdrawn	439
Applications refused	202
Medical examinations	952
Children's examinations	607
Pauper admissions	3,207
Insane admissions	927
Settlements investigated	5,655

The expenditures of the Department for the year amounted to \$16,287.57.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

August 4, 1899.

General Order No. 612.

Inspector William H. Cogan, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty-six years, and having requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1892, it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, His Honor the Mayor having approved the same, that the said Inspector William H. Cogan be retired from active service in the Police Department and placed upon the pension-roll, and allowed the sum of \$800 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement.

This order will take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock this afternoon.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its meeting on the seventh instant the Board of Aldermen voted to adjourn till Monday, August 14, 1899, at 3 P.M.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday July 31, 1899, President Huggan in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Bateman, Bennett, Burrill, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Kenny and Strange.

The Chair read the call for the meeting as follows:

BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

July 24, 1899.

TO MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I hereby call a special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, to be held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, July 11, 1899, at 3.30 o'clock, P.M., to take action on certain school-house plans and contracts, and to transact such other business as the committee may desire.

Respectfully,

H. D. HUGGAN, President.

The Chair stated that the question was on approving the appointments and re-appointments of instructors as presented by the Superintendent at the meeting of June 27, with the exception of the appointment of the Director of Physical Training, which appointment required approval by ballot.

The appointments and re-appointments of instructors were approved.

It was ordered that the terms of service of the teachers appointed on probation by the Superintendent on June 13 and June 27, respectively, date from September 13, 1899.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Director of Physical Training.

Mr. Gallivan presented for nomination the name of Dr. James B. Fitzgerald. The Board proceeded to ballot with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast 15; necessary for a choice, 13. Hartvig Nissen had 2 votes; Dr. James B. Fitzgerald had 13 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Director of Physical Training.

The Chair read the following:

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, July 18, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with the executors of the estate of Thomas Doane, upon the sum of \$11,000 as payment for their estate on Pearl street, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes, by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon the said executors giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and passed:

(1.) That the Committee on School Houses be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$2,250 for expenses connected with the washing of the floors of the various school-houses during the summer vacation.

(2.) That the new primary school-house on Webster avenue, Brighton, be named the Frederick A. Whitney School, in honor of the late Frederick A. Whitney.

(3.) That there be paid to the trustees of the estate of Bradley M. Clark the sum of \$6,500 as payment for their estate on School street, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon said trustees giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

(4.) That there be paid to Benjamin L. Keith and the heirs of William H. Keith the sum of \$8,200 as payment for their estate at the corner of Pearl and Bartlett streets, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon their giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

(5.) That the amount realized from the sale of land on Comins terrace, Roxbury, surrendered to the City Council December 13, 1898, viz., \$437.50, be appropriated for new primary school-house, Munroe street, additional.

(6.) That there be paid to H. S. Dudley, for the Denison House Association, the sum of \$8 for cleaning the Denison House Kindergarten from May 1 to June 26, 1899.

The Superintendent presented for the approval of the Board, the following re-appointments of instructors for the year 1899-1900, made to correct clerical errors in School Document No. 6, 1899, Appointments for Re-election:

To serve during the pleasure of the School Committee:

Lyman District, Mary E. Williams, first assistant, primary school; Warren District, Abbie M. Mott, first assistant, grammar school.

The reappointments were approved, under a suspension of the rules.

On recommendation of the Committee on New Buildings it was ordered:

(1.) That the accompanying plans and specifications, prepared by Hartwell, Richardson & Driver, architects, for heating and ventilating the new high school building in Dorchester, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward in the sum of \$25,700 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications, the said firm being the lowest bidder.

(2.) That the accompanying plans and specifications, prepared by Herbert D. Hale, architect, for heating and ventilating the high school building in South Boston, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Lynch & Woodward in the sum of \$24,274 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications, the said firm being the lowest bidder.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, reported that they have advertised for and received proposals for heating, plumbing and plastering the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets,

Dorchester, and in accordance with the rules they recommend that the heating and plumbing contracts be respectively awarded to the lowest bidders. They believe, however, that the lowest bid for plastering is too high, as it exceeds the architect's estimate of the cost of the work nearly \$5,000. It is their intention, therefore, to obtain new bids at a later date for this work, which they hope will result to the advantage of the city. The committee recommend the passage of the following orders:

Ordered, That the accompanying plans and specifications for heating and ventilating the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company in the sum of \$10,998 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications; the said firm being the lowest bidder.

Ordered, That the accompanying plans and specifications for a plumbing system for the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with D. L. Billings & Co., in the sum of \$7,865 for furnishing and installing a plumbing system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications, the said firm being the lowest bidder.

The orders were taken up separately.

The motion to suspend the rules to permit the passage of the first order was lost, the necessary number not voting therefor, and the order was accordingly laid over, under the rule.

The second order was passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Aldrich offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to prepare a form of contract to be made with architects of school buildings, and to execute such contracts with such architects whose plans have been approved by this Board.

Mr. Anderson offered the following substitute order:

Ordered, That the Law Department of the city be requested to prepare a form for contracts to be made with architects, to be submitted to this Board for its approval.

The motion to substitute was lost.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, the order offered by Mr. Aldrich was amended by adding the following words: These contracts shall be null and void unless approved by the Board.

The order, as amended, was passed.

On the recommendation of the Committee on New Buildings, under suspension of the rules, it was ordered:

(1.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to rent the house numbered 20 Mt. Vernon street, Dorchester district, for school purposes, at a rental of \$1,200 per year.

(2.) That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for a site for a new grammar school-house in the Dorchester district, a

parcel of land supposed to belong to Catherine Elms, and bounded and described as follows:

South-easterly by Norfolk street about 100 feet; north-easterly by the proposed line of Morton street, as widened, about 200 feet; north-westerly by land supposed to belong to Charles A. Ufford and to Samuel B. Capen, about 150 feet; and south-westerly by other land of Catherine Elms, about 200 feet, containing 30,000 square feet, more or less.

(3.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an addition to the contract of Huey Brothers for furnishing a heating and ventilating system for the Baker-street School-house, in the sum of \$675, for building and setting a boiler-iron tank to receive the sewage from this school-house, and that they also be authorized to order necessary excavating for said tank by day labor, as an addition to the general contract of George M. Pratt.

(4.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of G. A. Cahill for erecting a primary school building at Forest Hills, in the sum of \$387, for furnishing and laying brick trenches in the basement of said school-house, and covering the same with North river stone twelve inches wide, to meet the requirements of the building laws.

(5.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to provide temporary accommodations in the Chapman district substantially in accordance with the foregoing report, and at an expense not to exceed that specified therein.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies, offered the following:

Ordered, That in consideration of twenty years of faithful and continuous service, William J. Porter, auditing clerk, be granted leave of absence from October 1, 1899, to January 1, 1900; and that during said absence his duties be performed by M. Lewis Crosby.

Passed, unanimously, by a rising vote.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools are hereby authorized to employ a second laboratory assistant in the English High School at a salary of \$500 per annum, until otherwise ordered.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On recommendation of the Committee on School Houses it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$6,500 for improving the sanitary condition of the Frothingham School-house, Charlestown District; provided that competitive bids be obtained for all items in connection with said work in excess of \$500.

Mr. Berridge, for the same committee, offered the following:

That the Committee on School-houses are hereby authorized to expend \$2,000 for retinting the walls and ceilings of the Latin English High School-house.

The Chair read the following:

LAW DEPARTMENT.

July 31, 1899.

HENRY D. HUGGAN, ESQ., President Boston School Committee.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your inquiry as to "whether the provisions of Chapter 170 of

the Acts of the year 1899 apply to the election of officers, teachers, janitors, and other persons in the employ of the Boston School Committee," I have to say:

While the question is not free from doubt and is very close, the act, in my opinion, does not apply to the School Committee or any election by it. The act provides that whenever "in any city the election of any officer is vested in the Common Council, or in the Board of Aldermen, or in both acting jointly or concurrently, or in any other municipal body or board, the election shall not be valid unless it is made by a viva voce vote," etc. Chapter 129 of the Acts of the same year provides that "when the election of any city officer is vested in the Common Council, or in the Board of Aldermen, or in both acting jointly or concurrently, the election shall not be valid unless it is made by a yea and nay vote," etc.

It seems to me that the second act intended to correct an omission in the first act, and a correction in the method of voting, as the Legislature probably determined on inspection of the first act, that a vote by yea and nay was not an election, and that they had not made provision for the election of certain officers who were elected by boards of the city, such as Trustees of the Boston Public Library, Boston City Hospital, Children's Institutions, etc., and that the "city officers," contemplated in the last named act were the "city officers" intended in the first named act.

Furthermore, it has been decided by the courts that teachers of public schools are not public officers, and are therefore not city officers within the meaning of the term; and, inasmuch as the teachers of the public schools are among the most important employees of the city chosen by the School Committee, it does not seem to me that if the Legislature excluded them from the operation of the last act, they could possibly have intended to include others of less importance; and, therefore, that the Legislature intended by the term "city officers" in both those acts the city officers that are generally understood to be meant by that term; that is, officers connected with the city government elected by the City Council, or the Board of Aldermen, or by both acting jointly or concurrently, or by boards of trustees and other boards appointed by the Mayor. Still, as I have said before, the question is a very close one, and it seems to me that I do not depart much from what is expected of me if I advise the committee that the best method to be pursued in the election of Secretary of the Board, Superintendent and Supervisors of the public schools would be in the manner prescribed by said Chapter 170.

Respectfully,

ANDREW J. BAILEY,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the orders passed at the meeting of May 23 and June 13, whereby two reports from the Committee on Rules and Regulations relative to the extension of the summer vacation were declared accepted, were rescinded and the aforesaid reports were recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were recommitted, July 31, their reports presented at the meetings of May 9 and June 13, with regard to

communications from the City and Common Council requesting the School Committee to extend the length of the summer vacation for the public schools, reported that, in view of the action of the Board at its meeting of June 29, they recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that a regulation has been adopted providing that the public schools shall reopen after the summer vacation on the second Wednesday of September in each year.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Gallivan, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 236. Strike out the words "the first Monday in September," in the second and third lines. Strike out the words "Tuesday following the first Monday," in the thirteenth line, and substitute in place thereof the words "second Wednesday," so that the section will read as follows:

Section 236. The following holidays and vacations shall be granted to the schools, viz., every Saturday, the half day before Thanksgiving Day and the remainder of the week, the half day before Christmas Day, one week, commencing with Christmas Day, New Year's Day, the Twenty-second of February, Good Friday, the Nineteenth of April, the week immediately preceding the second Monday in April, Decoration Day, the Seventeenth of June, and to the primary schools from the Friday preceding the week of graduating exercises in the schools; and to the normal, high and grammar schools from their respective graduating exercises to the second Wednesday in September. The President of the Board is authorized to suspend the schools, not exceeding six sessions, in each municipal year. No other holiday shall be allowed except by vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board present; and no school shall be suspended on any other occasion, except for important reasons peculiar to that school, and then only by express permission of the Superintendent.

Section 247. Strike out the words "Tuesday following the first Monday" in the second and third lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "second Wednesday," so that the section will read as follows:

Section 247. The regular promotion of pupils from grade to grade shall be made on the second Wednesday in September and on the first Monday in February. Promotions of individual pupils may be made at any time by the principal of the district, with the approval of the supervisor in charge.

Section 265. Strike out the words "Tuesday following the first Monday," in the tenth and eleventh lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "second Wednesday," so that the section will read as follows:

Section 265. Graduates of the grammar schools to whom diplomas have been awarded shall be admitted to the Latin schools, without examination, or to such advanced classes thereof as their qualifications may entitle them to enter. Other applicants for admission shall be at least eleven years of age, and shall present certificates of character from the principals of the schools they last attended, and pass an examination equivalent to that required for admission to the seventh grade of the grammar schools, on

the third Saturday in June, and on the second Wednesday in September, the questions for such examinations to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Candidates for admission to the Latin schools must present a written statement from parents or guardians of their intention to give such candidates a collegiate education.

Section 267. Strike out the words "Tuesday and Wednesday following the first Monday," in the fourth and fifth lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "second Wednesday and following Thursday," so that the section will read as follows:

Section 267. The examination of applicants for admission to the high schools who are not graduates from the grammar schools, shall take place on the third Friday and Saturday in June, and on the second Wednesday and following Thursday in September, and shall be conducted at the same time in each study, and with the same questions which shall be adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Applicants shall present certificates of good character from the principals of the schools they last attended, and shall pass a satisfactory examination which shall be equivalent to that required for graduation from the grammar schools.

Section 285. Strike out the words, "Wednesday following the first Monday," in the first and second lines, and substitute in place thereof the words "second Wednesday," and add the following to the section as a separate paragraph:

The examination of applicants for admission to this school who are not graduates of the high schools, fourth year course, shall take place on the second Wednesday and following Thursday in September, so that the section will read as follows:

Section 285. This school shall begin on the second Wednesday in September, and shall close on such day of the week preceding the Fourth of July as the Board may direct.

The examination of applicants for admission to this school who are not graduates of the high schools, fourth year course, shall take place on the second Wednesday and following Thursday in September.

On motion of Mr. Gallivan, the rules were suspended, the order read twice, and passed.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Salaries it was ordered under suspension of the rules:

(1.) That there be paid to Charles McLaughlin, janitor of the Washington Allston School, the sum of \$6 for cleaning the floor of the kindergarten in that district during the past term.

(2.) That George A. Tyzzer, sub-master in the Dwight District, be placed upon the second year of service in his rank, to date from April 10, 1899.

(3.) That Amanda C. Ellison, assistant, primary school, Dearborn District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from April 13, 1899.

The Department of Health of Buffalo, N.Y., has issued a series of pamphlets in English, Italian, German and Polish, for distribution in the city, giving general rules for the prevention and restriction of scarlet fever, consumption and diphtheria.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, August 7, 1899.

The forty-seventh meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Monday, August 7, 1899, at 2 P. M.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Dore.

The Board took up assignments, viz.:

(1.) Communication from the Penal Institutions Commissioner requesting a loan appropriation of \$1,000 for the reconstruction of the steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee."

(2.) Communication from the Penal Institutions Commissioner requesting an additional appropriation of \$1,800 for the reconstruction of the steamer "John Howard."

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Penal Institutions Commissioner Ernest C. Marshall, Oliver Bowden, captain of the steamer "Bradlee," and William H. Sampson, captain of the steamer "Howard" appeared and were heard.

The Board then went into executive session.

The Board proceeded to take up the following, pending as unfinished business:

Communication from the Fire Commissioner requesting a loan appropriation of \$5,000 to meet expenses incurred in placing wires in Charlestown underground.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass an order making a loan appropriation for placing wires belonging to the Fire Department underground.

The communications from the Mayor and from the Fire Commissioner were placed on file, and Mr. Dore moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the amount of five thousand (5,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Fire Commissioner in placing fire-alarm wires underground; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed — yeas, 4 (Mr. Barry being absent), viz.:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Kiley, Minot, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

The order was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, and subsequently by Mr. Barry, all the members certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

The Board took up the following, pending as unfinished business:

Communication from the Insane Hospital Trustees requesting an appropriation of \$14,250 for the following purposes:

Electric light plant	\$8,000
Remodelling the "A" building	3,000
Addition to the boiler-house, men's department	1,500
Repairing chimney in dining-room . .	550
Wagon shed	600
Moving hydrants	200
Reclaiming meadow	400
Total	\$14,250

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass an order making an additional loan appropriation for an electric lighting plant at the Boston Insane Hospitals.

The communications from Mayor Quincy and from the Insane Hospital Trustees were placed on file, and Mr. Dore moved the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the additional sum of nine thousand five hundred (9,500) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Insane Hospital Trustees in installing an electric lighting plant; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed — yeas, 4 (Mr. Barry being absent), viz.:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Minot, Kiley and Mayor Quincy — 4.

The order was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, and subsequently by Mr. Barry, all the members certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

The Board took up the following assignment:

Communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting an appropriation of \$4,300, under Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895, for completion of the ferryboat "Noddle Island."

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass an order making an appropriation of \$4,300, under the provisions of Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895, for the completion of the said ferryboat.

The communications from the Mayor and the Superintendent of Streets were placed on file, and Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding four thousand three hundred (4,300) dollars in excess of the sum of seventy-one thousand (71,000) dollars received from the United States government for the ferryboat "William E. Russell," to meet the expenses of constructing the ferryboat "Noddle Island"; and the City Treasurer, to meet said expenses, is hereby authorized to issue bonds of the city to the amount of four thousand three hundred (4,300) dollars of the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of the year 1895.

The order was passed — yeas, 4 (Mr. Barry being absent), viz.:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Minot, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

The order was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, and subsequently by Mr. Barry, all the members certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

The Board took up the two communications from the Penal Institutions Commissioner, requesting appropriations for the reconstruction of the steamers "Bradlee" and "Howard," concerning which a hearing was given earlier in the meeting.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to prepare and pass an order making an additional loan appropriation for the reconstruction of the steamer "John Howard."

The two communications from the Penal Institutions Commissioner, and the communication from Mayor Quincy were placed on file, and Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the additional sum of eighteen hundred (1,800) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Penal Institutions Department in reconstructing the steamer "John Howard"; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed—yeas, 5.

Yeas—Messrs. Barry, Minot, Kiley, Dore, and Mayor Quincy—5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That the Boston Transit Commission be requested to inform the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its next meeting as to whether, in their opinion, they have a right under the law to construct a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Travers street for foot passage, such as is proposed, and whether, if they have such right, they would be willing to construct such a tunnel.

A communication was received from the Water Commissioner requesting a special appropriation of \$5,000 for the further installation of cold-water fountains.

Assigned to the next meeting.

The following were received and placed on file:

(1.) Petition of the Trustees of Real Estate of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, that India street, in front of their building, be regulated and paved; also a letter from the Superintendent of Streets in relation thereto.

(2.) Communication from the Boston Transit Commission requesting the opinion of the Corporation Counsel on the right of the Commission to build a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Travers street.

An order (passed by the City Council) was received, requesting the Board "to transfer from some fund, or make a new appropriation of \$25,000, to City Hospital Department, in order that the four wards now closed may be opened to patients."

Assigned to the next meeting.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 3.11 P.M., to meet on Tuesday, September 5, 1899, at 2 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

QUARANTINE REGULATION.

At a meeting of the Board of Health August 2, 1899, the following regulation affecting vessels arriving from ports in Virginia or the Chesapeake Bay was passed:

Until further orders all vessels arriving at this port from any port in Virginia or the Chesapeake Bay shall first stop at quarantine for examination, and no such vessel, or any person on board of such vessel, shall proceed to the city until authorized to do so by the Port Physician.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, Monday, August 7, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Veto—Sign on Lamp-post, Pearl Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 7, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board at its last meeting, authorizing the New England Newspaper Union to place a sign on a lamp-post at 132 Pearl street, for the reason that such permission cannot legally be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto—Illuminated Sign, 580 Washington Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 7, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board at its last meeting, granting permission to the Cushing Medical Supply Company to place an electric sign on building 580 Washington street, said sign to project "about five feet from the building." As stated by me in former communications, I am of the opinion that two feet is the utmost limit to which illuminated signs should be allowed to project from buildings, and this limit has been strictly adhered to heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Placing Fire-alarm Wires Underground.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 7, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting held to-day appropriating \$5,000 for placing fire-alarm wires underground. This appropriation is to meet the expense of work made imperative by the construction of the new bridge to Charlestown and the necessity of moving the old wires.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sent down.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

August 7, 1899.

Ordered, That the amount of \$5,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Fire Commissioner in placing fire-alarm wires underground; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

JOHN P. DORE,

LAURENCE MINOT,

DAVID F. BARRY,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

Electric Light Plant, Insane Hospitals.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 7, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting to-day making an additional appropriation of \$9,500 for the installation of an electric lighting plant at Pierce and Austin Farms.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sent down.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

August 7, 1899.

Ordered, That the additional sum of nine thousand five hundred (9,500) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Insane Hospital Trustees in installing an electric lighting plant; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

JOHN P. DORE,

LAURENCE MINOT,

DAVID F. BARRY,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

Reconstruction of the Steamer "John Howard."

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 7, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting to-day making an additional

appropriation of \$1,800 for the reconstruction of the steamer "John Howard."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sent down.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

August 7, 1899.

Ordered, That the additional sum of \$1,800 be appropriated, to be expended by the Penal Institutions Department in reconstructing the steamer "John Howard;" and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

JOHN P. DORE,

DAVID F. BARRY,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

Completion of the Ferryboat "Noddle Island."

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 7, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting held to-day authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to expend not exceeding \$4,300 of the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895 to meet the expense of completing the ferryboat "Noddle Island."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Sent down.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

August 7, 1899.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding four thousand three hundred (4,300) dollars, in excess of the sum of seventy-one thousand (71,000) dollars, received from the United States Government for the ferryboat "William E. Russell" to meet the expense of constructing the ferryboat "Noddle Island," and the City Treasurer, to meet said expenses, is hereby authorized to issue bonds of the city to the amount of four thousand three hundred dollars of the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of the year 1895.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

JOHN P. DORE,

LAURENCE MINOT,

DAVID F. BARRY,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved August 2, 1899:

Permits to project signs, bay-windows, etc., viz.:

G. F. Knight, illuminated sign, 20 Causeway street.

Howard C. Woodbury, illuminated clock, 250 Washington street.

E. F. Sensibaugh, two signs, 127 Dudley street, Ward 21.

Soon Lee, sign, 91 Leverett street, Ward 8.

Raphael Nazzaro, V-sign, 472 Commercial street, Ward 6.

Frederick J. Herthel, jr., two bay-windows, corner Columbus avenue and Ruggles street, one over each street, Ward 18.

Louis Berenson, five bay-windows, two over Washington street and three over Bartlett street, Ward 18.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be directed to make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, owner to furnish material, as follows:

D. W. Thomas, Vancouver street, corner Huntington avenue, Ward 19, of brick.

G. W. Hyams, 26 Wales street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Boston University, 73 Summer street, Ward 7, of artificial stone.

Bowker, Torrey & Co., Baldwin street, Ward 13, of brick.

Mrs. Jennie B. Damon, 862 East Fifth street, Ward 14, of brick with granite edgestone.

Hugh D. Kelly, 100-102 Burrell street, Ward 17, of gravel with granite edgestone.

Hugh D. Kelly, corner Norfolk avenue and Burrell street, Ward 17, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Thomas H. Shea, 1-3 Heath place, Ward 19, of gravel with granite edgestone.

C. F. Hayes, 194 Adams street, Ward 20, of brick with granite edgestone.

Francis W. Kittredge, in front of three houses on Warren street, and two on Moreland street, Ward 21, at corner of said streets, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

John W. and Mary E. Patterson, 23-25 Jamaica street, and 33-35 Woodman street, Ward 23, of gravel with granite edgestone.

Katherine F. Sullivan, 266 Millet street, Ward 20, of gravel with granite edgestone.

Ruth H. Clapp, 140-142 Stanwood street, Ward 20, of gravel with granite edgestone.

Carl F. Monk, Spencer street, near Park street, Ward 20, of gravel with granite edgestone.

Margaret Fitzgibbon, 40 Middle street, Ward 15, of brick.

I. Levin, 20-26 Morris street, Ward 1, of brick.

Francesco Dimase, 198-200 Maverick street, Ward 2, of brick with granite edgestone.

Watson & Waite, 472-476 East Third street, Ward 14, of brick with granite edgestone.

Ellen Lonergan, 571 East Third street, Ward 14, of brick with granite edgestone.

William H. Martin, 16 Wales street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Francis W. Kittredge, south corner of Warren and Moreland streets, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

Alexander Gaertner, 1181-1189 Tremont street, Ward 18, of artificial stone.

Edward Tracy, 11-17 Vale street, Ward 15, of artificial stone.

Edward H. Eldredge & Co., agents, 13-27 John street, Ward 6, of artificial stone.

Jacob P. Powers, 514-516 West Park street, Ward 20, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

John F. Murphy, 201 Humboldt avenue, Ward 21, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Arthur Timmins, Chester street, Ward 25, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Patrick Manning, 360 Center street and on Forbes street, Ward 22, of artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Lucia W. Maling, 321 Washington street, Ward 20, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

A. D. Gould, 364-366 Quincy street, Ward 20, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits, on petitions referred to-day, for work in front of estates, to be completed on or before December 31, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto as follows:

W. L. Clark & Co., to erect, maintain and use three guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over 388-400 Atlantic avenue.

Woodbury & Leighton, to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, one in and over Essex street, opposite 86, and one in and over Oxford place, Ward 7.

Michael Roughan, to construct, maintain and use three bulkhead openings, four feet by six feet each, with wooden covers, under and in the sidewalk, 61, 63, 65 Beach street, Ward 7.

Norcross Brothers, to stretch, maintain and use guy-ropes over and across Tremont street, at or near 541.

Norcross Brothers, to erect, maintain and use one guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Congress street, near A street, and to stretch one guy-rope over and across A street, near Congress street.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Charles A. Pearson, said poles to be located as follows:

Joiner street, five poles, thirty-five feet high, twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet; date of plan, June 26, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission is hereby granted the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company to remove all poles belonging to said company located on Dorchester avenue, between Swett and B streets.

Ordered, That the conditions embodied in the order of the Board of Aldermen, under date of October 12, 1891, giving to the New England Printing Telegraph-Cable Company of Massachusetts the right during the continuance of said grant to use three cross arms upon all poles located and placed by the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company under this grant, be and is hereby revoked.

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board May 25, 1899, relative to the sale of unoccupied lands belonging to the Christopher Gibson School Fund, held in trust by this Board, be and hereby is rescinded.

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands (Aldermanic) be authorized to employ such assistance as they in their judgment deem necessary to subdivide into suitable building lots all unoccupied lands belonging to the Christopher Gibson School Fund, held in trust by this Board, and that said lands shall be advertised for sale in the Boston Herald, Globe, Journal, Advertiser and the Dorchester Beacon, twice each week for thirty days prior to sale by the Board of Street Commissioners, and sold by them September 23, 1899, at 11 A.M., at public auction, to the highest bidder or bidders.

That 42,000 square feet now occupied by the Sewer Department shall be leased to said Department at an annual rental of \$400.

That 32,600 square feet now occupied by the Water Department shall be leased to said Department at an annual rental of \$300.

That all moneys received in consideration of sales and rentals shall be paid to the City Treasurer to be turned over to the Christopher Gibson School Fund in accordance with the will of Christopher Gibson, who bequeathed this land to the good of the schools of Dorchester.

That all expenses attending said sale shall be paid from the aforesaid fund.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The three following orders were presented to the Mayor July 26, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of estate 68 Evans street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have a tree in front of estate 13 Ditson street, Ward 20, removed; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place a gas-lamp in Posen place, Ward 22; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

The total amount received during 1898 by the City of New York from street railway companies for car license fees and percentages was \$347,878.25.

IMMIGRATION DURING 1898-99.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
African (black)	1	1	—
Armenian	7	6	1
Austrian	6	4	2
Bohemian or Moravian,	1	—	1
Cuban	36	22	14
Dutch and Flemish	40	28	12
East Indian	4	2	2
English	3,442	1,900	1,542
Finnish	1,322	832	490
French	78	52	26
German	188	143	45
Greek	7	5	2
Hebrew	666	438	228
Hungarian	1	—	1
Irish	8,209	3,402	4,807
Italian (Northern)	1	1	—
Italian (Southern)	26	22	4
Japanese	2	2	—
Lithuanian	5	5	—
Magyar	6	5	1
Polish	281	180	101
Portuguese	7	4	3
Roumanian	3	3	—
Russian	64	45	19
Scandinavian	4,109	2,108	2,001
Scotch	617	308	309
South American	1	1	—
Spanish	13	8	5
Syrian	4	4	—
Turkish	1	1	—
Welsh	55	32	23
West Indian	24	19	5
Total	19,227	9,583	9,644
Tourists or passengers en route	957	—	—
Total immigration for year ending June 30, 1899	20,184	9,583	9,644

Number of passengers from trans-Atlantic ports debarred during the year	77
Number of immigrants from Canadian ports during the year	20,204
Number of immigrants from Canadian ports debarred during the year	20
Number of illiterates landed during the year	555
Total amount of money brought by immigrants	\$331,756

PARK DEPARTMENT.

The following bids for building a wall along the southerly boundary of Arnold Arboretum were opened at the office of the Park Department, on August 4:

Bidders.	Bids. Per linear foot.
John A. Whittemore's Sons	\$2.23
James McGuinn & Co.	2.20
A. M. Cusack	1.93
Thomas F. Welch	1.75

The bids were taken under advisement.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Awards of Contracts.

Metropolitan Water Board.

Proposals for two separate contracts, Nos. 177 and 179, for excavating earth, building embankments, grading shores and doing other work in connection with the improvement of Spot Pond in Stoneham, were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on July 31, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	CONTRACT NO. 177.	Bids.
M. Russo & Co., Boston	\$45,717 50	
Newell & Snowling Construction Company, Uxbridge	46,308 00	
Moulton & O'Mahoney, Boston	51,530 00	
Long and Little, Leominster	56,515 00	
Devine & McBride, Brighton	56,712 00	
Brodhead Contracting Company, Easton	58,440 00	
H. W. Wilson and William B. Munro, jr., Boston	65,667 50	

NOTE.—The contract calls for 230,010 cubic yards of earth and rock excavation and 1,600 cubic yards of riprapping slopes.

The contract was awarded to the Newell & Snowling Construction Company.

Bidders.	CONTRACT NO. 179.	Bids.
Frank L. Allen, Worcester	\$76,530	
Moulton & O'Mahoney, Boston	78,630	
Newell & Snowling Construction Company, Uxbridge	83,081	
M. Russo & Co., Boston	98,867	
Brodhead Contracting Company, Easton	99,440	
Long & Little, Leominster	103,065	

NOTE.—The contract calls for 260,010 cubic yards of earth and rock excavation, and 4,200 cubic yards of riprapping slopes.

The contract was awarded to Moulton & O'Mahoney.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

Penal Institutions Department.

For the supply of lumber for the construction of the proposed hospital at Deer Island one bid was received and opened at the office of the Penal Institutions Department, on Wednesday, August 2, 1899, from James & Abbott, for the sum of \$9,778, and the contract has been awarded to this firm at the above figure.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Street Department.

Proposals for artificial stone sidewalks in Devon street were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on August 8, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids. Per square foot.
P. Lyons	\$0.16
P. F. Lonergan	0.18
H. Johnson & Co.	0.18½
Taylor, Carr & Andrews	0.18½
Simpson Brothers Corporation	0.19 ⁵ / ₁₀₀
W. A. Murtfeldt Company	0.21

The contract was awarded to P. Lyons.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Board Meetings.

Childrens' Institutions Department.

The following extracts are taken from the records of the meetings of the Children's Institutions Trustees, held on July 26 and 29, respectively:

July 26, 1899.

On July 26, 1899, it was voted that the Chairman be directed to appoint William A. C. Hulbig a special officer.

Voted, That a box be placed at the House of Reformation, to which the Trustees shall have the keys, in which boys may place communications to the Trustees.

Voted, That the Superintendents of the Institutions be instructed to keep the accounts in such a way that the diet expenses for the children shall be kept separate from those of the officers.

July 29, 1899.

On July 29, it was voted that the merit system be not made applicable to boys in the cottage at Rainsford's Island where the youngest boy's are placed.

Voted, That boys attempting to escape, or assisting others to escape, be punished by the addition of 2,500 merits to earn, and by the loss of all merits already earned, and that under these circumstances a boy should not be allowed to earn his way out in less than six months.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, July 7, 1899.

A special meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Friday, July 7, 1899, at 12 o'clock, called to award contracts for work on the new power-house at Long Island.

Present: Dr. Grainger, Mr. Hunnewell, Mr. Dobbins, Mr. Rutan and Miss Morse.

A letter from His Honor the Mayor was read, relative to the request for an additional appropriation of \$10,000 for the new power-house at Long Island.

Voted, That the Acting Chairman, Dr. W. H. Grainger, is hereby authorized to sign a contract for building the power-house at Long Island, with Messrs. Woodbury & Leighton, for the sum of \$30,900, the work to be completed by September 15, 1899. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 517.)

Voted, That the Acting Chairman, Dr. W. H. Grainger, is hereby authorized to sign a contract for steam mains, piping, etc., for the new power-house at Long Island, with the Cleghorn-Egglee Company, for \$18,406, the work to be completed by September 15, 1899. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 517.)

Voted, That the Acting Chairman, Dr. W. H. Grainger, is hereby authorized to sign a contract for boilers and other machinery, for the new power-house at Long Island with Messrs. E. Hodge & Co., for \$6,217, the work to be completed by September 15, 1899. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 517.)

The Acting Chairman was authorized to write to the Penal Institutions Commissioner, asking him to make arrangements to take the morning mail from Long Island with the Deer Island mail.

28 Court Square, July 17, 1899.

The fifty-seventh regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, July 17, 1899, at 10 A.M.

Present: Dr. Grainger (Acting Chairman), Mr. Rutan, Mr. Dobbins and Miss Morse.

The following appointments with the monthly salaries stated were confirmed:

William L. Savoy, cook, \$65; Michael D. Moinahan, assistant farmer, \$25; Byron S. Howard, assistant farmer, \$25; Clarence J. Barker, assistant farmer, \$25; Cecile M. Genoud, probationer, \$10; Adelaide Johnstone, probationer, \$10; Helen Mulcahy, probationer, \$10; Alice Price, probationer, \$10.

The Superintendents of the almshouses at Long Island and Charlestown appeared before the Board and reported the almshouses in satisfactory condition.

The census of inmates at Long Island on July 15, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	77	135	212
Children	5	7	12
Women's Building	-	189	189
Men's Building	187	-	187
Totals	269	331	600
July 1, 1899	246	329	575

At the regular meeting of July 3 (see THE CITY RECORD, page 557) the following appointments were confirmed:

Albert A. Taft, first medical officer, \$1,200 per annum; Arthur S. Hartwell, second medical officer, \$900 per annum; B. F. Worthing, house officer, \$100 per annum; George B. Hoitt, house officer, \$100 per annum; W. P. Snow, assistant engineer and fireman, \$35 per month; Jerome Hurley, farmer, \$30 per month.

FRANCES R. MORSE,
Secretary pro tempore.

Street Laying-out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Tuesday, July 25.

Public hearings were given in the matter of the laying out of Torrey street and the relocation of Alford street.

It was voted to authorize the opening of the following streets in Brighton: River-view road, Brooksdale road, Corinne road, Allston terrace, Holton street and Ranelegh road.

Public Alleys Nos. 702 and 703 were laid out, and the order was sent to the Mayor for his approval.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Leverett street.

A petition was received for a sewer in Train street.

Wednesday, July 26.

Public hearings were given in the matters of laying out an extension of Island street, of laying out Allerton street and of laying out Farnham street.

Sewerage works were ordered to be constructed in Corey road and Harvard avenue, and an order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Province court.

It was voted to authorize the opening of Excelsior street.

Awards were made of \$945 to Margaret E. Keane for damages occasioned her estate on Columbia street, corner of Columbia place, by the laying out of Columbia road, and \$1,800 to Abby A. Fruean for damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Middleton street.

Thursday, July 27.

A public hearing was given in the matter of relocating Boylston street.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Sillo-way street, and an order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Upham street.

An award was made to Edwin O. Fitch of \$11,000 for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of Columbia road.

A hearing was given in the matter of widening Heath street, at Roxbury.

Friday, July 28, 1899.

Public hearings were given in the matters of the relocating of Brookline avenue, the extension of Fowler street, and the relocation of Washington street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on August 15 and 16, 1899, an examination will be held at any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners for the position of proofreader, United States Geological Survey (Department of the Interior).

Two days will be allowed for this examination. The minimum age limitation is twenty years; no maximum.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill the position of proofreader, United States Geological Survey (Department of the Interior), at a salary of \$1,200 per annum.

The Commission also announces that on August 15, 16 and 17, 1899, an examination will be held to establish an eligible register for the position of architectural and structural steel draughtsman, Navy Department.

The minimum age limitation for entrance to this examination is twenty years; no maximum.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination, certification will be made to the position of architectural draughtsman proficient in structural steel work, as applied to architectural constructions in the bureau of yards and docks, Navy Department. The Department has stated that it desires for this position men who are proficient in structural steel work as applied to architectural construction.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to Mr. Edward E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office Building, Boston, Mass., or to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D.C.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, July 29, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending July 29, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	88
Number of discharges of mortgages	23
Number of assignments of mortgages	5
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	3
Number of attachments	1
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of assignments of wages	40
Number of married women's certificates,	7
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of liens on vessels	1

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Bath Department.

64 Pemberton Square, August 1, 1899.

The following table shows the number of baths taken daily at the East Boston Gymnasium during July, 1899:

JULY.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1	100	-	186	-	286
2	120	-	50	-	170
3	172	-	-	-	172
4	-	30	-	40	70
5	90	-	171	-	261
6	-	50	-	80	130
7	181	-	-	-	181
8	150	-	149	-	299
9	90	-	50	-	140
10	192	-	-	-	192
11	-	48	-	70	118
12	108	-	150	-	258
13	-	52	-	77	129
14	201	-	-	-	201
15	190	-	140	-	330
16	80	-	50	-	130
17	179	-	-	-	179
18	-	53	-	90	143
19	85	-	155	-	240
20	-	47	-	75	122
21	185	-	-	-	185
22	155	-	185	-	340
23	99	-	46	-	145
24	190	-	-	-	190
25	-	30	-	35	65
26	150	-	205	-	355
27	-	46	70	-	116
28	220	-	-	-	220
29	173	-	200	-	373
30	110	-	64	-	174
31	192	-	-	-	192
Totals	3,412	356	1,871	467	6,106

NOTE.—At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Following is a summary showing the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of July, 1899,

together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

JULY.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount received.
1	705	198	8	321	1,232	\$15 89
2	785	203	20	64	1,072	19 31
3	721	226	12	115	1,074	18 25
4	627	178	2	57	864	13 86
5	752	247	10	151	1,160	16 49
6	720	285	21	169	1,195	17 46
7	648	259	15	205	1,127	15 08
8	721	237	5	279	1,242	16 16
9	683	183	10	103	979	17 63
10	532	155	67	228	982	11 12
11	538	159	10	87	794	11 85
12	498	133	10	89	730	12 37
13	541	174	8	110	833	11 51
14	615	231	17	246	1,109	15 26
15	763	249	12	297	1,321	18 06
16	695	180	3	143	1,021	18 36
17	521	157	45	197	920	12 82
18	536	164	15	172	887	11 66
19	429	143	12	137	721	11 45
20	631	192	21	163	1,007	8 99
21	410	103	8	122	643	15 76
22	675	246	-	321	1,242	16 52
23	733	182	9	102	1,026	17 32
24	407	123	47	142	719	9 01
25	275	79	7	97	458	5 78
26	531	187	12	156	886	12 26
27	598	204	22	187	1,011	15 15
28	385	186	11	243	825	13 58
29	787	243	15	307	1,352	17 74
30	798	171	9	111	1,089	17 46
31	400	97	39	160	696	9 45
Totals,	18,660	5,774	502	5,281	30,217	\$443 61

NOTE.—Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, August 7, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending August 5, 1899, as follows:

Fire-alarm Box 989 has been ordered moved from its present location to the next pole south, and equipped with a keyless door.

There have been purchased from Messrs. Welch & Hall two horses for \$140 each.

Alfred G. Baynton, call member of Ladder Company 6, has been retired from active service, and his name placed on the pension-roll at the rate of \$125 per annum.

There have been ordered of the Waltham Harness Company six sets of riveted double harness at \$56; a three-horse hitch of C. N. Perkins for Ladder Company 2 and one from T. Strangman & Son for Ladder Company 10 at \$70; also, chemical tanks on Ladder 10 and repairs of same from T. Strangman & Son for \$285.

A supply of hay, straw and feed has been ordered as follows:

Hay and straw for the month of August: District 1, Carstensen Brothers, hay at \$14.50 and straw at \$12.50 per ton; Districts 2 to 9, inclusive, Hosmer, Robinson & Co., hay at \$14 and straw at \$9.75 per ton; District 10, H. B. Robinson, hay at \$15 and straw at \$13 per ton; District 11, J. Loring

& Co., hay at \$15 and straw at \$13 per ton; District 12, W. P. Whittemore, hay at \$15 and straw at \$12 per ton.

Feed for August, September and October:

Districts 1 to 9 inclusive, American Cereal Company, Schumacher stock feed; District 10, Samuel Gannett, "H. O." feed at \$20.85 per ton; District 11, J. Loring & Co., "H. O." feed at \$21.50 per ton; District 12, W. P. Whittemore "H. O." feed at \$20 per ton.

Daniel B. Barrus has been transferred from Engine Company 43 to Chemical Company 3, and Patrick T. Burke from Chemical Company 3 to Engine Company 43.

By the words "dynamite crackers," referred to in the order of July 11 (see THE CITY RECORD, page 558) is meant all high explosive crackers which contain explosive other than gunpowder.

Ordered, That Captain B. F. Healey of Engine Company 44 be reduced to the ranks and transferred to Engine Company 38-39, to take effect at 10 A.M., July 27, 1899; he having accepted such reduction, rather than to stand trial on the complaints submitted to the Commissioner.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, July 29, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Albert J. Robinson, Farquhar street, Ward 23, two horses; hearing August 10, at 11 o'clock. G. E. Whipple & Co., Springvale avenue, Ward 23, twelve horses; hearing August 17, at 11 o'clock. Thomas F. Welch, Grove street, Ward 23, nineteen horses; hearing August 3, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending July 29, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	18	23	41
Negative	24	33	57
No growth	-	2	2
Totals	42	58	100

Typhoid examinations: Eight cases; one case positive, six negative and one unsatisfactory.

Old Court House, August 5, 1899.

The application of William A. Chamberlain has been filed for the occupancy of a stable at 122 River street, Ward 24, for two horses; hearing August 17, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Thomas F. Welch, Grove street, near Centre street, Ward 23, nineteen horses; Matthew McCormick, 147 Ward street, Ward 19, thirty horses.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abbatoir for the month ending July 31:

Steers	1,254
New England cows	279
New England bulls	98
Sheep	2,614
Calves	1,064
Total	6,209

During the month 3,023 pounds of diseased meat were condemned.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the month of July:

Meats—Veal, 263 pounds; livers, 140 pounds.

Vegetables and Fruits—Apples, three barrels, twenty-four crates and four baskets; beans, one basket; bananas, four bunches; cucumbers, 102 baskets; egg plants, four barrels; melons, 1,266 baskets, 248 barrels and 305 crates; potatoes, 222 bushels; pears, eight barrels; peaches, two crates.

Fish—Two and one-half barrels and 1,622 cans of clams.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during the month of July, 1899:

Number of samples of milk examined:

From wagons	712
From stores	495
Brought in by citizens	25
	1,232

Number of samples of vinegar examined, 75
 Number of samples of butter and oleomargarine examined 36

Total samples 1,343

Number of complaints entered:

For milk not of good standard quality,	42
For milk containing added foreign matter	5
For obstructing a collector of samples,	1
For sale of molasses vinegar as cider vinegar	1
For sale of adulterated vinegar	4
	53

Total complaints	53
Convictions	21
Acquittals	1
Cases pending August 1	31
	53

Total cases	53
Cases appealed to Superior Court	6
Amount paid in fines	\$620

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending August 5, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	21	35	56
Negative	28	38	66
No growth	1	1	2
	50	74	124

Typhoid examination: One case, negative; malaria examination, one case, negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, July 25, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending July 22, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	179	6
Females	31	4
	210	10
Offences:		
Against the person	16	1
Against property	11	4
Against public order and decency	188	6
	215	11

Discharges:		
Males	157	20
Females	23	2
	180	22

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence,	141	19
Permit of Commissioner	14	1
Payment of fine	25	1
Pardoned by Governor,	—	1
	180	22

Totals	180	22
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Population:		
July 15, 1899	1,085	479
Committed since July 15, 1899	210	10
	1,295	489

Totals	1,295	489
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Discharged since July 15, 1899	180	22
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July 22, 1899	1,115	467
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* Five committed charged with two offences each.
 † One committed charged with two offences.

32 Tremont Street, August 1, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending July 29, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	181	7
Females	28	3
	209	10

Offences:		
Against the person	12	2
Against property	20	2
Against public order and decency	179	6
	211	10

Discharges:		
Males	150	12
Females	8	—
	158	12

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	133	9
Permit of Commissioner,	6	—
Payment of fine	19	—
Transferred to Deer Island	—	3
	158	12

Population:		
July 22, 1899	1,115	467
Committed since July 22, 1899	209	10
	1,324	477

Discharged since July 22, 1899	158	12
July 29, 1899	1,166	465

* Two committed charged with two offences each.

Appointments have been made as follows:

John Teague, to the position of officer at House of Correction, South Boston, to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Thomas J. O'Neil.

Thomas J. O'Neil, to the position of officer at House of Correction, South Boston, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John J. Farrell.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, July 10, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending July 8, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	278
Defects reported	53
Defects corrected	28
Feet of dead wire removed	3,400
Feet of wire retained	225
Fixtures removed	8
Notices of new work received	29

The Department employees responded to an alarm from Box 41, July 5, at 1.45 A.M., for a fire at 12 Milk street, two alarms being sounded; an alarm from Box 68, at 5.10 P.M., for a fire at the Novelty Wood Works, Wareham street, three alarms being sounded, and on July 6, at 5.10 A.M., from Box 21, three alarms being sounded, for a fire at 71 Sudbury street, corner of Hawkins street.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections	208
Notices of new work received	54

Inspections have been made of the temporary wiring at the various theatres.

Three investigations have been made of fires supposed to have been caused by electric wires, and in two cases these fires were found to be not in any way due to electrical causes. In the other case the fire was caused by water dripping down into a Manhattan arc lamp, which created a partial short circuit, which burned out the lamp and meter on the circuit feeding it. No other damage was done.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	5
Building connections	7
Repairs	2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	32
Building connections	7
Pole connections	2
Repairs	4
Cable drawings	11

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

PARADE OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH REGIMENT.

His Honor the Mayor sent the following telegram on August 9, 1899, to Secretary of War Root, asking that the Twenty-sixth Volunteer Regiment, now at Plattsburg, N.Y., be permitted to parade in Boston before its departure for service in the Philippine Islands:

HON. ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

On behalf of the City of Boston I wish to express the hope that the Twenty-sixth Infantry, under Colonel Rice, may parade in Boston before departing. Our citizens would take great pleasure in seeing the regiment.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 9, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a Telford macadam road in Lauriat avenue, between Ballou avenue and Norfolk street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Wednesday, August 16, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 3, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Atherstone street, between Fuller and Bailey streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, August 11, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 5, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Ipswich street, between Boylston road and Boylston street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, August 11, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, August 4, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 in the Old Court House, on Friday, August 11, 1899, at 11 A.M., as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plan numbered M 67, made by the Board of Survey and filed January 9, 1893, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is bounded by Huntington avenue, Gainsborough, St. Stephen and Bryant streets.

JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
Street Commissioners

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD.

IMPROVEMENT OF SPOT POND.—EARTH AND ROCK EXCAVATION AND CONCRETE MASONRY.

Boston, August 3, 1899.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, No. 3 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass., until 2.30 o'clock P.M. of Thursday, August 17, 1899, for excavating earth, building a masonry gate-chamber, inlet conduit and core wall, and doing other work in connection with the improvement of Spot Pond in the City of Medford and Town of Stoneham, Mass. The principal items of work to be done are 45,000 cubic yards of earth excavation, 2,000 cubic yards of rock excavation, 3,500 cubic yards of riprap and 2,250 cubic yards of concrete masonry. Pamphlets containing further information for bidders, forms of proposal, contract and specifications for the above work will be mailed to contractors who apply to the Chief Engineer, or may be obtained at his office, No. 3 Mt. Vernon street. Plans of the work may be seen at his office. The printed form must be used in making proposals. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposals deemed best for the Commonwealth.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE, Chairman.

WILMOT R. EVANS,

HENRY P. WALCOTT,

Metropolitan Water Board.

FREDERIC P. STEARNS, Chief Engineer.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 8, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for paving and regulating Andrews street, East Canton to East Dedham streets, and Trinity place, St. James avenue, across Stuart street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Monday, August 14, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, August 7, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Cambridge street, in the Brighton District, so-called, from and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Brighton avenue, to and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on said Cambridge street, at a point near Winship street, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated August 7, 1899, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 7, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Tuesday, the fifth day of September, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Brighton Item and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive proposals for furnishing and installing a plumbing system in the Frothingham School, Prospect and Edgeworth streets, Charlestown; also for doing the mason and other work in said building. A satisfactory bond for faithfully doing the work will be required for each contract. The office copy of the plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Business Agent, Room 30, Old Court House, Boston, Mass. The bidders must use the form of proposal for each contract to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M. of August 14, 1899, with a certified check for \$300, payable to the City of Boston, accompanying the proposal under the first contract, and a certified check, payable to the City of Boston, for \$300, accompanying the proposal under the second contract. These checks are to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposals he deems best for the city.

THOMAS F. STRANGE,

Chairman of the Committee on School-houses of the School Committee of said city.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 3, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Chiswick road, between Englewood avenue and Chestnut Hill avenue, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, August 11, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who may pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 7, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 31½ Thacher street, Ward 6, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second, third, fourth and fifth stories, over 31½ Thacher street. Dimensions: Thirty-eight feet high, ten feet wide and two feet six inches over line of street.

LOUIS NOCITO,

40 Thacher street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 7, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-first day of August, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

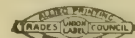
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A true copy.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume II.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1899.

Number 33.

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Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments has been issued by His Honor the Mayor:

Circular No. 64.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 12, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby instructed to allow, in part compensation for their services, such of your employees whose services can be dispensed with as are members of the Grand Army of the Republic and desire to attend the National Encampment to be held at Philadelphia, beginning September 3, 1899, leave of absence, not exceeding one week, without loss of pay, for the purpose of attending said encampment.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

At its meeting held on Monday, the fourteenth instant, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor:

John F. Murphy, Felice A. Reppucci and Ernest L. Weis, to be Constables of the City of Boston, for the terms ending April 30, 1900.

DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL JOHNSON.

Mr. Samuel Johnson, a member of the firm of C. F. Hovey & Co., died suddenly at his summer home in Nahant, Sunday morning, August 13, 1899.

Mr. Johnson was a native of Boston and was seventy-three years of age. He had occupied many positions of trust and responsibility in business, charitable and religious circles. In 1889 Mr. Johnson was appointed a member of the Board of Sinking-funds Commissioners of the City of Boston, which position he held under successive reappointments till 1898.

EXPENDITURES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The analysis of the expenditures of the Fire Department, given in "Special Publications No. 3" of the Statistics Department, shows a deficit of \$71,136.56 in 1896-97, and \$106,667.48 in 1897-98. This deficit was the result of an increase in the charge for the use of water at fires from \$2 per hydrant in previous years to \$20 per hydrant in these two years. The result was a charge against the Fire Department of \$99,643 in 1896-97 and \$106,695 in 1897-98. No provision was made for meeting these charges from the annual appropriation, hence the apparent deficit. Had the charges not been made there would have been a real surplus of \$15,000 in 1896-97, and of \$27.52 in 1897-98.

The extra charge for water was made in order to show the real value of the water works to the city in view of the sale of a portion of the works to the Commonwealth. The transaction was purely a matter of book-keeping, and represented no actual expenditure of money or real income to the city. The bills were met by a transfer from the surplus revenue credited to the Fire Department; on payment, this was credited to the Water Department, whence it found its way back into the surplus revenue of the city as surplus revenue of that Department. In

1896-97, beside the surplus shown above, the Fire Department paid from its regular appropriation \$13,506.44 of these water bills.

BOSTON PORTO RICO RELIEF COMMITTEE.

Saturday, August 12, 1899.

A meeting of citizens was held at 12, noon, August 12, 1899, in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, in response to a call issued by Mayor Quincy, for the purpose of taking such action as might be deemed proper to aid the sufferers from the recent disastrous hurricane in Porto Rico.

The meeting was called as a result of the receipt by Mayor Quincy of the following telegram:

Washington, D.C., August 11, 1899.

THE MAYOR OF BOSTON, MASS.

SIR: The Governor-General of Porto Rico confirms the report that upon the eighth instant a hurricane swept over that island, entirely demolishing many of the towns, destroying many lives, and reducing, so far as he can estimate, not less than one hundred thousand (100,000) of the inhabitants to the condition of destitution, without homes or food. Unless immediate and effective relief is given, these unfortunate people will perish of famine. Under these conditions, the President deems that an appeal should be made to the humanity of the American people. It is an appeal to their patriotism, also, for the inhabitants of Porto Rico have freely and gladly submitted themselves to the guardianship of the United States, and have voluntarily surrendered the protection of Spain, to which they were formerly entitled, confidently relying upon more generous and beneficent treatment at our hands. The highest considerations of honor and good faith unite with the promptings of humanity to require from the United States a generous response to the demand of Porto Rican distress. This Department has directed the immediate distribution of rations to the sufferers by the army in Porto Rico, so far as it is within the power of the Executive; but in the absence of any appropriations we must rely largely upon private contributions. I beg that you will call upon the public spirited and humane people of your city to take active and immediate measures in this exigency. The government transport "McPherson" will be sent directly from the Port of New York direct to Porto Rico on Monday, the fourteenth instant, to carry all supplies of food which can be obtained.

Further transports will be sent at future dates, of which public notice will be given. Any committee charged with the raising of funds will receive full information and advice upon communication with this Department.

Very respectfully,
ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

Mayor Quincy made a statement as to the need of funds for the relief of the sufferers, and announced that he had already received the following contributions:

Anonymous	\$500
De Ford & Co.	500
E. S. Converse	500
Dwight Braman	100
Cash	5
Total	\$1,605

Mayor Quincy also stated that he was authorized by the giver of the anonymous contribution of \$500 to say that this contribution would be increased to as large an amount as might be given by any other single contributor.

On motion of Mr. Henry L. Higginson, Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston, was elected permanent Chairman of the committee to have charge of the raising of funds and the expenditure thereof.

On motion of Mr. Ubert K. Pettingill, Mr. Charles H. Cole was elected Secretary of the said committee.

On motion of Mr. James P. Stearns, Mr. Francis H. Peabody was elected Treasurer of the said committee.

It was moved and voted that a committee, to have charge of the work of soliciting public subscriptions to aid the sufferers from the recent disastrous hurricane in Porto Rico be appointed by the Chairman, the committee to be announced at a later time.

Hon. P. A. Collins suggested that the motion be amended, so that the committee thus appointed would have full powers.

The amendment was adopted, and the motion as amended was carried.

At the request of Mayor Quincy, Maj. Azel Ames, who lately returned from Porto Rico, explained to those present the condition of affairs on that island.

Mayor Quincy stated that later in the afternoon he would announce the committee which he was authorized to appoint, to have charge of the raising of funds and the expenditure thereof.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mayor Quincy sent to Secretary of War Root the following telegram:

HON. ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

In response to your appeal, meeting of representative citizens was held at the City Hall to-day and a large relief committee has been appointed. Sixteen hundred dollars has already been received, and we are endeavoring to forward suitable supplies by steamer "McPherson" on Monday, and

will send more by next steamer. Please give instructions for "McPherson" to receive our supplies, if possible. Maj. Azel Ames represents our committee and will see to shipment Monday.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor of Boston.

Later in the afternoon Mayor Quincy announced the committee to have charge of the work of soliciting public subscriptions to aid the sufferers from the recent disastrous hurricane in Porto Rico, the following-named persons being appointed by him as members of said committee:

Gen. Charles H. Taylor, of the "Boston Globe."

John H. Holmes, of the "Boston Herald."

E. A. Grozier, of the "Boston Post."

Hon. William E. Barrett, of the "Boston Advertiser" and "Record."

Stephen O'Meara, of the "Boston Journal."

E. H. Clement, of the "Boston Transcript."

G. A. Litchfield, of the "Boston Traveler."

Congressman John F. Fitzgerald, 30 Pemberton square.

Congressman Henry F. Naphen, 42 Court street.

Congressman Charles F. Sprague, 23 Court street, Room 410.

Alpheus H. Hardy, 1154 Tremont building.

George H. Leonard, 225 Purchase street.

Amory A. Lawrence, 68 Chauncy street.

Horatio G. Curtis, 50 State street.

Freeman J. Doe, 61 Faneuil Hall Market.

William O. Blaney, 106 Chamber of Commerce.

J. Richard Carter, 246 Devonshire street.

Rev. Leonard A. Adams, 93 Camden street.

Samuel N. Aldrich, 40 State street.

Charles H. Allen, 75 Tremont street.

Maj. Azel Ames.

Edward F. Atkins, Broad street.

William H. Baldwin, 48 Boylston street.

Hon. John L. Bates, 330 Tremont building.

Robert A. Boit, 40 Kilby street.

Causten Browne, 31 State street.

Robert M. Burnett, 36 India street.

Lamont G. Burnham, 30 Congress street.

Rt. Rev. William Byrne, 6 Allen street.

Samuel B. Capen, 350 Washington street.

John C. Cobb, 66 State street.

Charles H. Cole, 92 State street.

Hon. P. A. Collins, 535 Tremont building.

T. Jefferson Coolidge, jr., Ames building.

Hon. Edwin U. Curtis, 2304 Washington street, Roxbury.

Maj. Charles K. Darling, United States Marshal.

Francis Dumaresq, 35 Broad street.

Edward H. Dunn, 30 South street.

William Endicott, jr., 113 Devonshire street.

George A. Fernald, 40 Water street.

Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, 104 Kingston street.

J. Malcolm Forbes, 614 Sears building.

William A. Gaston, 101 Milk street.

Hon. Samuel A. Green, 72 Harrison avenue.

Gen. Curtis Guild, jr., 282 Washington street.

Hon. Thomas N. Hart, 56 Chauncy street.
Franklin Haven, 28 State street.
Charles Head, 53 State street.
Col. Sidney Hedges, 45 Milk street.
Augustus Hemenway, 10 Tremont street.
Postmaster A. R. Henderson, Post Office.
Henry L. Higginson, 44 State street.
Rev. Edward A. Horton, 25 Beacon street.

C. C. Jackson, 24 Congress street.
Thomas L. Jenks, 57 Court street.
Arthur S. Johnson, 258 Commonwealth avenue.

Eben D. Jordan, 450 Washington street.
B. F. Keith, Keith's Theatre, Washington street.

Paul H. Kendrick, 80 Sudbury street.
Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, Cambridge, Mass.

Solomon Lincoln, 53 State street.
William H. Lincoln, 114 State street.
Rev. George C. Lorimer, Tremont Temple.
Collector George H. Lyman, Custom House.

Hon. A. P. Martin, Wildwood street, Dorchester.

Hon. Nathan Matthews, jr., Tremont building.

William Minot, 39 Court street.

James R. Murphy, 27 School street.

Hon. Joseph H. O'Neil, 95 Milk street.

Robert Treat Paine, 5 Joy street.

Francis H. Peabody, 113 Devonshire street.

U. K. Pettingill, 22 School street.

J. M. Prendergast, 66 State street.

Elwyn G. Preston, Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Gustavo Preston, 37 Central street.

A. C. Ratschesky, 28 Court street.

William B. Rice, 125 Summer street.

Spencer W. Richardson, 40 Water street.

Wallace F. Robinson, Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Nathaniel J. Rust, 172 Newbury street.

William H. Sayward, 166 Devonshire street.

A. Shuman, Shuman corner.

James P. Stearns, 60 Congress street.

S. F. Verges, 37 Central street.

E. G. Walker, 27 Pemberton square.

Frank G. Webster, 113 Devonshire street.

R. H. White, Washington street.

Moses Williams, 18 Post Office square.

Monday, August 14, 1899.

A meeting of the general committee appointed by Mayor Quincy under the authority of a meeting of citizens held at City Hall on August 12 was held on August 14, 1899, at noon, in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall.

The Chairman (Mayor Quincy) read the following telegrams:

Washington, D.C., August 12, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor, Boston, Mass.

Thanks for prompt response. Send funds to Bank of North America, New York City, credit Porto Rican relief fund. Ship food and clothing to Col. F. B. Jones, Army building, New York City, who will advise you of facilities for shipment. Please consult him as to time of forwarding supplies.

ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

New York City, August 14, 1899.
HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor, Boston, Mass.

Contribution supplies delivered this morning will be shipped on "McPherson," sailing today from Pier 22, Brooklyn. Next government vessel, "McClellan," is billed to sail twenty-third instant. We may be able to send one sooner.

F. B. JONES, General Superintendent.

Mr. Francis H. Peabody, Treasurer, stated that Mayor Quincy had received the promise of a contribution of \$1,000, and that he had received the following contributions:

D. B. Wesson	\$1,000
Kidder, Peabody & Co.	1,000
De Ford & Co.	500
E. S. Converse	500
Jordan, Marsh & Co.	500
Charles H. Taylor	250
Dwight, Braman & Co.	100
E. W. jr.	100
E. M. F.	100
A. Shuman & Co.	100
Charles H. Cole	100
R. W. F.	50
Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Blake	25
D. W. Ross	25
Joseph Gahn	25
James F. Curtis	15
Cash (sent to Mayor Quincy)	5
G. A.	2
J. T. N.	2
Anonymous	1
J. B. Hursh	1

Total \$4,401

On motion of Mr. William H. Sayward, it was

Voted, That an executive committee, with full powers, be appointed, to consist of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and five persons to be appointed by the Chairman.

Mayor Quincy later announced the appointment of the five following gentlemen on this committee:

Robert M. Burnett, Elwyn G. Preston, Ubert K. Pettingill, Francis Dumaresq and Lamont G. Burnham.

On motion it was

Voted, That a formal call for contributions be published in the daily papers of Boston.

Adjourned.

Monday, August 14, 1899.

A meeting of the executive committee appointed by Mayor Quincy, under the authority of a vote passed by the general committee, and consisting of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, ex-officiis, and Messrs. Robert M. Burnett, Elwyn G. Preston, Ubert K. Pettingill, Francis Dumaresq and Lamont G. Burnham, was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, August 14, 1899, at 3.30 P.M.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Peabody and Burnham.

Mayor Quincy reported that as Chairman of the general committee he had, in order to get some supplies, if possible, off by the

transport "McPherson," sailing Monday, ordered the following goods shipped:

From Messrs. A. Shuman & Co., 80 dozen overalls and 80 dozen jumpers.

From Messrs. Potter & Wrightington, 100 quintals of dry bank cod.

From Messrs. Caswell, Livermore & Co., nine 400-pound drums of medium dry cod, eight 400-pound drums of large dry cod.

From John F. Neill, 5 dozen Horlick's Malted Milk.

From Overseers of the Poor, 1 barrel of peas, (313 pounds net), 12 barrels of salt fish, (1,200 pounds net), 2 barrels of rice, (665 pounds net).

The above goods were shipped to Maj. Azel Ames, New York, who promised to see that they were delivered to the "McPherson."

On motion, it was

Voted, That the purchases reported by the Chairman be approved by the committee.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the name of this committee be the "Boston Porto Rico Relief Committee."

On motion, it was

Voted, That Messrs. De Ford & Co., doing business at San Juan and Ponce, Porto Rico, be invited to act as consignees and distributing agents for this committee.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the Chairman, Secretary and Mr. Preston comprise a special committee to purchase supplies and facilitate the transportation of the same.

On motion, it was

Voted, That all supplies forwarded be marked plainly as follows: "Supplies from Boston Porto Rico Relief Committee to Messrs. De Ford & Co., San Juan or Ponce, Porto Rico."

On motion, it was

Voted, That the Chairman of the committee communicate with the Secretary of War at once, requesting free entry for any relief supplies sent by this committee.

On motion, it was

Voted, That De Ford & Co. be authorized to cable credit of \$600 to Ponce and \$400 to San Juan, to be used at the discretion of their representatives at those places in the purchase of food supplies to relieve immediate necessities.

Adjourned.

CHARLES H. COLE, Secretary.

VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCES REGARDING USE OF STREETS.

Superintendent of Streets Wells, on August 11, 1899, issued the following statement concerning the violation of city ordinances relating to streets:

Some time since the Superintendent of Streets requested the Police Commissioners to assign for special duty with the Street Department two good officers. One of the

purposes of this request was to stop the picking over of barrels by rag-pickers, which greatly added to the litter of the streets, and was also strongly objected to by the Board of Health, for the reason that material so gathered, carried into the tenement houses, was likely to spread disease.

Under the supervision of Deputies Atwood and O'Shea, the two officers assigned to the Department have done excellent work, as shown by the fact that over a hundred convictions have been secured in court for the following violations of the city ordinances:

Violating rules and regulations of the Board of Health — Picking over and sorting garbage and waste barrels.

Violating city ordinances — Standing team in the street for over twenty minutes, cutting firewood in the street, sweeping dirty water into the street, sweeping store and house dirt into the street, letting boxes of fish stand on the street in the sun for more than five minutes, failure to properly separate waste material.

As a result of this activity a very decided improvement is found in conditions in quarters where before it was customary for the people to use the streets as a sort of dump. Much has already been done to educate the people in certain sections. Stores and tenements in the thickly settled and foreign quarters have been visited by the officers, attention called to the ordinances, and cards left giving a brief notice of the ordinances covering the throwing of waste material, etc., into the streets.

A very careful study has been made by the deputy superintendents and these specially assigned officers, and the information gained will be of great value for covering future work; and if these two officers could secure so many convictions, it is evident that there is a continual and widespread violation of the ordinances. If the public would only realize that it is the purpose of the Department, in so far as it can control the matter, to enforce these ordinances to the extent of making arrests, the warning might be effectual.

NEW PUBLIC MARKET.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting held on Monday, August 14, passed the following order, offered by Alderman Adams:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor, in conjunction with the Joint Committee on Markets, be requested to consider the feasibility and advisability of the City of Boston acquiring by purchase or lease the land and buildings now occupied and soon to be vacated by the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, for the purpose of establishing thereon a public market similar to Quincy Market; and that said committee may hold a public hearing or hearings on the subject; that said committee shall report its findings and recommendations to this Board on or before October 2, 1899.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A special meeting of the School Committee was held at the Mason-street building at 3 P.M., Tuesday, August 15, 1899, to take action on orders laid over at the meeting of July 31. Messrs. Kenny, Bowdlear, McDonald, Strange, Fleischer and Mrs. Keller were absent.

The following orders, laid over under the rule, were read and passed:

(1.) That from the various sums appropriated for purposes named out of the amounts granted the School Committee under Chapter 408, Acts of 1895, and Chapter 442, Acts of 1897, respectively, the following transfers be made to the appropriation, new primary school-house, Forest Hills, additional, the same being unexpended balances not required for the purposes for which they were originally appropriated:

School-house site, west of railroad,	
Roslindale	\$911 90
Longfellow School-house, Roslindale,	
west of the railroad, additional . . .	153 19

(2.) That there be paid to the executors of the estate of Thomas Doane the sum of \$11,000, as payment for their estate on Pearl street, Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon the said executors giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

(3.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to approve the payment of the sum of \$2.75 to Perkins & Betton, architects of the new primary school-house at Forest Hills, for test, made by order of the committee, of brick used in said building.

(4.) That the accompanying plans and specifications for heating and ventilating the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company in the sum of \$10,998 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications; the said concern being the lowest bidder.

(5.) That the plans and specifications for a primary school-house at Brighton, prepared by Whitman & Hood, architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to contract with Whitman & Hood, to be the architects of the work; and to advertise for proposals to erect and complete the same substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

(6.) That the plans and specifications for a grammar school-house at East Boston, prepared by Greenleaf & Cobb, architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board,

and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to contract with Greenleaf & Cobb, to be the architects of the work; and to advertise for proposals to erect and complete the same substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

(7.) That the plans for a grammar school-house at South Boston, prepared by Charles J. Bateman, architect, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to contract with C. J. Bateman to be the architect of the work; and to advertise for proposals to erect and complete the same substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

On the recommendation of the Committee on New Buildings, it was ordered:

(1.) That the Benjamin Dean School-house, at the corner of H and East Sixth streets, South Boston, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

(2.) That the Frederick A. Whitney School-house, Webster avenue, Allston, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

On the recommendation of the same committee it was ordered, under suspension of the rules:

(1.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to provide temporary accommodations in the ward-room near Boylston Station for a class of pupils in the George Putnam District at an approximate expense of \$175 for fittings and \$350 rental per year.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to provide temporary accommodations in the Chambers-street Chapel for a class of pupils in the Wells District at a rental of \$600 per annum, from September 1, 1899.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, it was ordered:

(1.) That the Building Commissioner be notified that the old wooden school building on Webster avenue, Brighton, for which John Nixon has made application for a permit to allow him to make alterations so as to convert the said building into a tenement house, was sold by the City of Boston at public auction June 23, 1899, subject to the following conditions: That the same will be removed in fifteen days, and if not removed in fifteen days from date of sale, then the title shall revert to the city, and may be otherwise disposed of by the authorities in charge, and the purchaser shall have no claim against the city for or on account of the purchase price paid. That the conversion of this old school-house into a large tenement house situated within eight feet of the division line between the school-house lot and the Putnam lot, will deprive the school-house of the proper amount of light, and will be detrimental to the proper use of the school-house, and this Board therefore protests against the issuing of the permit asked for.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to expend amounts not exceeding those severally specified herein in connection with the removal of the present Winship School-house to make room for the new building: Moving, \$383; excavating and masonry, \$600; car-

penry, \$1,200; plumbing, \$190; heating, \$208.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Accounts it was ordered, under suspension of the rules, that the sum of \$5,000 each be transferred from the following-named items in the appropriation bill for 1899-1900—Salaries of Instructors, Fuel, Gas and Water, and Supplies and Incidentals (a total of \$15,000), to the item Repairs and Alterations upon School Buildings, making the total appropriation for Repairs and Alterations \$267,500.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood it was ordered, that a special committee of five be appointed to formulate some plan for the instruction in music in the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Burrill, it was ordered that the Committee on New Buildings report to the Board the reasons, if any, why the appropriations for Quincy and Perth-street School will be exceeded.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on September 5, 1899, the following examinations may be taken at any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners:

For the position of copperplate map engraver, United States geological survey, Department of the Interior, at a salary of \$1 per diem.

For the position of assistant inspector of powder, War Department service, at Wilmington, Del., at a salary of \$75 per month.

For the position of seed-testing clerk, division of botany, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$840 per annum.

For the position of field assistant, division of soils, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

Persons who desire to compete should at once apply to Mr. Edward E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office building, Boston, Mass., or to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the Commission, at Washington.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENTS.

The returns of the estimated attendance at the various children's entertainments given in the school-houses and halls by the city on July 4, made to the Clerk of Committees, show that a total of 41,758 tickets were taken in, as against 56,586 tickets taken at a similar occasion in 1898. About forty halls and school-houses were secured for the entertainments, but from eight of these returns have not been received.

The largest attendance at any one place was at Lyceum Hall, East Boston, where 6,664 tickets were taken in.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, Monday, August 14, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding.
Absent — Alderman O'Toole.

The following message from His Honor the Mayor was received:

Weigher of Coal.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 14, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Paul G. Coblenzer a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending July 29, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.7
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	20.4
Number of deaths:	
Males	121
Females	105
Total	226
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	208
Increase	18

Of the 226 decedents, 222 were white and 4 colored; 161 were born in the United States, 64 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 52 were of American parentage, 151 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 23 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	65	7
Scarlatina	19	1
Typhoid fever	23	4
Measles	29	1
Totals	136	13

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	26
Pneumonia	13
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	14
Bronchitis	3
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	11
Deaths from principal causes	74
Deaths from infectious diseases	13
Deaths from other causes	139
Deaths from all causes	226
Deaths of children under 1 year	85
Deaths of children under 5 years	107
Deaths of persons over 60 years	34
Deaths in public institutions	62

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved August 8, 1899:

Permits to project bay-windows, signs, etc., viz.:

Albert Geiger, two bay-windows, over Wellington street, from building 559 Columbus avenue, Ward 12.

Henry S. Levine, sign, at 214 Sumner street, Ward 1.

John Gravina, two barber-poles, at 110 Northampton street, Ward 12.

Jacob Perelmutter, sign, at 91 Leverett street, Ward 8.

Morris Miroszlafsky, sign, at 26 Parmenter street, Ward 6.

Alexander Cava, sign, at 24 Tremont row, Ward 6.

A. Gordon, sign, at 594 Washington street, Ward 7.

The Constable's bond of one person.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

G. M. Hyams, 26 Wales street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

John W. and Mary E. Patterson, 23-25 Jamaica street, and 33-35 Woodman street, Ward 23, of gravel, with granite edgestone.

D. W. Thomas, Vancouver street, corner Huntington avenue, Ward 19, of brick.

Mrs. Jennie B. Damon, 862 East Fifth street, Ward 14, of brick, with granite edgestone.

Hugh D. Kelly, corner Norfolk avenue and Burrell street, Ward 17, of artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Bowker, Torrey & Co., Baldwin street, Ward 13, of brick.

Thomas H. Shea, 1-3 Heath place, Ward 19, of brick, with granite edgestone.

Boston University, 73 Summer street, Ward 7, of artificial stone.

C. F. Hayes, 194 Adams street, Ward 20, of brick, with granite edgestone.

Francis W. Kittredge, in front of three houses on Warren street and two on Moreland street, Ward 21, at corner of said streets, of artificial stone.

Ordered, That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved March 6, 1898, levying an edgestone assessment of \$14.70 against the estate of Louisa B. Shannon on Lamartine street, Ward 22, be and the same is hereby rescinded, no edgestone having been set in front of the said estate.

Ordered, That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved January 27, 1898, levying an edgestone assessment of \$32.65 against the estate of Ada Vinal, Commonwealth avenue and Reedsdale street, Ward 25, be and the same is hereby rescinded, to correct error in assessment.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to F. D. Rand to lay, maintain and use a 1-inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of estate on Corinth street, Ward 23.

The work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Whidden & Co. to erect, maintain and use two guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Pitts street, at or near Nos. 34 to 38, Ward 8. The work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The following were approved August 9, 1899:

Ordered, That the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, dated July 14, 1899, for the approval of streets in this city through which it may build and lay its railroad, be granted, and that said railway company be, and it hereby is, authorized to do all work and things necessary, proper and convenient therefor in the following locations granted to it by Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1894 and Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897, namely:

Beginning at a point at or near Townsend street, in that part of Boston known as Roxbury; thence in a northerly direction upon, through and over Washington street, to a point at or near Bartlett street, at the location granted by the Board of Aldermen, and approved by the Mayor August 20, 1897.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks, in place of existing single track, on Western avenue, Brighton, from the dividing line between the City of Cambridge and the City of Boston, to a point about 400 feet westerly on said avenue, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, connecting with existing tracks of said company on said street; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated July 3, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Main street, Charlestown, from and connecting with existing tracks of said company on said street, at a point near Cambridge street, to and connect-

ing with existing tracks on said street, at a point near Mishawum street, also connecting with existing tracks of said company on Bunker Hill street, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 30, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. A so upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated August, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Northampton street; three poles, fifty feet high, sixteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Northampton street, three poles shown by blue dots marked "remove" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Charles A. Pearson, dated July 28, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Chestnut street, two poles, thirty feet high, ten inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent

of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, June 6, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

King street, Ward 24, five poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated May 2, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Carruth street, Ward 24, seven poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Eaton square, Ward 20, two poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898; the work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

The following was approved August 10:

Ordered, That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved March 16, 1898, levying an assessment of \$50.84 against the estate of James Conway, 328 Centre street, and \$51.41 against the estate of Cornelius J. Connelly, 330 Centre street, Ward 22, be and the same is hereby rescinded to correct errors in original assessments.

The said estates are hereby assessed as follows, viz.:

328 Centre street, Ward 22, James Conway, owner, \$25.97; 330 Centre street, Ward 22, Cornelius J. Connelly, owner, \$26.60.

The following was approved August 11, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Massachusetts General Hospital to construct, maintain and use areas, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate north-east corner of Washington and Bedford streets, as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police has promulgated the following order:

August 13, 1899.

General Order No. 613.

I. Reserve Officer Michael Casey, of Division 3, having been commended by his captain for prompt action in rescuing a person from drowning in Charles river on

the night of the ninth instant, and for general efficiency as an officer since his appointment on the reserve police force, he is hereby commended in General Orders, appointed a patrolman in the police force and assigned to duty in the same division.

II. Reserve Officer Louis Brown, jr., of Division 10, having been commended for meritorious service in saving life and property at a fire on Minden street, on the sixteenth of July, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders, appointed a patrolman in the police force, and assigned to duty in the same division.

III. Patrolman Daniel W. Carey, of Division 2, having been commended for courage and energy shown in stopping a runaway horse on Court street, on the seventh instant, he is hereby commended in General Orders, and granted one week's additional vacation.

IV. Patrolman John H. Lial, of Division 8, having been commended by Deputy Superintendent Bragdon for meritorious service in assisting in rescuing a drowning child near the Bath-house wharf, East Boston, on the sixteenth of May, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders and granted four days' additional vacation.

V. Patrolman Edward Butler, of Division 2, having been commended by his captain for meritorious service in stopping a runaway horse on India street, on the fifth of July, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders, and granted two days' additional vacation.

VI. Reserve Officer Thomas Delahunt, of Division 11, having been commended by his captain for meritorious service in stopping a runaway horse, on the seventeenth of March, current, and assisting persons adrift in Dorchester bay, on the eighth of June, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders and allowed two days' additional vacation.

VII. Reserve Officer John Wordsdale, of Division 10, having been commended by his captain for courage displayed in stopping a runaway horse on Mozart street, on the fourteenth of July, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders and granted two days' additional vacation.

VIII. Patrolman George W. Bacher, of Division 13, having been commended by his captain for courage displayed in stopping a runaway horse, on July 17, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders and granted two days' additional vacation.

IX. Reserve Officer Thomas J. Norton, of Division 11, having been commended for meritorious service in stopping a runaway horse on the corner of Dorchester avenue and Savin Hill avenue, on the twenty-ninth of July, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders, and granted two days' additional vacation.

X. In the matter of the complaint made against Reserve Officer John M. F. Little, of Division 1, by Jeremiah J. Shannon, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board finds the said Reserve Officer Little not guilty, and orders that the complaint be dismissed.

XI. Reserve Officers Michael Casey, of Division 3, and Louis Brown, jr., of Division 10, will report at the chief clerk's office, headquarters, at 9.30 o'clock A.M., Tuesday, fifteenth instant, to be sworn.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1899.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of July, 1899, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	541,827
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	21.42
Death rate for corresponding month, 1898	19.76

Number of deaths:	
Males	502
Females	465
	967

Condition:	
Married	239
Single	612
Widows	74
Widowers	39
Unknown	3

Color:	
White	940
Colored	27

Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	234
Under 2 years	393
Under 5 years	442

Deaths by diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	119
Under 2 years	134
Under 5 years	139
All ages	151

Nativity:	
United States	677
Ireland	139
England	19
Scotland	8
Germany	22
British America	53
Italy	9
Russia	9
Other countries	20
Unknown	11

Parentage:	
American	201
Irish	305
English	15
Scotch	4
German	28
British American	66
Italian	31
Russian	29
Other countries	85
Mixed	93
Unknown	110

Still-births during the month	41
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Causes of Death.**I. ZYMOTICS.**

Alcoholism	8
Croup	5
Cholera infantum	130
Cholera morbus	3
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	7
Diarrhoea	13
Diphtheria	21
Dysentery	5
Erysipelas	1
Measles	3
Puerperal fever	3
Pyæmia	2
Rheumatism	1
Scarlatina	7
Small-pox	1
Syphilis (congenital)	1
Septicæmia	5
Typhoid fever	14
Whooping-cough	10
Other Zymotic diseases	1

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II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	31
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	7
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	23
Phthisis pulmonalis	102
Other Constitutional diseases	22
	185

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	30
Bright's disease	7
Bronchitis	13
Heart disease	64
Meningitis	29
Nephritis	23
Pleurisy	1
Pneumonia	39
Other Local diseases	206
	412

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Cyanosis	1
Inanition	28
Old age	11
Premature birth	18
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	1
Other Developmental diseases	16
	75

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	42
Suicidal	5
Other Violent causes	4
	51
Unknown causes	3

Canvass of Bids.**Hospital Department.**

Proposals for erecting and completing a connecting corridor and approach between the "Old Nurses' Home building" and the "Ann White Vose building" of the Boston City Hospital were opened by the Trustees on August 11, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
John F. Jacobs & Son	\$8,990
C. A. Dodge & Co.	10,433
M. F. & G. M. Miller	10,623
George G. Baker	11,150

The bids were rejected.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for doing work described as follows have been opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets:

For furnishing about 69,000 cubic yards of filling for Cummington and Blandford streets; bids opened August 9, 1899:

Bidders.	Per cubic yard.
D. F. O'Connell	\$0 66
William L. Miller	0 71
Jones & Meehan	0 74
John T. Scully	0 78
Neil McBride	0 79
Daniel E. Lynch	0 87

The bids were rejected.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Awards of Contracts.**Boston Transit Commission.**

The following bids were received August 10 for building an extension of draw-fender pier for the Charlestown bridge:

Bidders.	Bids.
W. H. Keyes & Co.	\$25,635
George Hayes	24,950
William J. Lawler	20,911
W. H. Ellis	19,497

The contract was awarded to W. H. Ellis.

ANDREW D. ADAIR,
Secretary pro tempore.

Street Department.

Proposals for doing work described as follows, have been opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets:

For constructing a macadam road in Ipswich street; bids opened August 11, 1899:

Collins & Ham	\$4,219 01
J. F. Cullen	4,278 50
James Driscoll & Son	4,566 00
Neil McBride	4,654 00
J. Doherty & Co.	4,846 00
J. L. Bryne & Co.	5,118 00
D. E. Lynch	5,548 00
C. H. Eglee Company	6,665 00

The contract was awarded to Collins & Ham.

For constructing a macadam road in Atherstone street; bids opened August 11, 1899:

Philip Doherty	\$574 00
Collins & Ham	600 76
T. F. Bradley	615 96
James McGovern	625 00
J. F. Cullen	785 25
D. E. Lynch	789 10

The contract was awarded to P. Doherty.

For paving with asphalt and regulating Andrews street and Trinity place; bids opened August 14, 1899:

	Andrews street.	Trinity place.
Simpson Brothers Corporation	\$1,150 00	\$4,206 00
Barber Asphalt Paving Company	1,035 05	3,459 29

The contract for paving both streets was awarded to the Barber Asphalt Paving Company.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its meeting held on Monday, the fourteenth instant, the Board of Aldermen voted to adjourn till Monday, August 21, 1899, at 3 P.M.

The value of the exports of manufactures from the United States amounted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, to \$338,667,794; the value of imports of manufactures during the same time amounted to \$259,570,293.

ASSESSORS' STATEMENT.

Showing by Wards the Valuation of Real and Personal Estate and the number of Polls in the City of Boston; also the Tax-rates for the years 1898 and 1899.

VALUATION, MAY 1, 1899.					VALUATION, MAY 1, 1898.				
WARD.	REAL ESTATE.	PERSONAL EST.	TOTAL.	POLLS.	WARD.	REAL ESTATE.	PERSONAL EST.	TOTAL.	POLLS.
1.....	\$11,139,000	\$940,200	\$12,079,200	6,234	1.....	\$11,023,100	\$1,019,500	\$12,042,600	6,277
2.....	11,620,300	684,400	12,304,700	6,355	2.....	11,440,900	703,700	12,144,600	6,414
3.....	8,855,300	816,100	9,671,400	4,342	3.....	8,824,400	824,900	9,649,300	4,222
4.....	11,042,100	639,400	11,681,500	3,987	4.....	10,853,600	743,000	11,596,600	3,983
5.....	12,457,000	2,082,500	14,539,500	4,246	5.....	12,177,000	2,027,700	14,204,700	4,324
6.....	114,692,800	33,650,800	148,343,600	8,883	6.....	110,083,600	29,979,000	140,062,600	8,504
7.....	209,485,900	47,570,600	257,056,500	4,977	7.....	195,550,400	46,374,100	241,924,500	4,963
8.....	26,785,000	3,419,600	30,204,600	8,111	8.....	25,892,300	3,362,400	29,254,700	7,585
9.....	25,480,600	1,352,000	26,832,600	8,300	9.....	25,213,600	1,376,900	26,590,500	8,081
10.....	52,042,900	3,385,400	55,428,300	7,076	10.....	49,822,100	3,436,700	53,258,800	7,067
11.....	100,050,700	74,268,600	174,319,300	6,160	11.....	97,477,900	66,839,300	164,317,200	6,073
12.....	24,303,000	3,870,100	28,173,100	6,849	12.....	24,129,000	3,558,800	27,687,800	6,134
13.....	20,930,500	1,051,400	21,981,900	7,158	13.....	19,586,200	1,053,400	20,639,600	7,456
14.....	10,911,500	886,600	11,798,100	6,259	14.....	10,445,500	818,000	11,263,500	5,959
15.....	9,078,700	650,600	9,729,300	5,377	15.....	8,915,600	656,800	9,572,400	5,332
16.....	13,926,700	1,077,800	15,004,500	5,487	16.....	13,483,500	937,700	14,421,200	5,434
17.....	17,193,200	1,370,800	18,564,000	6,921	17.....	16,767,300	1,368,700	18,136,000	6,863
18.....	16,724,100	1,087,600	17,811,700	7,133	18.....	16,282,300	1,254,400	17,536,700	7,059
19.....	20,793,000	2,935,700	23,728,700	6,951	19.....	20,253,400	2,481,000	22,734,400	6,950
20.....	30,579,300	3,611,000	34,190,300	8,288	20.....	28,286,000	3,145,400	31,431,400	7,535
21.....	25,867,200	5,982,600	31,849,800	6,494	21.....	25,210,500	5,524,400	30,734,900	6,302
22.....	21,407,100	4,170,000	25,577,100	7,162	22.....	20,929,500	3,355,900	24,285,400	6,845
23.....	21,413,000	7,965,000	29,378,000	5,997	23.....	20,349,900	6,808,400	27,158,300	5,828
24.....	25,468,600	2,164,000	27,632,600	7,195	24.....	24,636,300	2,693,900	27,330,200	6,954
25.....	24,525,800	4,466,200	28,992,000	5,513	25.....	22,600,000	3,896,000	26,496,000	5,446
BANK STOCK.....		12,935,820	12,935,820	—	BANK STOCK....		11,625,518	11,625,518	—
TOTALS,	\$866,773,300	\$223,034,820	\$1,089,808,120	161,455	TOTALS,	\$830,233,900	\$205,865,518	\$1,036,099,418	157,590

Total Real, 1899		\$866,773,300	Total Real and Personal, 1899, \$1,089,808,120		State Tax		\$738,308.99
" " 1898		830,233,900	" " " 1898, 1,036,099,418		County Tax		1,173,149.00
Gain		\$36,539,400	Gain		City Tax		12,224,992.88
					Total Warrant . .		\$14,136,450.87
							1899. 1898.
Total Personal, 1899		\$223,034,820	Total Polls, 1899		State Tax		\$0.55 \$0.54
" " 1898		205,865,518	" " 1898		County Tax		.95 1.06
					City Tax		11.60 12.00
Gain		\$17,169,302	Gain		Rate per \$1,000 . .		\$13.10 \$13.60

ASSESSORS' STATEMENT.

Showing by Wards the Gain and Loss of the City of Boston, in respect to Real and Personal Estate and the number of Polls for the year 1899, as compared with the year 1898.

WARD.	Gain, Real.	Gain, Personal.	Loss, Personal.	Total Gain, Real & Personal.	Gain, Polls.
1.....	\$115,900		\$79,300	\$36,600	Loss, 43
2.....	179,400		19,300	160,100	Loss, 59
3.....	30,900		8,800	22,100	120
4.....	188,500		103,600	84,900	4
5.....	280,000	\$54,800	—	334,800	Loss, 78
6.....	4,609,200	3,671,800	—	8,281,000	379
7.....	13,935,500	1,196,500	—	15,132,000	14
8.....	892,700	57,200		949,900	526
9.....	267,000	—	24,900	242,100	219
10.....	2,220,800	—	51,300	2,169,500	9
11.....	2,572,800	7,429,300	—	10,002,100	87
12.....	174,000	311,300		485,300	715
13.....	1,344,300	—	2,000	1,342,300	Loss, 298
14.....	466,000	68,600	—	534,600	300
15.....	163,100	—	6,200	156,900	45
16.....	443,200	140,100	—	583,300	53
17.....	425,900	2,100	—	428,000	58
18.....	441,800	—	166,800	275,000	74
19.....	539,600	454,700	—	994,300	1
20.....	2,293,300	465,600		2,758,900	753
21.....	656,700	458,200	—	1,114,900	192
22.....	477,600	814,100	—	1,291,700	317
23.....	1,063,100	1,156,600	—	2,219,700	169
24.....	832,300	—	529,900	302,400	241
25.....	1,925,800	570,200	—	2,496,000	67
	BANK STOCK....	1,310,302	—	1,310,302	—
Totals	\$36,539,400	\$18,161,402	\$992,100	\$53,708,702	3,865

FRANK A. DREW, Chairman,

GEORGE A. COMINS, Secretary,

JOHN J. MURPHY,

JOHN M. MAGUIRE,

EDWARD B. DAILY,

SAMUEL HICHBORN,

JOHN H. DONOVAN,

CHARLES E. FOLSOM,

JAMES BUCKNER,

Assessors.

Rate declared August 17, 1899.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, June 26, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending June 24, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.							
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.		
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.								
1...	2	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	6	2		
2...	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	3	-		
3...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	9		
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-		
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1		
6...	1	3	1	-	1	-	1	-	5	8		
7...	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	2	9	28		
8...	1	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	13	4		
9...	-	3	1	-	-	-	3	-	2	7		
10...	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	10	5		
11...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	11	10		
12...	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	2	5	22		
13...	1	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	5		
14...	2	3	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	11		
15...	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	4	4		
16...	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	6		
17...	7	-	-	-	6	-	1	-	6	8		
18...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	15		
19...	2	5	3	-	-	-	6	2	5	19		
20...	7	-	2	-	-	1	4	1	15	43		
21...	1	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	8	23		
22...	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1		
23...	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	12		
24...	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	9	13		
25...	16	5	1	-	12	-	2	-	-	8		
T'ls..	45	46	14	1	21	2	33	20	151	264		

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, August 5, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending August 5, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	95
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	18
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	6
Number of attachments	1
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of assignments of wages	26
Number of married women's certificates, .	5
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1

City Hall, August 12, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending August 12, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	83
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	15
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	7
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of wages	52
Number of married women's certificates, .	8
Number of liens on vessels	3

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, August 12, 1899.

The petition of Matthew McCormick, for the occupancy of a stable for fifty horses, at 147 Ward street, Ward 19, was granted.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed:

William A. Chamberlain, 121 River street, Ward 24, two horses; hearing August 17, at 11 o'clock. James Foley, 102 Shirley street, Ward 17, one cow; hearing August 17, at 11 o'clock. Thomas W. Lawson, 343 Newbury street, Ward 11, twenty-two horses; hearing August 24, at 11 o'clock. Thomas E. Havey, Florence street, Ward 23, ten horses; hearing August 24, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending August 12, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	17	16	33
Negative	34	38	72
No growth	1	1	2
Totals	52	55	107

Typhoid examinations: Eight cases; one case positive, seven negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, July 24, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending July 22, 1899:

Cases pending	-
Number of applications	78

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Number of Admissions:

To State Almshouse	31
Long Island Almshouse,	13
Observation Hospital,	-
Deer Island	4
Boston Insane Hospital,	3
Danvers Insane Hospital,	2
Taunton Insane Hospital,	14

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Number of applications re-fused	2
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Number of applications with-drawn	6
Cases pending	3

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Settlements investigated	86
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	8

28 Court Square, July 31, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending July 29, 1899:

Cases pending	2
Number of applications	75

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Number of admissions:

To State Almshouse	31
Long Island Almshouse	15
Charlestown Almshouse,	1
Observation Hospital,	-
Deer Island	4
Boston Insane Hospital	7
Taunton Insane Hospital,	3
Foxboro' Asylum	5
Epileptic Hospital	1

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Number of applications re-fused	1
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Number of applications with-drawn	7
Cases pending	2

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Settlements investigated	87
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	10

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, August 8, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending August 5, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	142	5
Females	23	5
Totals	165	10

Offences:		
Against the person	11	2
Against property	18	4
Against public order and decency	137	5
Totals	* 166	11

Discharges:		
Males	135	10
Females	29	5
Totals	164	15

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence, Permit of Commis-sioner	131	10
Payment of fine	4	-
Transferred to State Farm	27	3
Transferred to Deer Island	-	1
Died	-	1
Totals	164	15

Population:		
July 29, 1899	1,166	465
Committed since July 29, 1899	165	10
Totals	1,331	475
Discharged since July 29, 1899	164	15
August 5, 1899	1,167	460

* Two committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

An ordinance has recently been introduced in the Baltimore (Md.) City Council providing for the abolition of water rentals on and after January 1, 1900, and placing the cost of maintenance of the system in the tax levy.

IMMIGRATION DURING JULY.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the month ending July 31, 1899:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Bulgarian	1	1	—
Dutch and Flemish	5	4	1
English	234	128	106
Finnish	257	130	127
French	2	1	1
German	13	8	5
Hebrew	73	44	29
Irish	375	160	215
Italian (Northern)	1	1	—
Italian (Southern)	4	4	—
Polish	21	16	5
Scandinavian	360	179	181
Scotch	69	33	36
Syrian	1	1	—
Welsh	1	—	1
West Indian	2	2	—
Total	1,419	712	707
Tourists or passengers en route	94	—	—
Total immigration for month ending July 31, 1899	1,513	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS. — STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division —		
Maine	25	
New Hampshire	12	
Vermont	5	
Massachusetts	959	
Rhode Island	58	
Connecticut	5	
New York	65	
New Jersey	3	
Pennsylvania	13	
Total	1,145	
North Central Division —		
Ohio	15	
Indiana	5	
Illinois	71	
Michigan	38	
Wisconsin	21	
Minnesota	72	
Iowa	4	
Missouri	1	
North Dakota	15	
South Dakota	2	
Nebraska	1	
Total	245	
South Central Division —		
Kentucky	3	
Arkansas	5	
Total	8	
Western Division —		
Montana	2	
Wyoming	3	
Colorado	5	
Utah	2	
Idaho	2	
Washington	7	
Total	21	

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division	1,145
North Central Division	245
South Central Division	8
Western Division	21
Total	1,419

Board Meetings.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held July 31, 1899:

The Superintendent submitted plans for sea-wall and sluice gates on the outer line of the extension of Charlesgate, north of Beacon street, which were approved, and it was

Voted, To advertise for proposals for building the same, as soon as the plans and specifications can be completed.

Voted, To notify the City Auditor that the contract of William T. Eaton, for building a public landing and shelter on the Strandway, has been substantially completed, and that there is no further need of holding the certified check for \$2,500, which accompanied said contract.

Voted, To rescind the vote awarding the contract for building a boundary wall at Arnold Arboretum to John A. Whittemore's Sons and to readvertise the contract. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 31, page 566.)

Voted, To award the contract for building a wall on the line of Walnut avenue and Sigourney street to John A. Whittemore's Sons, under a bond of \$1,000. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 31, page 566.)

Voted, To lower the Prince-street wall to three and one-half feet, and to accept the bid of Butler Brothers to do said work, for the sum of eighty-five cents per linear foot, provided the part to be lowered does not exceed 700 feet.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, July 28, 1899.

A special meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Friday, July 28, at 10 A.M

Present: Dr. Grainger (Acting Chairman), Mr. Rutan, Mr. Dobbins and Miss Morse.

Dr. C. P. Putnam, Secretary of the Board of Children's Trustees, and Dr. E. W. Taylor, secretary of the visiting medical staff, came for further consultation about medical service for Rainsford Island.

The Superintendent of the Almshouse at Long Island reported that he had now arranged to have the Deputy Superintendent, the first medical officer and the superintendent of nurses report to him daily on the departments of the institution under their charge.

The Superintendent of the Almshouse at Charlestown appeared before the Board and reported the Almshouse in a satisfactory condition.

Voted, That the salary of Miss Sarah G. Weeden, Superintendent of the Boston Alms-

house in Charlestown, be increased to \$100 per month, to date from July 15, 1899.

The following appointment was confirmed: Nellie Killion, laundress, Long Island, \$20 per month.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to order of the Electrical Construction Division the engines, dynamos and switch-board for the new power-house at Long Island.

FRANCES R. MORSE,
Secretary pro tempore.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Tuesday, August 1.

Public hearings were given in the matters of the laying out and construction of Stratford street, at West Roxbury; Wordsworth street, at East Boston, and Conrad street, at Dorchester.

It was voted to pay the heirs of C. E. Willard \$50, Ellen F. Cobleigh \$400 and L. M. Simmons \$125 for damages occasioned their respective estates by the relocation of North Harvard street.

Orders were passed to construct Blue Hill avenue, and to lay out and construct Roxella street; and orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to relocate Washington street, at West Roxbury, and to lay out Old Harbor place, at South Boston, with the name of Dixfield street.

Wednesday, August 2.

A public hearing was given in the matter of widening Rutherford avenue, Devens and Bow streets, at Charlestown.

Authority was given to open Grosvenor road, at West Roxbury.

Petitions were received for sewers in Woolson street, Homer street and in Leslie street.

It was voted to give a hearing in the matter of changes on Board of Survey plan M 67, Plat 4.

Thursday, August 3.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out an extension of Custer street.

An award of \$50 was made to S. M. Sullivan for damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Rosseter street.

Friday, August 4.

A public hearing was given in the matter of widening Centre avenue.

Orders were passed laying out Dresden street and widening Centre avenue.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Chelsea, Breed and Byron streets, at East Boston.

An award of \$70 was made to Ellen Murphy for damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Burt street.

Saturday, August 5.

An order was received from the School Committee to take land for a school-house on Norfolk street.

Spencer street was ordered laid out from Athelwold street to Harvard street.

It was voted to pay M. A. F. Reardon \$19.25 for damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Barrington (now Hamilton) street.

Wednesday, August 9.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out Province court.

It was voted to pay Henry Richardson \$300 for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of Burt street; and on advice of the Law Department to pay A. E. Angier \$250 for damages occasioned his estate by the taking of land for an outlet for a surface drain in Chiswick road.

Petitions were received for sewers in Garden street and in Pleasant street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending August 5, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.9
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898, 27.6	
Number of deaths:	
Males	117
Females	101
Total	218
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	280
Decrease	62

Of the 218 decedents, 211 were white and 7 colored; 149 were born in the United States, 65 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 44 were of American parentage, 155 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 19 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	51	6
Scarlatina	15	2
Typhoid fever	22	2
Measles	6	—
Totals	94	10

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	19
Pneumonia	8
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	9
Bronchitis	2
Marasmus	5
Violent causes	10
Total from principal causes	55
Total from infectious diseases	10
Total from other causes	153
Total from all causes	218

Deaths of children under 1 year	75
Deaths of children under 5 years	102
Deaths of persons over 60 years	34
Deaths in public institutions	57

PORTO RICO RELIEF.

Since the meeting of the Boston Porto Rico Relief Committee of Monday, August 14, when the fund for the relief of the sufferers amounted to \$4,401 (see THE CITY RECORD, page 583), large additional contributions have been received, and on Thursday, August 17, the fund amounts to about \$13,000.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for furnishing the school furniture for the Benjamin Dean School-house, corner of H and East Sixth streets, South Boston. A certified check for \$200, payable to the City of Boston, must be furnished with each proposal, and will be held as security for the carrying out of the proposal. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$1,000 will also be required. Proposals will be received at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, Boston, Mass., until Thursday, August 24, at 4.30 o'clock P.M., at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city. The proposal and check should be enclosed in an envelope endorsed "Proposal for School Furniture, Benjamin Dean School."

THOMAS F. STRANGE,

Chairman of the Committee on School-houses of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 11, 1899.

The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital will receive sealed proposals for supplying the Hospital Department with 3,000 tons, more or less—2,240 pounds, to the ton—of hard white ash pea coal, to be delivered alongside of the coal pocket at the City Hospital wharf, Roxbury canal. Bidders must specify the kind or kinds of coal they propose to furnish, and the names of the mines from which the coal is taken; delivery must be made within forty days after award of contract; the size of the coal to be pea size, and the relative value of the different kinds of coal offered will be considered in connection with the price; proposals to be addressed to "The Boston City Hospital, Proposals for Coal," and left at the Superintendent's office at the Hospital not later than Friday, August 18, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened; each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract; the right is reserved by the Trustees to reject any and all bids.

Per order of the Trustees,

G. H. M. ROWE, Superintendent.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital invite proposals for making certain additions and alterations of the kitchen on the grounds of the Boston City Hospital, on Harrison avenue, in said city, and furnishing a bond in the sum of two thousand (2,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work. The office copy of the contract and plans for the work may be seen, and the proposals to be used may be obtained at the office of Wheelwright & Haven, architects, 1179 Tremont building, 73 Tremont street, in said city. The bidder must fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at the office of the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital, Harrison avenue, in said city, before 12 o'clock M. of Thursday, August 24, 1899, with a certified check for five hundred (500) dollars, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal they deem best for the city. The bid and check should be enclosed in an envelope and addressed to the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, Proposal for Additions and Alterations of Kitchen.

A. SHUMAN,

President of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 15, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for paving and regulating Public Alley 101 (Chair alley), between Richmond and Cross streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Tuesday, August 22, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$100, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CITY HALL, BOSTON:

Boston, May 12, 1899.

The Brookline Gas Light Company hereby respectfully petitions your Honorable Board for permission to erect and maintain one carrying pole for electric wires on the southeasterly corner of Brookline avenue, Beacon street and Commonwealth avenue, as shown on the accompanying plan (No. 428), dated May 5, 1899.

Brookline Gas Light Company,
By CHARLES D. BURRAGE, Vice-President

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 14, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of August, at 8 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Brighton Item, Boston Post and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

Boston, August 12, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm, and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Rockview street, between Parley avenue and St. John street, Ward 22.
Chester street, between Gardner street and Ashford street, Ward 25.
Hobart street, Ward 25.
North Harvard street, Ward 25.
Washburn street, between Dorchester avenue and Boston street, Ward 16.
Rawson street, between Dorchester avenue and Boston street, Ward 16.
Cambridge street, between Brighton avenue and Washington street, Ward 25.
Ashmont street, Ward 24.
Waldorf street, Ward 24.
Marsh street, between Adams and Glide streets, Ward 24.
Talbot avenue, Ward 24.
Wensley street, corner of Heath street, Ward 22.
Also to remove poles from Rockview street, between Parley avenue and St. John street, Ward 22.
North Harvard street, Ward 25.
Cambridge street, between Brighton avenue and Washington street, Ward 25.
Talbot avenue, Ward 24.
Wensley street, corner of Heath street, Ward 22.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

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Room 71, City Hall,

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

At its meeting held on Monday, the twenty-first instant, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the following appointment made by His Honor the Mayor:

Of Paul G. Coblenzer, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

REPORT OF THE PAUPER TRUSTEES.

The second annual report of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, for the year ending January 31, 1899, has been printed and presented to His Honor the Mayor as City Document No. 25, 1899. Following is an abstract of the report:

The Trustees have in their charge only those poor and indigent adults not insane who receive indoor relief.

During the year 1898 these persons have been cared for, with a few exceptions, in two separate institutions, (1) the Boston Almshouse and Hospital on Long Island in Boston Harbor and (2) the Boston Almshouse in Charlestown for women and aged couples near the northern-most extremity of the city in the Charlestown district. The former is by far the larger, having had during the year an average total population of 706, while the average total population of the latter has been 107.

Some differentiation between the institutions at Charlestown and Long Island had been made by previous administrations, but such differentiation or classification was incomplete. On June 8, 1898, it was voted that the institution at Charlestown should be regarded as an almshouse for women and aged couples, and in furtherance of this policy it was decided to install as its head a woman superintendent. The Board was fortunate in securing for this position Miss Weeden, who had had previous experience in charitable and philanthropic work. Miss Weeden has already proved herself to be a competent, wise and humane superintendent, and the Charlestown Almshouse is clean, comfortable, well kept and economically administered. Of aged couples there are at present in the Charlestown Almshouse nine, beside sixty-one single women and widows.

The principal almshouse of the city is known as the Boston Almshouse and Hospital on Long Island. The Trustees control the whole of this island, excepting a portion at the northerly end (the extremity of which is known as Long Island Head) belonging to the United States Government, and occupied by important harbor fortifications and a lighthouse. Belonging to the almshouse and hospital are two wharves and six principal buildings as follows: (1.) An old-fashioned brick building now occupied exclusively by men, and designated the "Men's building." In this building, in addition to the inmates' quarters, are the Superintendent's office, etc. (2.) The Women's building, a large building of wood and plaster construction, occupied, with the exception of the bakery, exclusively by women. (3.) A large hospital of 250 beds. (4.) A chapel built of wood, spacious and well lighted. In this chapel religious services are held at different times by Protestant and Catholic chaplains, respectively. (5.) A house for the Superintendent. (6.) A barn large enough for the nine horses and thirty or more cows which belong to the institution. A piggery containing one hundred or more pigs; a carpenter's shop; a morgue, and other small out-buildings complete the list.

No new buildings have been erected during the year, but the expenditure of a very considerable sum for repairs was found necessary, and various alterations and improvements have been made as comfort required or experience demanded. All that could be done was, as far as possible, to prevent deterioration and to carry out minor changes.

The men's building is the least satisfactory of all the buildings on Long Island. It still awaits an adequate system of ventilation such as has been recommended by several successive administrations.

One of the most important improvements of the year in the men's building has been the establishment of a convenient and well-lighted storeroom and new refrigerator in one end of the old recreation hall, the latter having been transferred to the basement of the southern extremity of the building. It has repeatedly been urged by the Superintendent that a modern coldstorage plant would be a valuable adjunct to this department, an opinion in which the Trustees heartily agree, and only a lack of funds has prevented them from establishing such a plant.

The laundry is also primitive in arrangements, and deficient in lighting and in space. The kitchen is also old-fashioned in location and fittings and ought to be renovated.

An urgent appeal has been made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for an appropriation for a new power-house in a better location and large enough to contain boilers, electrical appliances, pumps, laundry, etc., with advantage and economy.

The hospital building is in fairly good repair, and has required during the year comparatively little outlay. The need of new isolating rooms, and of special new and additional wards for tuberculosis and specific diseases is, however, very great. New quarters for the accommodation of nurses are also imperatively demanded.

The violent storm of November 27, 1898, did considerable damage to the women's building. The total cost of the repairs made necessary to this building alone was \$607.

One of the greatest defects in the whole almshouse is the necessity which compels the Trustees to maintain the general bakery in the basement of the women's building. This makes impossible that absolute separation of the sexes which is so imperative in an institution of this character, and the Trustees have strongly urged upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that some provision be made for a modern bakery in connection with a re-establishment of the boilers and power-house.

The November storm damaged the front wharf to such an extent that repairs to the planking and wood-work had to be made at a cost of \$198.22, while the causeway of earth and masonry leading to the wooden part was so far weakened that it has been necessary to contract for its repair at a cost of \$1,240.

The buildings on Long Island and at Charlestown are still without adequate fire protection, but arrangements are under way for providing a salt-water service for the Long Island Almshouse and Hospital.

Owing to the fact that all communication between Long Island and the mainland is by water, the Trustees have come to the

conclusion that in the near future one boat at least should be provided for their exclusive use.

It was possible by making certain changes to set apart for the use of United States soldiers one entire wing of the hospital, and on September 13, 1898, a detail of sixty-one United States soldiers, almost all of them members of the regular army, was sent to Long Island for care and treatment.

The wards were thoroughly renovated and made ready for the soldiers, a large supply of additional garments and linen being provided by the Volunteer Aid Association. Although many of the soldiers were seriously ill at the time they were sent to Long Island (thirteen of them having typhoid fever and many others suffering from malarial fever) not a single death occurred.

During the year the library and reading-room have received important additions, and have been largely used both by officers and inmates.

It is the constant aim of the Trustees to reduce the number of inmates, in the belief that it is their duty to diminish as far as possible the mass of pauperism pertaining to the body politic. To this end, generally speaking, they discourage by every means in their power, resort to and continuance in the almshouses of the city.

During the year and since the total abandonment of prison labor on Long Island, more and more labor has been expected and required of inmates. This policy has had the tendency to diminish in the working season the total number of inmates, a result which the Trustees regard as wholly satisfactory. It cannot be denied, however, that one result has been and is likely to be a somewhat increased per capita expense.

Certain facts in regard to the inmates are worthy of note. Inasmuch as minors are not sent to Long Island (excepting the comparatively few cases of young men and women under twenty-one in need of hospital care, and infants too young to be separated from pauper mothers), the average age of the inmates exclusive of infants is somewhat advanced, having been forty-eight among those admitted during the year.

The aged and infirm predominate, and this is as it should be. Still, a considerable number of persons not physically infirm or aged resort to the island, especially in the winter season.

It appears that the amount of pauperism in the city varies inversely as the temperature. The fact appears to be that upon a large mass, constituting the permanent population of our almshouses, there rises with the fall of the mercury in the winter season a great wave of increase, which subsides with the rise of temperature in the spring. This winter increment constitutes one of the most serious problems with which we have to deal. In part it is undoubtedly composed of worthy poor, in part apparently it is due to a less worthy, but equally unfortunate, number who are victims of the drink habit.

After both these deductions have been made, there still remains a more considerable number of comparatively young and able-bodied persons, who are technically known as "recidivists" or "rounders."

It is the opinion of this Board that vagrants of this type are wholly out of place in pauper institutions designed for the care of

the worthy poor, and it is our intention to study more closely than has been done hitherto in Boston various aspects of the "rounder" problem.

Some phases of the problem are indicated in the following paragraphs from a special report on the admissions of the year, among whom are many vagrants:

Deducting re-admissions from the total number of admissions, 1,079, to the Boston Almshouses at Long Island and Charlestown during the year February 1, 1898, to January 31, 1899, we have 917 individuals admitted, of whom 27 are children, leaving a working basis of 890 adults.

One hundred and eighty-four men out of 543 (or 33.8 per cent.) were admitted for the first time.

One hundred and eighty-five women out of 347 (or 53.3 per cent.) were admitted for the first time.

Five hundred and fourteen individuals (362 men and 152 women) or 57.8 per cent. of the whole number admitted, were under 50 years of age; but while 195 women, or 56.6 per cent. of the women admitted were over 50 years of age, only 189 men, or 33.8 per cent. of the men admitted were over 50 years of age.

Two hundred and fifty single men under 50 years of age have been admitted during the year, or 84 per cent. of the whole number of men, while only 52 single women under 50, or 15 per cent. out of a total number of 347 women have been admitted.

There are evident reasons why more than half the persons admitted into the almshouse are between 25 and 50 years of age. Many people and many societies are interested to help young men or women under 25, even if they have made a poor start in life.

But between twenty-five and fifty are the years when the inefficient or intemperate man or woman is most troublesome and least appealing.

Only a small number of widowed women between the ages of twenty-five and fifty are taken into the almshouse. The Overseers of the Poor and private charity carry along temporarily many young widows with growing children. Broadly speaking, one can safely assume that no widow who has young children comes into the almshouse, unless she is known to be a drinking woman or to be otherwise unfit to make a home for them.

Seventy-nine per cent. of the men admitted and 36.6 per cent. of women are recorded as intemperate, or 62.8 per cent. of whole number of persons admitted. Forty-six and seven-tenths per cent. of the men admitted have been in penal institutions, and 22.3 per cent. of the women admitted, or 36.7 per cent. of whole number of persons admitted.

Forty-six per cent. of all the men and women admitted went at once into the hospital; 54 per cent. into the two dormitories. Of those entering the hospital, some were probably soon discharged into the dormitories, but, to set against that, others first admitted into the dormitories went within a few days into the hospital. Only 26.5 per cent. of the whole number entering are certified as able to work; with 11.2 per cent. certified as able to do light work, this gives us 37.7 per cent. of our entering population physically able to work. Supposing this 37.7 per cent. "able to do some work" to be

dwellers in the two dormitory buildings, into which went 54 per cent. of admissions of the year, we should have 16.3 per cent. of infirm and weak old people admitted to the dormitories too feeble to work, though not needing hospital care.

Thirty-six per cent. of those admitted are incapacitated for steady work by chronic illness or old age; 12 per cent. are in some way disabled (deformed, lame, partially blind or deaf, etc.); 13 per cent. suffer from some form of mental disability.

Comparison of the general percentages of of the 890 adults admitted to the almshouse during 1898, with the special percentages of those 369 adults (included in the 890) who were for the first time admitted during 1898, indicates that we are now receiving into the almshouse those persons who most stand in need of indoor relief—the old, the sick and the disabled.

It is clear that greater discrimination is now exercised than was possible in former years, and this is also indicated by the following comparison of certain figures in the report of the Mayor's Special Committee (1892) with the corresponding figures during 1898.

Comparison of figures from final report of Mayor's Special Committee (1892) with figures from report of 1898:

Decrease or Increase, 1898,	Almshouse, Long Island, 1898.	Almshouses, Long and Rainsford Islands, 1891.	
—239	1,034	1,273	Number of admissions.
—99	874	973	Individuals represented.
—140	160	300	Admitted more than once during year.
—8.1	15.5	23.6	Percentage admitted more than once.
—148	358	506	Admission for first time.
—5.2	34.6	39.8	Percentage first admissions.
+84,055	541,827	457,772	Population of Boston in 1891 and 1898.
+2,730	16,377	Jan. 1, to Dec. 31, 13,647	Families helped by Overseers of the Poor in 1891 and 1898.

The present population of the Almshouse on Long Island should be compared with that of Long and Rainsford Islands in 1891. This table does not cover admissions to Charlestown Almshouse for either year.

When we find of our 890 persons admitted to the almshouse during the year that 391 need to go at once into the hospital; 318 are incapacitated for steady work outside the almshouse, and therefore for self-support, by old age or chronic illness; 105 are maimed, or lame, or partially blind, deaf, etc.; 120 are in some way mentally disqualified; 559 are recorded as "intemperate," and 327 have been inmates of penal institutions, it is clear that we cannot simply say to such a population: "Stop drinking; stand on your feet and work." Obviously, only a small number are capable of responding to the appeal.

Those who should leave the almshouse as soon as possible are, as a rule, drawn from the group whose almshouse history is shortest. This group includes:

(a.) Those men and women who have come for hospital care during temporary illness, and who should, as soon as possible, get into active work; their chance of this lessens with each week of almshouse life after recovery. Among these are the women of ordinary mental capacity, coming for confinement, for some of whom places at service with their babies can be found.

(b.) Those who might be cared for by relatives.

(c.) Those among the "incapables" or disabled who can piece out their incapacity by faithfulness, and who are at times able to work, though only under patient employers.

(d.) Those who may be counted as able-bodied, intemperate, irregular workers, who should not be allowed to use the almshouse as a free home, in which to recover from a debauch.

Among those who should be persuaded to stay are:

(a.) The mentally weak (especially the young women) who are not so markedly feeble-minded as to be fit subjects for the Custodial Department of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble Minded at Waverly.

(b.) The helpless drinkers who cannot protect themselves from temptation, and whose life outside the almshouse is an alternation of drinking, arrests and commitments.

(c.) Elderly, infirm people without responsible relatives.

We must accept the fact that for a part of our population their only prospect is life in the almshouse. For them occupation under decent and orderly conditions should be provided even when they are incapable of productive work.

With the two-fold physical and moral disqualifications of many of our men and women, it will need deliberate teaching of a high order to help our people, and re-enforce weak characters instead of simply retaining them for a while and discharging them unhelped. We need this teaching not only for those who may be pricked into some effort to leave an institution which is no longer a place for idleness, smoking and card-playing, but also to render brighter and happier the lives of those who will probably never again support themselves or be supported outside the almshouse.

We need in both men's building and women's building a teacher whose business it should be to set every unemployed person at work, even at the cost of labor, time and ingenuity.

This would only be carrying further such work as some of our officers have already done from their interest in the people under their charge, but to fully develop it, it should be the special work of well qualified persons. It would mean so much for the moral and industrial atmosphere of the almshouse that, in our opinion, it would justify the added expense of salary and maintenance of a teacher in each of the two dormitories.

Appended to the report are reports from (1) the Superintendent of Long Island; (2) the visiting medical staff of the Long Island Hospital; (3) the superintendent of nurses of the Long Island Hospital; (4) the Superintendent of the Almshouse in Charlestown for Women and Aged Couples; (5) the report of the visiting physician of the last-named institution.

The report also contains a series of statistical tables relating to the financial management of the Pauper Institutions, as well as to the characteristics and personal history of their inmates.

The expenditures of the Department for the year were as follows:

Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island,	\$96,293
Almshouse, Charlestown	13,927
Office expense	2,169
Pauper expense, for support of paupers outside the city, etc.	533
Total	\$112,923

The total expenditures in 1898-99 exceeded the total expenditures in 1897-98 by \$12,290. The income of the Department, derived chiefly from board of patients at Long Island and Charlestown, amounted to \$5,123 in 1898, an increase of \$2,106 over 1897.

VETERINARY HOSPITAL FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The new veterinary hospital for the Fire Department, situated on Atkinson street, near Swett street, projected by Fire Commissioner H. S. Russell, was opened on Thursday, August 17, 1899. The need of a hospital of this character has been felt by the Department for several years, and the building was finally located on land of the city. Work was begun about the middle of July, 1898, by the city Repair Division, from the plans of John A. Fox, architect. The work was continued by contract with George B. Baker, and the finishing was done by the Repair Division. The whole was substantially completed about June 1, 1899; but for the lack of a sewer in Atkinson street it was not occupied till about the first of August following.

The building is built on a pile and granite foundation, is of brick, and divided into two main sections. The easterly one measures thirty-one feet by forty-five feet six inches on the ground plan, being two stories high, with pitched roof; the westerly one measures thirty-eight feet six inches by ninety-nine feet three inches, being one story of twelve feet to the eaves, and with a steep open

trussed roof, with ventilating monitor the whole length of the ridge.

The easterly section contains the surgeon's office and surgery, with all the necessary equipment; a carriage-house and "carriage-wash;" harness-room, and stairs to the second story, which has a lodging-room; hay-loft, grain-bins, etc., and access through a "fire-dive" to the long gallery to the monitor windows.

The westerly section has fifteen large box-stalls and six single stalls, watering troughs, hay and grain shoots, forge-room for horse-shoeing, and stairs to the cellar, in which is located the steam-heater and an extensive system of iron-pipe drainage from all parts of the floors and stalls. The system of ventilation is simple but efficient.

The construction is of the most substantial character, the frame being of Georgia hardpine, and the floors mostly of rock-maple or two-inch spruce plank. The stalls have the latest pattern of Fire Department "Lynn stall-fittings." The roofs are slated with Maine slates, with copper flashings, and the gable ends are of "half-timbered" work and pebble-dash. The general style is "Old English domestic." The cost of the hospital was about \$21,000.

OPENING OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Boston Public Schools will open on Wednesday, September 13, 1899. Entrance examinations will be held as follows:

Normal School—On Wednesday and Thursday, September 13 and 14, at 9 o'clock A.M. in the school-house, corner of Dartmouth and Appleton streets. Graduates from the fourth year classes of the Boston high schools should present themselves with their diplomas Friday, September 15.

High Schools—On Wednesday and Thursday, September 13 and 14, at 9 o'clock A.M. in the several high school-houses. The subjects of examination will be English language, including reading, writing, grammar, and composition, history and civil government of the United States, geography, arithmetic, and book-keeping by single entry.

Latin Schools—On Wednesday, September 13, at 9 o'clock A.M. Boys will be examined at the Latin school-house on Warren avenue, and girls at the High and Latin school-house on West Newton street. The requirements for admission are equivalent to those for entrance to the seventh grade, i. e., to the regular fourth year class of the grammar schools.

Applicants for admission to the Normal school or to the High or Latin schools must each bring to the examination a certificate of good moral character from the principal of the school last attended, and, if they have not been members of a Boston public school, a certificate of vaccination from a physician.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO,

Secretary of the School Committee.

BOSTON PORTO RICO RELIEF COMMITTEE.

City Hall, August 16, 1899.

A meeting of the executive committee was held Wednesday, August 16, 1899, at the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 3 P.M.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Peabody and Pettingill.

Mr. Burnham, on behalf of the Boston Fruit Company, offered to charter to the committee one of the vessels now at Porto Rico, belonging to the company, at actual cost, estimated at about \$150 per week, and suggested that if chartered it might well be used for the shipment of a cargo of bananas, yams, sweet potatoes, plantains, etc., the natural food of the people of this country, from Jamaica direct to the port in Porto Rico selected by the committee. He stated that the company also kept on hand hard pine lumber, such as is suitable for building the shelters needed by the people in Porto Rico, and offered to furnish such amount of this as the committee desired at cost.

On motion of Mr. Burnett, it was

Voted, That the offer of the Boston Fruit Company be taken advantage of; that a vessel be chartered from the said company, and that a cargo of bananas, yams, sweet potatoes, plantains, etc., and a deck-load of lumber, be purchased and forwarded on the said vessel to De Ford & Co., at Jovas, Porto Rico, with the utmost despatch.

Mr. Preston, for the committee on purchase of supplies, etc., reported that he had purchased and forwarded, to be sent on the "Evelyn," the following goods:

Four thousand yards of cloth, 5,000 needles, 300,000 yards of thread and 60,000 pounds of dried fish.

Mr. Dumaresq stated that his company expected, within a few days, to have a vessel leave Jacksonville with a partial cargo for Porto Rico, and offered to furnish free transportation for as much additional merchandise as the vessel would hold.

CHARLES H. COLE, Secretary.

The committee, on August 19, 1899, issued the following appeal:

TO THE PUBLIC:

The Porto Rico Relief Committee, organized in response to the appeal of the Secretary of War, issued with the approval of the President, at the meeting held at City Hall, Boston, on August 12, desires to gratefully acknowledge the prompt generosity which has already placed the sum of \$18,000 in its hands for the relief of the widespread suffering and disaster caused by the recent terrible hurricane which visited the island of Porto Rico, and at the same time the committee desires to make an urgent appeal for the continuance of the charitable impulse which has been aroused and for additional contributions to swell the fund to much larger dimensions.

The latest private advices received by the committee, as well as the official reports, prove that the extent of the disaster, the amount of suffering which it will entail, and the need of relief, have all been underestimated. The density of population on the island, and the lack of reserve resources with which to meet such a sudden and crushing calamity, make outside assistance, upon a considerable scale and continued for some length of time, an absolute necessity. The United States has severed the former colonial ties of the island, and its people have accepted our rule and welcomed our flag; it, therefore, becomes the sacred duty of the government and of the people of the United States to assist them in meeting this great calamity,—in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and sheltering the homeless, and the opening of the rainy season makes the furnishing of such aid all the more imperative. The authority of our government to furnish adequate relief is limited, and Congress is not in session to enlarge it; and such relief would, in any case, have to be afforded through the army organization, which is not intended for such work and which may not be able to perform it without offending the sensibilities of the people. Any substantial and continuous relief must, therefore, be afforded by the charitable people of the United States, and chiefly through agencies of their own.

This committee feels warranted in stating, from the arrangements which it has already succeeded in making, that any money placed in its hands will be disbursed economically and intelligently, in such manner as will afford the largest and quickest relief of immediate distress, and as will best assist the people of the island in their own rehabilitation. The funds will be applied and disbursed directly by the committee, and it feels warranted in assuring donors that every dollar contributed will tell in the relief of distress. The money already expended has purchased a large quantity of cheap food and clothing, and the policy of the committee has been to supplement rather than duplicate the work of the War Department.

The people of Boston have always been distinguished for their prompt and liberal response to appeals to their humanity and charity, and the sufferers from many a disaster far away from New England have thus learned to speak the name of this city with affection and to look to its people with gratitude. The new relation of protection, if not of permanent government, which our people have assumed toward the inhabitants of Porto Rico give a special force to the present appeal to our humanity, and this committee believes that it is only necessary for the charitable people of Boston and New England to understand the full magnitude of the need to lead them to continue the generous contributions which have already brought in such a substantial amount.

Checks should be sent to the Treasurer of the fund at the office of Kidder, Peabody & Co., 113 Devonshire street, Boston, and contributions of light clothing, etc., which are particularly desired, can be left in the basement of City Hall.

For the Porto Rico Relief Committee.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Chairman.

FRANCIS H. PEABODY, Treasurer.

CHARLES H. COLE, Secretary.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, August 17, 1899.

The forty-eighth meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Thursday, August 17, 1899, at 2 P.M.

Absent: Messrs. Kiley and Minot.

On motion of Mr. Barry, Mr. Dore was elected Secretary pro tempore.

The records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with on motion of Mr. Barry.

Alderman Michael W. Brick and Messrs. Walter Stimpson and James P. Fox, President and Secretary of the New England Amateur Rowing Association, appeared and requested that the appropriation for Labor Day be increased to an amount sufficient to permit of the New England Amateur Rowing Association being allowed \$500 for a regatta on Labor Day.

Mr. John J. Collins, representing the Municipal Committee of the Building Trades Council, appeared and requested that the appropriation for Labor Day be increased to an amount sufficient to permit of the labor organizations being allowed \$1,000, to be used by them towards meeting the expenses of the Labor Day parade.

A communication was received from the President of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, requesting that they be granted an additional maintenance appropriation of \$26,600.

The Board voted to grant a hearing in regard to the communication, and in regard to the following assignment:

Order (passed by the City Council) requesting the Board "to transfer from some fund, or make a new appropriation of \$25,000 to City Hospital Department, in order that the four wards now closed may be opened to patients."

Dr. George H. M. Rowe, Superintendent of the City Hospital, appeared and was heard in regard to the matter.

The Board then went into executive session.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$25,000 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

The said communication, the one from the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, and the order referred by the Board of Aldermen, were placed on file, and, on motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars from the appropriation for

Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

The vote was signed by Mayor Quincy and Messrs. Barry and Dore.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$700 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations and Lectures, Labor's Holiday, September 5.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Dore, it was

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of seven hundred (700) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for "Mayor, Public Celebrations and Lectures, Labor's Holiday, September 5," four hundred (400) dollars of said amount to be used toward meeting the expenses of an amateur rowing regatta.

The vote was signed by Mayor Quincy and Messrs. Barry and Dore.

The following communications were received and assigned to the next meeting:

(1.) Communication from the Board of Health requesting a loan appropriation of \$2,400 for a telephonic cable between Long and Gallop's Islands.

(2.) Communication from the Park Commissioners requesting an appropriation of \$900 for putting the new playground at Ashmont in order.

(3.) Communication from the Park Commissioners requesting an appropriation of \$500 for putting the new playground near Columbus avenue in order.

(4.) Order (referred by the Board of Aldermen) requesting the Board "to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the appropriation for Hospital Department to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department; said sum to be used for the purpose of providing hospital ambulance service for South Boston."

A communication was received from the City Auditor giving notice of a deficit of \$27,060.98 in the appropriation for "Playground, Billing's Field, West Roxbury," said deficit being caused by an execution of court amounting to \$46,072.23.

Placed on file.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Barry, at 3.17 o'clock, to meet on Tuesday, September 5, at 2 P.M.

JOHN P. DORE,

Secretary pro tempore.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting held on Monday, August 21, 1899, voted to adjourn till Friday, September 1, at 3 P.M.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

City Hall, August 17, 1899.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Thursday, August 17, 1899, at 3.30 P.M.

Present: All the members.

A petition was received from the West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, requesting leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on the West Boston temporary bridge, in accordance with a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated August 5, 1899, and requesting consent and permission to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said tracks.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the West End Street Railway Company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use double tracks on the West Boston temporary highway bridge, so-called, connecting the cities of Boston and Cambridge, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, connecting with the existing tracks of said company at either end thereof, said tracks and turn outs being shown by red lines on duplicate plans marked "West End Street Railway Company, track location on West Boston temporary bridge, Boston and Cambridge," made by A. L. Plimpton, dated August 5, 1899, and to be filed by this Commission in the offices of the City Clerks of the cities of Boston and Cambridge.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of William Jackson, Chief Engineer, and shall be approved by him.

The location hereby granted for double tracks on the said temporary highway bridge shall become null and void when the new Cambridge bridge, to be constructed by this Commission, shall be opened to public travel, but shall remain in full force and effect until that time.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was also

Voted, That consent be hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on the double-track location on the West Boston temporary highway bridge granted the said company by this Commission on this date; and permission is hereby granted to the said West End Street Railway Company to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron or wooden poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans marked "West End Street Railway Company, pole locations on West Boston temporary bridge, from Cambridge street to westerly draw," dated June 27, 1899, signed by A. L. Plimpton, civil engineer, and filed in the office of the City

Clerk of Boston, and on the plans marked "West End Street Railway Company, pole locations on West Boston temporary bridge and Main street, Cambridge," dated August 14, 1899, signed by A. L. Plimpton, civil engineer, and to be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk of Cambridge.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of William Jackson, Chief Engineer, and be approved by him.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That when notified of the passage of the two votes passed to-day granting said company the right to lay double tracks on the temporary bridge and to use the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power thereon, the West End Street Railway Company be requested to make at once the promised contribution of \$8,000 to the Cambridge bridge appropriation, one-half of said sum to be paid to the City Collector of the City of Boston and the other half to the City Collector of the City of Cambridge, and the said contribution to be credited by them to the appropriation for Cambridge bridge.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That the action of Commissioners Quincy and Champlin in signing on July 26 an acceptance of the proposal of the New England Dredging Company, submitted July 17, for dredging near the temporary pile bridge in Charles river, for the sum \$4,200, be, and hereby is, ratified and confirmed. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 31, page 566.)

The third approximate estimate of work done and material furnished by William J. Lawler on the temporary highway bridge across Charles river, under his contract dated April 27, 1899, and amounting to \$2,719.15, was received from the Chief Engineer.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That the same be certified for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, one-half thereof to be paid by each city, and that the Chairman be authorized to draw special drafts in payment thereof.

A petition was received from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts asking permission of the Commission to attach to the temporary bridge lead cables, cable-boxes and submarine cables, similar to those now attached to the West Boston bridge.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to attach lead cables to the West Boston temporary highway bridge from the Boston end of the bridge to the draw and from the draw to the Cambridge end of the bridge, and to place cable-boxes at, and submarine cables under, the draw; provided, however, that the right to attach such lead cables, cable-boxes and submarine cables is granted upon condition that the whole work of attaching said cables and cable-boxes, the method of attachment, and the form and quality of cable used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of William Jackson, Chief Engineer of the bridge, and shall be approved by him.

The permission hereby granted shall become null and void when the new Cambridge bridge, to be constructed by this Commission, shall be opened to public travel.

A communication was received from Lieut.-Col. A. MacKenzie, of the office of the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, notifying the Commission of the approval by the Secretary of War of the modification of the established harbor lines on Charles river, at the Cambridge and Boston ends of the proposed new bridge, as shown on a drawing marked "Plan of proposed relocation of pier and bulkhead lines at the Boston and Cambridge ends of Cambridge bridge," dated April, 1899, and signed by William Jackson, Chief Engineer.

Placed on file.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Cambridge be hereby requested to grant permission to construct a temporary approach from the new temporary highway bridge to Main street, in accordance with a plan made by the Chief Engineer and to be submitted to said Board with this request.

A communication was received from the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Cambridge asking to be reimbursed for the park lands taken by the Commission for the widening of Main street as an approach to the new Cambridge bridge on the Cambridge side, and submitting a statement of the amount expended by the said Board in the purchase of and upon the land taken for the approach, amounting to \$3,782.83.

The communication was placed on file, and, on motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That the Secretary of the Commission be authorized to settle with the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Cambridge for the portion of the esplanade taken by the Commission by the vote passed on July 1, 1899, as an approach to the new Cambridge bridge on the Cambridge side, for the sum of thirty-seven hundred and eighty-two (3,782) dollars and eighty-three (83) cents, said amount to be paid in full by the City of Cambridge.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That the bill of Mr. L. N. Hannum for the appraisal of the estates on both sides of Main street, Cambridge, and amounting to forty (40) dollars be approved, the said bill to be paid in full by the City of Cambridge.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That the schedule of bills and pay-rolls, amounting to \$2,406.87, presented by the Chief Engineer of the Commission for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, be certified by the Commission for payment by the respective cities of Boston and Cambridge.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That because of the loss at sea of the vessel containing the heavy timber required by Mr. William J. Lawler to do the work called for under his contract dated April 27, 1899, and of unavoidable delays resulting from the difficulty in obtaining similar timbers, on account of which he was unable to complete the said work until August 15, the time allowed him under said contract for finishing the work be extended to August 15, 1899.

The fourth and final estimate of work done and material furnished by William J.

Lawler, under his contract dated April 27, 1899, on the draws and piers for the temporary highway bridge across Charles river, and amounting to \$3,729.85, together with a schedule of certain extra work done and materials furnished, amounting to \$785.30, making a total amount of \$4,515.15, was received from the Chief Engineer.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the amounts allowed for the said extra work and materials be approved, and that the estimate received, amounting to \$4,515.15, be certified for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, one-half thereof to be paid by each city, and that the Chairman be authorized to draw special drafts in payment thereof.

A communication was received from Mr. William J. Lawler, offering to set all shafting, boxes, gearing and chains, and to furnish all necessary blocking and bolts, for the temporary West Boston bridge for the sum of \$150.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That the said offer of Mr. William J. Lawler be accepted.

Adjourned.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, August 21, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The following message was received from His Honor the Mayor:

Veto—Closing of Public Alley.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 16, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval an order granting permission to McNeil Brothers to close to public travel the public alley No. 435, District No. 5, running between Clarendon and Dartmouth streets. I am in receipt of a report from the Superintendent of Streets stating that McNeil Brothers have for a month past closed this alley without any permission, that it has been a matter of inconvenience to the persons abutting on the alley, and that there is very general complaint on their part. I am informed that the work has now advanced sufficiently to permit of its continuance by using the sidewalk of the alley only, without closing the roadway.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the said order was passed was reconsidered, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following was approved August 14, 1899:

The constable's bond of Francis F. Harrington.

The following were approved August 16, 1899:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Daniel D. Rourke, two transparencies, at 2½ Charter street, Ward 6.

George E. Pierce, sign, at 61 Bromfield street, Ward 7.

Ike A. Stearns, sign, at 51 Hancock street, Ward 8.

Frank T. Brough, M.D., illuminated sign, at 11 Winter street, Ward 7.

Vincent L. Trombetta, sign, at 309 Cambridge street, Ward 8.

S. B. Condit, jr., & Co., sign, at 63 Oliver street, Ward 7.

B. M. Wollenberg, sign, at 410 Tremont street, Ward 9.

Order authorizing a permit to Connery & Wentworth, to erect, maintain and use gyp-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Allen and Charles streets, viz.:

One on Allen street, at corner of Charles street.

One on Charles street, opposite the grounds of the Massachusetts General Hospital, for use in the construction of a new building for said Hospital, Ward 8.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to C. S. Packard to move a building, it being pitch roof, thirty-six feet in length by thirty feet in width, by twenty feet in height, from present location on North Harvard street, near Willow place, along said street to an unnamed street, near South street, Ward 25, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the open space formed by the junction of Columbia road, Dudley and Stoughton streets, be and hereby is named Columbia square.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to furnish the necessary facilities for transportation and target practice for the troops of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, stationed in Boston, during the present season, at an expense not exceeding \$4,000; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

The following were approved August 17, 1899:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the Thompson & Norris Co., to lay down, maintain and use, for the transportation of freight, a single track across Everett street, Brighton, at grade, between Braintree street and the southerly line of the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad; said tracks being shown by lines on a plan made by William Watt dated August, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said Thompson & Norris Co. shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order, otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:

Dorchester avenue, five poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, sidewalk ten feet wide; plan dated June 12, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gaslight Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots, on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Rolland A. Davidson; said poles to be located as follows:

Wirt street, Ward 25, two poles, thirty feet by twelve inches, sidewalk, six feet six inches wide, plan dated May 26, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gaslight Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets made by Rolland A. Davidson; said poles to be located as follows:

Linden street, Ward 25, six poles, thirty feet by twelve inches, sidewalk six feet six inches wide; plan dated June 19, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on

a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Charles A. Pearson; said poles to be located as follows:

Water street, Ward 5, two poles, forty-five feet by fourteen inches, sidewalk eight feet wide, plan dated May 18, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company to lay and maintain underground conduits for electric wires and cables, provided with suitable manholes in from the corner of Warren avenue and Front street across Warren avenue, and in Water street to the corner of Charles River avenue.

The surface of said streets shall be disturbed for the purpose of laying or repairing cables or conduits therefore only at such times and in such manner and place of opening as the Superintendent of Streets shall indicate and issue permits therefor; and the surface of said streets shall not be disturbed as above until a plan has been filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets showing the location of said underground conduits and manholes in the aforesaid streets.

All the work of laying said conduits to be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 38, Section 14, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Order authorizing a permit to Lotta M. Crabtree, to construct, maintain and use an area with granite and sidewalk light covers, 625-631 Washington street, Ward 7, as shown on a plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

The following were approved August 18, 1899:

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work in the sidewalk in front of estates, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Daniel M. Driscoll, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, four feet by three feet, with a wooden cover, 161½ Tyler street, Ward 7.

Jacob Schwartz, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, four feet by five feet, with a wooden cover, 80 Village street, Ward 9.

Pierce J. Grace to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening four feet six inches by four feet six inches, with a sidewalk light cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Motte street, at the Columbia Theatre, Ward 9.

ORDERS PASSED NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow city employees who are mem-

bers of veteran firemen's organizations leave of absence, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services to the city, on August 24 and 25, 1899, to attend the muster of veteran firemen's organizations at Fall River.

Ordered, That the City Engineer be requested to inform the Board of Aldermen the reason for the delay on the construction of bridge at Richfield street, Ward 20, being a part the Columbia Road improvement.

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Bath Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to this Board at its next meeting the reasons for the reduction in the wages of the employees of the Department.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor request the Superintendent of Public Grounds to expend the appropriation of \$5,000 for trees, in trimming the trees of dead limbs throughout all sections of the city; the balance, if any, to be expended in planting young trees.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

The four following orders were presented to the Mayor, August 8, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate two boulevard gas lamps in Central square park; the expense attending the same to be charged to appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of 275 Eustis street, and that the expense attending the same be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim trees in front of 30 West Fifth street, Ward 13, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 360 Centre street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of importations and exportations, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of July, 1899, as compared with the corresponding month of 1898:

	Imports.		Exports.	
	July, 1899	July, 1898	July, 1899	July, 1898
Value	\$4,752,684	10,012,470	\$3,755,978	7,744,234
Vessels.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
July, 1899	225	244,555	220	218,064
July, 1898	182	175,967	245	180,057
Arrival of passengers, July, 1899				2,114
Arrival of passengers, July, 1898				1,520

Awards of Contracts.

Metropolitan Water Board.

Proposals for excavating earth, building a masonry gate-chamber, inlet conduit and core wall in connection with the improvement of Spot Pond in Medford and Stoneham were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on Thursday, August 17, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
H. W. Wilson and W. B. Munroe, jr., Boston	\$42,364
P. H. Fitzgerald, New London	44,345
R. D. Shanahan, Boston	47,250
Jones & Meehan, Boston	49,870
Guy C. Emerson, Boston	51,588
H. A. Hanscom & Co., Boston	52,405
Thomas Hurley & Co., Lynn	53,886
James Driscoll & Son, Brookline	55,055
Coleman Brothers, Charlestown	55,390
Bruno & Salomone, East Boston	55,690
The C. H. Eggle Company, Boston	57,300
Moulton & O'Mahoney, Boston	58,475

NOTE.—The principal items of work to be done are 47,000 cubic yards of earth and rock excavation, 3,500 cubic yards of riprap and 2,250 cubic yards of concrete masonry.

The contract was awarded to P. H. Fitzgerald.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for constructing a macadam road in Lauriat avenue were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on August 16, 1899, as follows:

Telford macadam road Lauriat avenue:

Bidders.	Bids.
T. F. Bradley	\$3,117 31
James McGovern	3,621 20
James Doherty & Co.	3,944 00
J. L. Bryne & Co.	4,040 20
Collins & Ham	4,195 41
D. E. Lynch	4,416 80

The contract was awarded to Timothy F. Bradley.

Proposals for paving and regulating Public alley 101 (Chair alley) were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on August 22, as follows:

Patrick McGovern	\$877 48
J. D. O'Rourke	1,200 00
J. Turner & Co.	1,279 00
D. E. Lynch	1,315 00
Ward & Conlin	1,400 00
D. J. Lynch	1,825 00

The contract was awarded to Patrick McGovern.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Proposals for constructing a macadam road in Chiswick road were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on August 11, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
J. L. Bryne & Co.	\$3,358 00
Frank R. Kimball	3,575 00
Collins & Ham	3,637 01
P. Doherty	3,638 00
J. Driscoll & Son	3,659 00
D. E. Lynch	4,151 00

The bids were rejected.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending August 12, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	22.2
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898	27.9
Number of deaths:	
Males	119
Females	112
Total	231
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	283
Decrease	52

Of the 231 decedents, 223 were white and 8 colored; 166 were born in the United States, 63 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 2 was unknown; 52 were of American parentage, 154 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 25 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	61	6
Scarlatina	18	2
Typhoid fever	12	7
Measles	10	1
Totals	101	16

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	25
Pneumonia	8
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	16
Bronchitis	2
Marasmus	13
Violent causes	11
Total from principal causes	77
Total from infectious diseases	16
Total from other causes	138
Total from all causes	231

Deaths of children under 1 year	81
Deaths of children under 5 years	106
Deaths of persons over 60 years	46
Deaths in public institutions	54

FIRE AT RAINSFORD ISLAND.

A serious fire in the main building of the Reformatory Institution for Boys on Rainsford Island, Boston Harbor, occurred on Saturday evening, August 19, 1899, at 7.15 o'clock.

The fire was discovered by Superintendent Anthony, who immediately rang the fire-alarm bell, and a systematic fight to prevent the spread of the flames was commenced by the officers and boys. Requests for assistance were responded to from the Long Island Institution, the steamer "John Howard," the Fire Department and the Police Department, and assistance was volunteered by a company of United States soldiers stationed at Fort Strong at Long Island, who gave efficient aid.

Owing to the strenuous efforts of the officers and crew of the "John Howard," the members of the Fire Department and the

officers and boys of the institution, the fire was soon under control, but it was not until 11 o'clock that the flames were completely extinguished. During the excitement at the Island ten boys escaped in a boat, and are still at liberty.

The Trustees and Superintendent immediately began an investigation, and discovered that the fire had been started by some of the boys. These boys (four in number) have been sent to Boston, to be brought before the courts.

The upper two-thirds or three-quarters of the north-east half of the building was practically destroyed and the lower parts were somewhat injured. Other portions of the building were injured by water and in other ways. A part of the contents was saved in a damaged condition. The loss is estimated at \$15,000 or \$20,000.

As all the dormitories were rendered useless, and the kitchen somewhat damaged, it was necessary to send some of the boys temporarily to Deer Island.

The arrangement will last only until the boys can be cared for at Rainsford Island.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

August 17, 1899.

General Order No. 614.

Deputy Superintendents William H. Pierce and James M. Coulter and Captain Dennis Donovan are hereby appointed a Board of Examiners to examine and inspect reserve police officers named in this order, who have served the probationary term of six months or more, as to their qualifications for appointment as patrolmen on the police force. The said Board will report the result of its examination to the Superintendent as soon as it is completed.

The Board will meet in the "hearing room," 29 Pemberton square, at 9 o'clock A.M., Monday, August 21, and the following-named reservemen will then and there attend for examination:

Division 2—Alexander Lindsay and John M. Lobrovich.

Division 4—George A. Whitney, James J. McBrien, Jeremiah O'Keeffe and Herbert Paul.

Division 5—Cornelius J. Reardon and Ward E. Neily.

Division 10—Charles A. Bowers and William V. Chisolm.

Division 11—Thomas Delahunt.

Division 15—Albert A. Foster.

Division 16—Patrick H. Kirley and Dennis L. Murphy.

At the suggestion of General Davis, Governor-general of Porto Rico, Secretary of War Root has appointed a Central Porto Rican Relief Committee, to whom all local committees are to report, so that confusion and waste in the use of money and supplies for the relief of the sufferers may be avoided. His Honor Mayor Quincy, or such representative as he may choose to designate, has been appointed a member of this central committee.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 1899.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	310	49	359	193	141	25	193	39	57	359	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	46	—	46	11	25	10	6	8	30	46	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	225	34	259	101	146	12	82	53	94	255	4
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	19	3	22	8	1	13	3	—	18	22	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	5	3	8	4	4	—	3	2	1	8	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	47	13	60	15	37	8	45	2	3	60	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	27	22	49	16	31	2	23	4	5	49	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,613	329	2,942	200	2,669	73	1,488	1,015	284	2,729	213
Totals	3,292	453	3,745	548	3,054	143	1,843	1,123	492	3,528	217

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	1	—	11	1	33	2	88	7	65	7	43	7	32	12	15	5	9	5	5	2	4	1	4	—
No. 2.	3	—	13	—	11	—	4	—	5	—	6	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3.	1	—	29	—	53	4	38	7	30	8	25	4	24	5	10	1	6	2	5	1	—	2	4	—
No. 4.	4	—	5	—	5	—	3	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6.	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	10	1	11	4	5	2	5	2	10	2	3	—	—	1	—	—
No. 7.	—	—	—	—	2	1	4	7	7	7	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	—	1	—
No. 8.	21	8	72	6	141	14	313	35	483	66	397	54	382	51	282	33	211	36	132	11	80	4	99	11
Totals	31	8	130	7	248	21	450	62	603	89	488	72	449	71	313	42	237	47	148	15	87	8	108	11

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	29	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	11	Males	15
Missing persons reported	33	Females	—
Missing persons found	7	Americans	10
Lost children restored	236	Foreigners	5
Sick and injured persons assisted	329	Non-residents	15

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,902	10	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,716	15
British Provinces	280	—	Finland	3	—
Ireland	995	3	Denmark	2	—
England	116	—	Holland	—	—
France	5	—	Wales	2	—
Germany	35	1	East Indies	2	—
Italy	107	—	West Indies	3	—
Russia	79	—	Turkey	1	—
China	46	—	South America	4	—
Greece	35	—	Switzerland	2	—
Sweden	46	—	Belgium	—	—
Scotland	41	—	Africa	—	—
Spain	1	—	Hungary	—	—
Norway	16	—	Arabia	—	—
Poland	6	1	Mexico	—	—
Austria	4	—	Australia	—	—
Portugal	2	—	Armenia	—	—
Roumania	—	—	Syria	2	—
<i>Carried forward</i>	3,716	15	Totals	3,745	15

Board Meetings.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held August 2, 1899.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Messrs. Pierce, Stuart, Mullen, Kerrigan and Sproules, Mrs. Quinn and Miss O'Brien.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending July 10, 1899, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To approve bill of John J. Bench for services as janitor, while the permanent janitor was on his vacation (two weeks), at \$15 per week.

The Chairman read the letter of the Secretary to the Superintendent of the City Hospital continuing the discussion as to patients having funds, but whose bills are sent to this Board for collection. No reply has as yet been received from Dr. Rowe.

A communication was received from Dr. Henry Shaw resigning his position as settlement clerk, to take effect September 30, 1899, on account of finding himself "unable by reason of waning strength and capacity to properly perform the increasing duties."

On motion of Mr. Sproules, it was voted that the resignation of Dr. Shaw, to take effect September 30, 1899, be accepted with regret.

Voted, That the Board elect Mr. William H. Hardy as settlement clerk, and at the same salary as heretofore paid, in place of Dr. Shaw, resigned as of September 30, 1899, provided he passes an examination before the Civil Service Commission; and that the Chairman ask the Civil Service Commission to order a non-competitive examination of Mr. Hardy for the above position.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to ask the Civil Service Commission for a special examination for the position of visitor of this Board, to fill the vacancy which will be caused by the promotion of a visitor to the position of settlement clerk, said examination to be open to men only.

The Committee on Finance reported having examined the accounts for the months of June and July and found them correct. The report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

By request of the Committee on Supplies, its Chairman was authorized to employ John J. Bench as temporary assistant in the grocery department during the vacations of the regular employees, at \$12 per week.

The report of the Temporary Home was read by the Secretary and was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The report on the Wayfarers' Lodge was read by the Chairman and was accepted and ordered placed on file.

By request of the Committee on Buildings it was authorized to have the boilers examined.

By request of the Committee on the Home it was voted that Margaret O'Brien and Mary Murphy be removed from the Home to the Almshouse, at such time as the Committee

decide, and that Walter Barry be the agent of the Board to accomplish the removal.

The Committee on Burials reported that five bodies were given over to medical schools in July, in accordance with Chapter 479 of the Acts of 1898.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday August 14.

It was voted to pay John Roessle \$17,876.66 for damages occasioned his estate on Pynchon street by the extension of Columbus avenue.

Authority was given the owners to open Glenburn road, Bothwell road, Newcastle road, and Donnybrook road, at Brighton.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Kenney street, and of Mountain avenue.

Tuesday August 15.

Public hearings were given in the matter of relocating Washington street, at West Roxbury, from Morton street to Tower street; and in the matter of laying out Old Harbor place, as a highway with the name of Dixfield street.

A catch-basin was ordered to be built in Blue Hill avenue.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Linden Park street, and that Blackwell street may be laid out.

Friday, August 18.

It was voted to pay G. W. and J. T. Wheelwright, trustees, \$1,000 for damages occasioned their estate by the relocation of Forest Hills street.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Downer avenue and in Dartmouth street, and for the laying out of Fisher avenue:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, August 19, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office during the week ending August 19, 1899:

Number of mortgages	87
Number of discharges of mortgages	15
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of wages	52
Number of married women's certificates	7
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1
Number of ship liens	3

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Building Department.

Old Court House, July 1, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved

and disapproved, for the week ending July 1, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	3	-	-	1	1	3	-	2	3	3
2...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	3
3...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	1
5...	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
6...	-	5	-	-	-	-	3	-	27	28	28
7...	2	4	-	-	2	-	5	-	10	40	40
8...	-	1	-	-	1	-	3	-	10	6	6
9...	1	1	-	-	1	1	3	-	3	11	11
10...	-	6	-	-	-	4	-	7	18	15	15
11...	3	7	-	-	1	-	6	-	9	15	15
12...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	15	15
13...	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	2	-	-
14...	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	2	2
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	7
16...	8	4	-	-	-	2	2	-	13	4	4
17...	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	5	12	12
18...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	7	2	2
19...	9	1	-	-	3	2	-	-	9	11	11
20...	8	5	6	-	-	2	3	-	2	34	34
21...	3	3	3	-	-	3	1	-	1	8	8
22...	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	11	8	8
23...	3	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	9	10	10
24...	2	1	1	-	-	3	2	-	7	15	15
25...	8	-	2	-	-	3	1	-	5	10	10
T'ls..	49	49	14	-	10	20	45	-	161	264	264

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, August 21, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending August 19, 1899, as follows:

David L. Brooks and Thomas J. Quinan have been appointed permanent substitutes, and assigned to Engine Company 22.

Permanent substitute James J. Doyle has been appointed a permanent member.

William E. Leavitt has been appointed a call substitute, with call-man's pay, for Engine Company 16.

J. J. Sullivan has been appointed senior hoseman of Engine Company 22.

The appointments of nine men to be auxiliary privates of the Boston Protective Department have been approved.

James J. Mungovan of Engine Company 26-35 has been dishonorably discharged for absence without leave and for being under the influence of liquor.

The following transfers have been made:

John M. Sullivan, Engine 23 to Engine 40; Thomas P. Higgins, Engine 40 to Engine 23; Edward A. Shea, Engine 44 to Engine 1; Walter Davey, Engine 1 to Engine 44; Lieut. Peter E. Walsh, Chemical 1 to Engine 7; Joseph A. Kelly, Engine 22 to Chemical 1; G. N. F. Getchell, Engine 8 to Engine 24; William J. Kane, Ladder 4 to Ladder 11; Charles A. Fernald, Ladder 11 to Ladder 4;

Victor H. Richer, Engine 25 to Engine 4;
J. H. Phelan, Engine 4 to Engine 25.

Ordered, That Daniel J. Coffey of Engine Company 26-35 be granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on Eliot street, August 17, 1899.

A fire-alarm box has been ordered located at the corner of Beach and Freeport streets, Dorchester.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, August 19, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

William A. Chamberlain, 121 River street, Ward 24, one horse; Henry C. Turner, Avon street, Ward 11, 150 horses; James Foley, 102 Shirley street, Ward 17, one cow.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

James Barrett, Wales place, Ward 20, twenty horses; hearing August 24, at 11 o'clock. Albert Fox, Metropolitan avenue, Ward 23, two horses; hearing August 24, at 11 o'clock. A. C. Burrage, Woodside avenue, Ward 23, two horses; hearing August 31, at 11 o'clock. John T. Keefe, Kemble street, corner of Gerard street, Ward 17; hearing August 31, at 11 o'clock. Lewis S. Houghton, 53 Chickatawbut street, Ward 24, one horse; hearing August 31, at 11 o'clock. Ellen Kehoe, 1221 Dorchester avenue, Ward 20, six horses; hearing August 31, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending August 19, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	5	8	13
Negative	37	40	77
No growth	4	2	6
Totals	46	50	96

Typhoid diagnoses: Fourteen cases; three cases positive, ten negative and one case unsatisfactory. Glanders, one case; positive.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, August 14, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending August 12, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	204	5
Females	38	—
Total	242	5
Offences:		
Against the person	8	—
Against property	9	5
Against public order and decency	228	—
Total	*245	5
Discharges:		
Males	170	4
Females	24	6
Total	194	10

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence	162	10
Permit of Commissioner	5	—
Payment of fine	25	—
Transferred to South Boston	2	—
Total	194	10
Population:		
August 5, 1899	1,167	460
Committed since August 5, 1899	242	5
Total	1,409	465
Discharged since August 5, 1899	194	10
August 12, 1899	1,215	455

*Three committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, July 17, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending July 15, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections	342
Defects reported	66
Defects corrected	31
Feet of dead wire removed	11,200
Feet of dead wire retained	300
Fixtures removed	20
Notices of new work received	24
Poles set	49

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company set on July 10 twelve poles on Northampton street, between Harrison and Shawmut avenues. On July 11 the Boston Electric Light Company set thirty-seven poles on Bowdoin street.

Investigation has been made of the fire at 44 Winter street at 12 M., July 13; the same was due to causes other than those of an electrical nature.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	271
Notices of new work received	91

Investigations have been made of two fires reported to be due to electrical causes; in but one case was this true, and that was the arcing of a defective switch of an arc lamp. No damage was done except to the lamp and the wires connecting it.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections	5
Lamp connections	11
Repairs	2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	44
Building connections	4
Lamp connections	4
Repairs	7
Cable drawings	12

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	8,088
Feet of duct laid	56,695
Feet of cable drawn in	26,555
Manholes built	37
Service connections made	16

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending August 19, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.0
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	27.8
Number of deaths:	
Males	110
Females	109
Total	219
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	282
Decrease	63

Of the 219 decedents, 211 were white and 8 colored; 156 were born in the United States, 59 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 40 were of American parentage, 145 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 34 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	54	6
Scarlatina	10	—
Typhoid fever	19	4
Measles	6	—
Totals	89	10

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	15
Pneumonia	7
Whooping cough	5
Heart disease	12
Bronchitis	5
Marasmus	8
Violent causes	11

Total from principal causes	63
Total from infectious diseases	10
Total from other causes	146

Total from all causes 219

Deaths of children under 1 year	76
Deaths of children under 5 years	97
Deaths of persons over 60 years	41
Deaths in public institutions	53

There were two cases of small-pox reported during the week.

PORTO RICAN RELIEF FUND.

The Porto Rican Relief Fund, which on Thursday, August 17, 1899, amounted to \$13,000 (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 33, page 592), on the date of this issue, August 24, amounts to about \$20,900.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 21, 1899.

A hearing will be given at the office of this Board, No. 64 Pemberton square, Boston, on Monday, August 28, at 3.30 P.M., to all interested in a petition of the New England Electric Vehicle Transportation Company for permission to operate electric vehicles in the parks.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,
LABAN PRATT,
JAMES M. PRENDERGAST,
Park Commission.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston will receive proposals, at its office, 64 Pemberton square, Boston, Mass., for erecting repair shops and storehouses at Franklin Park, and furnishing a bond in the sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the Engineer's office, Jamaica Park, Boston, fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at said office, 64 Pemberton square, before 4 P.M. of Wednesday, September 6, 1899, with a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal they deem best for the city, and notify all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,
LABAN PRATT,
JAMES M. PRENDERGAST,
Board of Park Commissioners.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, August 21, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double curves at the junction of Columbia road and Stoughton street, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated August 18, 1899, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 21, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will on Tuesday, the twelfth day of September, at 3 o'clock P. M. take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, August 21, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use an additional track on Cambridge street, in the Brighton District, so called, from the dividing line between the City of Cambridge and the City of Boston to a point on said Cambridge street about four hundred and twenty-five (425) feet westerly, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated August 18, 1899, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

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Passed.
A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, August 19, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use underground conduits for carrying its feed wires from its central power station, located on Harrison avenue, through said Harrison avenue to Rollins street; thence through said Rollins street to Washington street; and thence through said Washington street to a point on said street near Waltham street, with all necessary manholes and appliances and connections connecting with the overhead system of said company, all substantially as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated August 18, 1899 and filed herewith; the aforesaid plan and method of construction having been approved by the Commissioner of Wires.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

August 21, 1899.

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NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Your petitioners, a majority of the Directors of an Association formed for the purpose of organizing a corporation to be known as the Forest Hills and Quincy Street Railway Company, having complied with all provisions of law thereto enabling, pray that the following location of the tracks of the railway of said company may be granted, and that said railway may locate, lay, and maintain its tracks, with such turnouts, switches and connections with its car barns as may be needed, and erect and maintain the necessary poles and wires and other fixtures along the ways hereinafter named for the purpose of operating by electricity or other motive power, except steam, a street railway on, over and through the following streets of the City of Boston, viz.:

Commencing on Washington street near Morton street at Forest Hills, through Washington, Morton, Codman, Adams and Minot streets, and on Neponset avenue to a point on Neponset avenue near the track of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company; also on Morton street, from Codman street through Sanford street and Washington street to Codman street, and also on Marsh street to the easterly end thereof, the location of said tracks, switches, turnouts and poles being shown on a plan.

Your petitioners respectfully request that they may be allowed to make at their own expense such changes in the tracks and overhead system of the West End Street Railway Company or the Boston Elevated Railway Company on Dorchester avenue, Blue Hill avenue, Adams street and Neponset avenue as may be necessary.

ARTHUR BURNHAM,
JOHN A. DUGGAN,
WILLIAM C. LORING,
WILLIAM ROTCH.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, August 21, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Swett street, from and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Hampden street to Massachusetts avenue, thence on said Massachusetts avenue to Edward Everett square, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, connecting with the existing tracks of said company in Northampton street, Hampden street and Edward Everett square, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated August 21, 1899, and filed herewith.

Also that consent and permission be given said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said tracks herein petitioned for, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the necessary poles, wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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NOTICE.

August 11, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm, and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Cornell street, between Kittredge street and Washington street, Ward 23, five poles.
Eagle street, East Boston, Ward 1, two poles.
Bellevue street, one pole at Columbia road, Ward 20.
Also to remove pole from Eagle street, Ward 1.
Bellevue street, at Columbia road, Ward 20.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,
By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF EX-SENATOR WHITTIER.

The death of ex-Senator Charles Whittier occurred at his home in Roxbury on Monday, August 28, 1899.

Mr. Whittier was born in Vienna, Me., in 1829. After leaving school he learned a machinist's trade, with which he was connected all his life. At the time of his death, Mr. Whittier was President of the Whittier Machine Company.

In 1884 Mr. Whittier represented the Seventh Suffolk District in the Senate of Massachusetts. He was Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on Manufactures, and was a member of other important committees, including the Joint Special Committee on Census. Mr. Whittier was a trustee of Tufts College and Dean Academy, and was prominently connected with many business and charitable organizations.

DEATH OF MR. ISAAC PRATT, JR.

Mr. Isaac Pratt, jr., of Allston, died on Saturday, August 26, 1899, at the advanced age of eighty-five years.

Mr. Pratt was a native of North Middleboro', Mass. In 1834 he came to Boston

and engaged in the hardware and iron business, with which he was prominently identified for a number of years. He was elected President of the Atlantic National Bank in 1869, and he continued in this office till 1897.

In 1875 Mr. Pratt represented the Tenth Middlesex District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and served as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Claims.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

Water Commissioner John R. Murphy has submitted to His Honor the Mayor the annual report of the Water Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1899. The report constitutes City Document 38, 1899, and from it the following extracts are made:

The net income of the Department shows a decrease as compared with last year, due to the taking of a portion of the city system by the State.

In addition to the usual detail work 33.6 miles of main pipe were laid, eight miles of which were relaid. The extension of the distribution service has so improved the supply in the Dorchester district that the Wayne-street pumping station at Elm Hill has been abandoned. The laying of pipes in Columbia road has progressed, and the new line of pipe for supplying the islands in the harbor has been almost laid to the seawall on Moon Island opposite Long Island. The system of salt-water mains (as an auxiliary fire service) has been extended so as to enable the fire-boats to make connections with the system, and its success thoroughly demonstrated by tests.

The apparatus for taking frost out of the ground that was used last winter has been much improved, enabling the Department to lay main pipe in the winter as well as in the summer.

A system of numbering hydrants throughout the city has been adopted, so that hereafter they will be known by their numbers, and the record of each is kept, showing the cost of maintenance, when and by whom inspected, etc.

There were established during last summer ten cold-water fountains, so that water could be furnished to the public in summer at a temperature pleasant for drinking purposes. This was accomplished by chilling the water by running it through small reser-

voirs and pipes surrounded with chopped ice, the ice and the pipes being enclosed in a box insulated on the outside by a patent material. The cost of supplying these fountains with ice was nominal, as they consumed less than 500 pounds each per day. On warm days the average number of people supplied per hour was over 600 for each fountain in the congested parts of the city. These fountains were found to be very acceptable to the public, and their patronage was so great as to create a demand for the extension of the system. Through the courtesy of the Eastern Cold Storage Company, plans for a cold-water fountain connected with their pipe line have been prepared, and the fountain will be located in Faneuil Hall square. The drinking fountain which has been adopted is artistic in its construction, and has received the approval of the Art Commission.

The Deacon service has been transferred from the Distribution to the Income Division. The methods in practice in the Meter Division have been changed, and the accounts there, as well as in the rest of the Department, are now being kept correctly. The Department has paid constant attention to electrolysis.

Under the head of the pressing needs of the Department, attention is called to the crowded condition of the yard of the Distribution Division at 710 Albany street, where there is a lack of sufficient area to perform the work in an economical manner. All castings, pipe, lumber, etc., used by the Department are received in this yard and thence distributed wherever the work may require. A year ago a part of this yard was transferred to the City Hospital. The Commissioner is of the opinion that the present wharf facilities should be increased at least one-half. It is essential also to completely modernize the machinery of the machine shop. By the adoption of new and improved machinery the work can be done at a great deal less cost than at the present time.

The style of post hydrants in use in the Department should be replaced by more modern hydrants. Now, when an engine attaches to a post hydrant, it is necessary to shut down the hydrant, in order that another engine can attach to the same hydrant. A few of the hydrants, however, are arranged with independent shut-offs to each outlet. The general adoption of this latter system of hydrants is the one recommended. This can be done gradually at a cost of about \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year. To meet the needs enumerated above, a special appropriation should be made.

On the Department roll dated January 30, 1896, there were 868 men eligible for

employment, of whom about 600 were at work. Commencing with the latter part of December, 1895, the balance had been suspended from time to time, in accordance with the yearly practice of the Department. These suspensions did not reach all grades of labor; they affected only those who were least able to bear it and whose services the Department is least able to dispense with, viz., the laborers on trench work and main pipe laying.

For the last three years all the men of the Department have been employed in winter as well as in summer, and not laid off on two-thirds, one-half or one-quarter time. On January 26, 1899, the last pay-day of the fiscal year 1898-99, there were on the payroll 885 men, or every man who was able to work. In order that the full force might be employed continuously, more day work has been done by the employees in each of the three years of the administration than in 1895. It would be natural to expect that under these conditions the yearly expenses of the Department would be increased, but such is not the fact. The amount of money expended during each of the fiscal years 1896, 1897 and 1898 is less than that expended in 1895, and the character and the amount of work done during any one of the years will compare more than favorably with that done during 1895. The appended statements of money expended and work done during the years in question will substantiate this statement:

1895-96.	
Current expenses	\$610,101 70
Extension of mains, etc.	251,984 94
Additional supply	382,819 01
	\$1,244,905 65
Paid on account of work done for corporations, etc.	18,648 71
Total	\$1,226,256 94
1896-97.	
Current expenses	\$591,550 42
Extension of mains, etc.	232,142 98
Additional supply	217,070 45
	\$1,040,763 85
Paid on account of work done for corporations, etc.	17,366 14
Total	\$1,023,397 71
1897-98.	
Current expenses	\$623,476 51
Extension of mains, etc.	281,782 32
Additional supply	179,879 01
	\$1,085,137 84
Paid on account of work done for corporations, etc.	13,300 73
Total	\$1,071,837 11
1898-99.	
Current expenses and extension of mains — one appropriation	\$808,582 59
From loan of \$200,000, issued November, 1898, for extension of mains	152,601 63
	\$961,184 22
Paid on account of work done for corporations, etc.	47,798 94
Total	\$913,385 28

The amounts expended during the above years upon portions of the Water Department system now held by the State, estimated as closely as possible, are as follows:

1895-96	\$233,482 98
1896-97	200,608 84
1897-98	168,862 83
1898-99	14,557 91

The amount for the year 1898-99 (\$14,557.91) subtracted from the total amount as stated (\$913,385.28) would leave \$898,827.37 as the net expenditure for that year. The total amount for the year 1897-98, that is, including the amounts paid on account of portions taken by the State, was \$1,071,837.11, showing a difference of expenditure between the two years of \$173,009.74, caused by the loss to the city of those portions of the Department taken by the State.

The following shows the number of miles of pipe laid by day labor during 1895-96 to 1898-99, inclusive:

	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.
By employees	23.1	33.4	28.04	32.0
By other than employees	4.9	3.0	0.16	1.6
Total	28.0	36.4	28.2	33.6

Of the above the following shows the amount of pipe relaid for the last four years:

1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.
15,840 feet.	45,408 feet.	36,960 feet.	42,240 feet.

The work in the machine, carpenter and blacksmith shops in each of the past three years was very much more than it was in 1895, and the same is true of the general work of the Department. Again, the work has been more varied during the last three years, especially during 1898. In this latter year two ice-houses were built, one at East Boston and the other at Brookline, and the ice needed to supply the fountains next summer was cut and stored, macadamized roads were built, nineteen fountains were established and eight abandoned.

The Commissioner is of the opinion that the doing of so much day work has been beneficial to the city, as the work done was of the best quality. This is illustrated by the laying of the salt-water mains for the extra fire service. The Department laid about one mile, which, at completion, was tested under a pressure of 180 to 220 pounds to the square inch, and no leak was shown.

The total receipts of the water works, from all sources, for the year ending January 31, 1899, were as follows:

Sales of water	\$2,124,514 30
Shutting off and letting on water and fees	6,776 75
Elevator, fire and service pipes, sale of old materials, etc.	67,819 53
Boston and Albany Railroad Company, on account of change of road-bed at Lake Cochituate	32,998 00
Interest on water works fund,	72,962 16
Total receipts	\$2,305,070 74
Less refunded water rates	4,209 93
Net receipts	\$2,300,860 81

The total expenditures of the water works, from revenue, for the year ending January 31, 1899, were as follows:

Current expenses	\$554,959 72
Extension of mains, etc.	253,622 87
	\$808,582 59
Interest on funded debt	\$841,792 52
Sinking-fund requirement, 1897-98	193,395 00
Metropolitan water assessment	285,600 54
Amount paid Chelsea, Somerville and Everett, under contracts	9,088 07
	1,329,876 13

Total expenditures \$2,138,458 72

Balance to general revenue account of city \$162,402 09

The following shows the cost of construction and condition of the water debt:

Cost of construction of water works to February 1, 1898	\$26,831,753 14
Cost of construction of water works to February 1, 1899	22,243,663 40

Decrease during the year \$4,588,089 74

Stock on hand February 1, 1898,	\$152,665 07
Stock on hand February 1, 1899,	137,755 55

Decrease during the year \$14,909 52

The outstanding Water Loans February 1, 1898, were	\$17,911,273 98
The outstanding Water Loans February 1, 1899, were	17,121,273 98

Decrease during the year \$790,000 00

The Water Sinking-Fund February 1, 1898, was	\$9,852,760 01
The Water Sinking-Fund February 1, 1899, was	9,487,119 88

Decrease during the year \$365,640 13

Net Water Debt February 1, 1898	\$8,058,513 97
Net Water Debt February 1, 1899	7,634,154 10

Decrease during the year \$424,359 87

Appended to Commissioner Murphy's report are the reports of the City Engineer and of the Superintendents of the Income and Distribution Divisions, including statistics of the operations and work of the Water Department, together with a series of reports of expert accountants, dating from 1896 to 1899, which show that recommendations made for improvements in methods and systems of book-keeping and accounting have been adopted and found to be working satisfactorily.

RESIGNATION OF SUPERINTENDENT ANTHONY.

At a meeting of the Children's Institutions Trustees, held on Monday, August 28, 1899, the resignation of Mr. John C. Anthony, Superintendent of the House of Reformation for Boys, at Rainsford Island, on account of ill health, was presented and was accepted by the Trustees. Mr. Anthony was appointed to the position of Superintendent on December 16, 1898.

BOSTON PORTO RICO RELIEF COMMITTEE.

City Hall, August 23, 1899.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Boston Porto Rico Relief Committee was held Wednesday, August 23, 1899, at the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 3.15 P.M.

Present: All the members except Mr. Burnett.

On motion of Mr. Burnham, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The Chairman read a letter, which he had received from the Secretary of War, stating that in order to systematize the work of relief, he had organized a Central Porto Rican Relief Committee, to which he would request all local committees to report, and inviting the Mayor of Boston, or such representative as he may choose to designate, to act on such committee.

On motion of Mr. Burnham, it was

Voted, That Mayor Quincy be appointed as the representative of this committee on the Central Committee.

Mr. Burnham reported that the schooner "Camperdown" leaves Jamaica either to-day or to-morrow morning, with about 2,000 bunches of bananas and about 700 barrels of other supplies. This boat is larger and faster than the "Ida May," which was mentioned at first in connection with this shipment.

Mr. Preston submitted the following list, showing all supplies purchased to date:

Purchased before the organization of the committee:

A. Shuman & Co. — Eighty dozen overalls and jumpers, and six packing cases.

Potter & Wrightington — Two hundred quintals of dry bank cod and fifty packing boxes.

Caswell, Livermore & Co. — Nine 400-pound drums of medium dry cod, eight 400-pound drums of large dry cod and seventeen drums.

John F. Neill — Five dozen of Horlick's malted milk.

Overseers of the Poor — One barrel of peas (5 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels); twelve bundles of salt fish (1,200 pounds net) and two bundles of rice (665 pounds net).

Purchased since the organization of the executive committee:

Shepard, Norwell & Co. — Four cases of cotton cloth; fifty dozen spools of thread and 5,000 needles.

Allan Brothers — Two stencils and ink.

Potter & Wrightington — Six hundred and seventeen quintals of fish; 200 quintals of fish and 200 cases.

E. T. Russell & Co. — Two hundred quintals of codfish.

DeLong & Seaman — Four hundred quintals of codfish.

Boston Fruit Company — Schooner loaded with about 1,000 bunches of bananas; 500 barrels of sweet potatoes, yams and plantains and a deck load of lumber.

Fowle, Hibbard & Co. — One hundred and twenty-five bags (about 334 bushels) of beans.

Blaney, Brown & Co. — Two hundred barrels of flour.

A. B. Hall & Co. — Ten thousand pounds of broken rice.

The total cost of the above, including freight and transfer charges, and cash to the amount of \$1,000 to De Ford & Co., was \$15,567.82.

On motion of Mr. Burnham, it was

Voted, That the Secretary of this committee communicate to the National Central Committee what has already been done by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Burnham, it was

Voted, That the Secretary and Mr. Pettingill be appointed a special committee to keep before the public all news in relation to the Porto Rico sufferers and the doings of this committee in relation thereto.

On motion of Mr. Dumaresq, it was

Voted, That five hundred (500) dollars be placed at the disposal of the Women's Auxiliary Committee, with headquarters at San Juan, for the purpose of relief.

On motion of Mr. Burnham, it was

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay all bills that are approved by the member of this committee contracting the same and the Chairman of the committee.

On motion of Mr. Burnham, it was

Voted, That Mr. Preston be authorized to purchase 200 additional quintals of fish for shipment in early September.

Adjourned.

CHARLES H. COLE, Secretary.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following special examinations which can be taken in Boston by any citizen of the United States complying with the requirements:

September 5 and 6 — For the position of aid, United States coast and geodetic survey, Treasury Department, at a salary of \$720 per annum. Also for the position of computer in the same service, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum, and also for the position of assistant draftsman, ordnance department, Navy Yard, Washington, D.C., at a salary of \$772 per annum.

October 3, 4 and 5 — For the position of mechanical draftsman, ordnance depart-

ment, Mare Island Navy Yard, San Francisco, Cal., at \$4 per diem. For the position of assistant ship draftsman qualified in designing electrical machinery for war vessels, at the Newport News, Va., shipyards.

October 17, 18, 19 and 20 — For the positions of ship draftsman and assistant ship draftsman, bureau of construction and repair, Navy Department, at Newport News, Va., and Portsmouth, N.H., at \$5 and \$6 per diem, respectively. For the position of assistant draftsman at Boston, Mass., at \$4 per diem. Also for the position of heating and ventilating draftsman, supervising architect's office, Washington, D.C.

October 28 — For the position of inspector of standards (office of standards, weights and measures) United States coast and geodetic survey, Treasury Department, at a salary of \$3,000 per annum.

Application blanks (Forms 304 and 375) can be obtained on application to Mr. Edward E. Stebbins, Secretary Joint Board of Examiners, Room 141, Post Office building, or to the Commission at Washington, D.C., and should be properly executed and promptly returned to the Commission at Washington.

MALDEN BRIDGE.

The following is a copy of the correspondence between His Honor the Mayor and the Secretary of War relative to the location and plans of the proposed bridge across Mystic river, near the site of Malden bridge:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, July 11, 1899.

HON. RUSSELL A. ALGER, Secretary of War, Washington, D.C.

SIR: The City of Boston hereby respectfully requests permission to construct and complete a pile bridge across Mystic river at or near the site of the so-called Malden bridge in the City of Boston, in conformity with the accompanying plans.

A copy of the license for this bridge, granted by the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Washington, August 12, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor, Boston.

SIR: Referring to your application of the eleventh ultimo, I have the honor to transmit herewith for retention an instrument approving the order of location and plans of the bridge to be constructed by the City of Boston across Mystic river, at or near the site of the so-called Malden bridge, at Boston, Massachusetts, subject to the conditions set forth in said instrument.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

August 17, 1899.

General Order No. 615.

I. In the matter of the complaint made by Horatio F. Keyser against Sergeant George F. Howe, of Division 10, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the Board finds the said Sergeant Howe not guilty and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Reserve Officer Patrick J. Fitzgerald, of Division 4, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, in that he left his route without permission and went to sleep while on duty, the Board finds the said Reserve Officer Fitzgerald guilty and sentences him to be dismissed from the police force.

August 18, 1899.

General Order No. 616.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolmen George A. Jordan and Richard F. Quirk, both of Division 4, to wit: Alleged acts of oppression and tyranny and alleged conduct unbecoming officers, the Board finds the said Patrolmen Jordan and Quirk not guilty, and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

II. Patrolman Francis M. Peckham, of Division 12, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for six years; being an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion; and having requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898; it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Francis M. Peckham be retired from active service in the Police Department and placed upon the pension-roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement; said retirement to take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock P.M., Saturday, nineteenth instant.

August 23, 1899.

General Order No. 617.

The following-named reserve police officers, having served the probationary term of six months or more, and having passed a satisfactory examination to make them eligible for appointment in the permanent force, are hereby appointed patrolmen in the police force of the City of Boston and assigned for duty at the several divisions where they now are, viz.:

Jeremiah O'Keeffe, Division 4; William V. Chisholm, Division 10; Thomas Delahunt, Division 11; Patrick H. Kirley, Division 16; Dennis L. Murphy, Division 16.

They will report at the clerk's office, headquarters, at 9.30 o'clock A.M., Friday, the twenty-fifth instant, to be sworn.

This order will take effect at roll-call at 5.45 o'clock P.M., Thursday, the twenty-fourth instant.

August 25, 1899.

General Order No. 618.

Reserve Officer Norman A. Eaton, of Division 6, having been commended by his captain for meritorious service in stopping a pair of runaway horses attached to a caravan on West First street, on the twentieth instant, he is hereby commended in General Orders and granted two days' additional vacation.

August 26, 1899.

General Order No. 619.

I. Captain Romanzo H. Wilkins, Keeper of City Prison, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for forty-three years, it is hereby

Ordered, His Honor the Mayor having approved the same, that the said Captain Wilkins be retired from active service and placed upon the pension roll with pay at the rate of \$1,000 per annum, being one-half the compensation received by him in the office from which he is retired.

In announcing the retirement of Captain Wilkins, the Board desires to express its appreciation of the valuable service rendered the city during the long term he has been connected with the Department.

Captain Wilkins has honored his chosen profession and retires from office with the respect and esteem of the community, which he has so faithfully served.

II. The detail heretofore known as "Special Street Squad" is hereby abolished.

III. Inspector Charles W. Boyer is assigned to Police Headquarters as Inspector of Hackney Carriages.

IV. The following transfers in the Department are hereby ordered:

CAPTAINS.

Laurence Cain, from Division 1 to Division 4; George A. Wyman, from Division 4 to Division 9; Timothy A. Hurley, from Division 9 to City Prison; Frederic G. Hoffman, from Division 10 to Division 1; Thomas C. Evans, from Special Street Squad to Division 16; Henry Dawson, from Division 16 to Division 10.

LIEUTENANTS.

Daniel A. Ritter, from Division 1 to Division 4; John A. Brickley, from Division 2 to Division 10; George C. Garland, from Division 3 to Division 5; Otis F. Kimball, from Division 4 to Division 1; John T. O'Lalor, from Division 5 to Division 12; Oscar E. Boynton, from Division 6 to Division 16; Millard M. Frohock, from Division 7 to Division 2; James E. Sargent, from Division 9 to Division 7; Charles C. J. Spear, from Division 10 to Division 15; William O. Libby, from Division 11 to Division 9; Henry J. Walkins, from Division 12 to Division 16; Forrest F. Hall, from Division 14 to Division 3; William Fottler, from Division 15 to Division 6; Francis H. Briggs, from Division 16 to Division 14; Oscar H. Peare, from Division 16 to Division 11.

SERGEANTS.

Nathan A. Simonds, from Division 1 to headquarters and assigned to duty in office of Inspector of Hackney Carriages; Rufus G. Fessenden, from Division 1 to Division 2; Charles H. Denton, from Division 2 to Division 9; James E. Prendergast, from Division 2 to Division 7; Hayden J. Ringer, from Division 2 to Division 15; Daniel F.

Eagan, from Division 3 to Division 13; William J. Burnett, from Division 3 to Division 2; William J. Lowery, from Division 3 to Division 5; Michael O'Neil, from Division 4 to Division 3; Joseph A. Cassidy, from Division 4 to Division 2; Daniel H. Bridgman, from Division 5 to Division 12; John H. Morse, from Division 6 to Division 7; James E. Hines, from Division 6 to Division 4; William H. Rideout, from Division 7 to Division 15; Thomas M. Mullen, from Division 7 to Division 14; Charles H. Tighe, from Division 9 to Division 11; John A. O'Rourke, from Division 9 to Division 3; George F. Howe, from Division 10 to Division 1; James J. Walkins, from Division 10 to Division 9; George A. Roher, jr., from Division 10 to Division 3; Timothy J. Murphy, from Division 11 to Division 10; Charles Maynes, from Division 12 to Division 14; William A. Gunn, from Division 13 to Division 10; William B. Murphy, from Division 14 to Division 16; Frank I. Jones, from Division 14 to Division 16; John J. Keefe, from Division 15 to Division 6; Matthew J. Dailey, from Division 15 to Division 10; George M. Carr, from Division 16 to Division 1; James E. Sanford, from Division 16 to Division 6; William F. Perry, from Special Street Squad to Division 4.

PATROLMEN.

Patrolmen transferred from the Special Street Squad to the following-named divisions:

George E. Aldrich, to Division 10; Edward M. Bates, to Division 2; Fred H. Bean, to Division 1; Patrick J. Bench, to Division 1; William B. Blazo, to Division 1; John H. Bohling, to Division 2; Michael C. Bresnahan, to Division 2; Charles E. Bullard, to Division 15; Levi W. Burr, to Division 5; James P. Canney, to Division 1; Fremont Chase, to Division 2; Jeremiah Clayton, to Division 2; Orlando H. Curtis, to Division 1; Daniel A. Doherty, to Division 4; William O. Dupee, to Division 2; John J. Good, to Division 1; Peter A. Hayes, to Division 1; Henry Hazlett, to Division 2; James F. Hogan, to Division 2; Stephen J. Kline, to Division 2; Cornelius J. Lee, to Division 2; Michael F. Lee, to Division 6; John W. Little, to Division 2; David T. Long, to Division 4; Francis J. Mulligan, to Division 4; John H. Reagan, to Division 4; Charles T. Reardon, to Division 4; John H. Sanders, to Division 3; John T. Sheehan, to Division 1; George W. Watts, to Division 2.

Patrolmen transferred from one division to another division:

Thomas Delahunt, from Division 11 to Division 4; George W. Patterson, from Division 11 to headquarters; Joseph F. Loughlin, from Division 4 to Division 11; John Lane, from Division 5 to Liquor License Detail; Glenville S. Forbes, from Division 16 to Division 14; Malcolm D. Blue, from Division 14 to Division 1; John McLean, from Division 16 to Division 12; John Gallagher, from Division 14 to Division 2; John A. Connare, from Division 14 to Division 4; John F. Welch, from Division 10 to Division 16; John W. Riordan, from Division 4 to Division 13; Matthew Killen, from Division 12 to Division 10; James McFarland, from Division 2 to Division 14; Thomas E. Green, from Liquor License Detail to Division 16; Harrison Wilder, from Liquor License Detail to Division 5; Amos

Wright, from Liquor License Detail to Division 14; Albert R. Foster, from Division 15 to Liquor License Detail; William H. Allen, from Division 1 to Division 4.

RESERVE OFFICER.

Jeremiah J. Riordan, from Division 5 to Liquor License Detail.

V. Hereafter no special officer at a station house shall procure or serve search warrants for the illegal keeping of liquors, houses of ill-fame, or disorderly houses. Such warrants shall be procured at court, and served by the sergeant in charge of the first half of the night squad. The said sergeant shall, under the direction of his captain, keep search warrants in his possession until served or relieved from the duty. He shall make a detailed report descriptive of the condition of the house raided, liquors found, liquors taken, occupants of the houses, etc., and copies of such reports shall be sent to headquarters on the following morning.

VI. This order will take effect at 7.45 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, thirtieth instant.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending August 26, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.02
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	27.40
Number of deaths:	
Males	117
Females	102
Total	219
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	278
Decrease	59

Of the 219 decedents, 213 were white and 6 colored; 151 were born in the United States, 66 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 2 was unknown; 50 were of American parentage, 153 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 16 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	32	1
Scarlatina	16	1
Typhoid fever	36	4
Measles	4	—
Totals	88	6

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	21
Pneumonia	15
Whooping cough	4
Heart disease	14
Bronchitis	4
Marasmus	14
Violent causes	10

Total from principal causes	82
Total from infectious diseases	6
Total from other causes	131
Total from all causes	219

Deaths of children under 1 year	84
Deaths of children under 5 years	96
Deaths of persons over 60 years	43
Deaths in public institutions	57

There was one death from small-pox during the week.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved August 22, 1899:

Permits to project signs, bay-windows, etc.:
Alland Brothers, illuminated sign, at 19 Tremont row, Ward 6.

Mills, Knight & Co., V-sign, at 150 Congress street, Ward 7.

Man Fong Lowe Company, drum sign, at 90 Dover street, Ward 9.

Jake Bass, sign, at 1162½ Dorchester avenue, Ward 20.

C. M. Rudginsky, plank on which to suspend clothing, at 134 Dover street, Ward 9.

T. A. Dauphin, three barber-poles, at 121 Cambridge street, Ward 8.

Louis Jones, lantern and two barber-poles, at Cobb street, Ward 9.

Sam Sing, sign, at 65 Sullivan street, Ward 4.

Zieman & Seegal, two bay-windows, at 24 Anderson street, Ward 11.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates, said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the material specified, the owners of the said estates to furnish the material, viz.:

Sylvester B. Hinckley, Washington and Morse streets, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Dingwell Brothers, 214 Brooks street, Ward 1, of brick.

Anastasia Morrison, 477-483 East Third street, Ward 14, of brick.

Sarah E. and Charles E. Cook, trustees, 7-11 Morse street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Dingwell Brothers, 95 West Eagle street, Ward 1, of brick.

Hannah E. Foster, 503 Washington street, Ward 20, of brick.

L. Siskind, 3294-3314 Washington street, Ward 23, of brick.

B. F. Cobleigh, corner Birch and Brandon streets, Ward 23, of brick.

Gideon Currier, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Morse street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Frederick J. Rockwell, corner Richfield and Olney streets, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

John J. White, 80-82 West Third street, Ward 13, of brick.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to T. J. Billings to move a wooden building, pitch roof, twenty feet in length, by fifteen feet in width, by eighteen feet in height, from Franklin Field to Talbot avenue, thence along said avenue, Blue Hill avenue, Morton and River streets, to Centre avenue, to the Town of Milton, Ward 24, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. S. Angus, to move a wooden building, pitch roof, forty-two feet in length, by seventeen feet in width, by twenty-four feet in height, from rear of No. 319 Washington street, along Washington and Union streets,

to La Rose place, to stone foundation on said place, Ward 25, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Francis B. Gilbreth, to erect, maintain, and use one guy-post on Washington street, and one on Talbot avenue, with necessary ropes attached thereto; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to A. A. Elston & Co. to stretch, maintain, and use a guy-rope over and across Boylston street, in front of the old Public Library building estate; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. P. Nawn to erect, maintain, and use a guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Geneva avenue, near Columbia road, Ward 20; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police and mail wagons, for the parade of Portuguese societies on August 29, 1899, the following-named streets, unless they deem such action inadvisable, viz.:

North Bennet, Hanover, Battery, Commercial, Fleet, Hanover, Washington, School, Beacon, Arlington, Boylston and Berkeley streets.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Rolland A. Davidson, dated January 30, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Braintree street, Ward 25, eight poles, thirty-five feet high, twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet six inches.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Company to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Rolland A. Davidson, dated June 22, 1899; said pole to be located as follows:

Sparhawk street, Ward 25, one pole, thirty-five feet high, twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Rolland A. Davidson, dated February 27, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Fairbanks street, Ward 25, two poles, thirty-five feet high, twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Rolland A. Davidson, dated May 27, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Oak Square avenue, Ward 25, seven poles; Brackett street, Ward 25, five poles; all thirty-five feet high, twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, six feet six inches.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. A. Gould, dated April 2, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:

Commonwealth avenue, Ward 25, five poles, forty feet high, twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, twenty feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Rolland A. Davidson, dated June 20, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Cambridge street, Ward 25, forty-six poles, forty-seven feet high, eighteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet.

Harvard avenue, Ward 25, eighteen poles, forty-five feet high, sixteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Cambridge street thirty-six poles, and from Harvard avenue fifteen poles, as shown on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

The following were approved August 23, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Oliver Ames et al., trustees, to construct, maintain and use, an area one hundred and seven feet five inches by seven feet four inches and eight feet five inches, with sidewalk light covers, and two coal-hole openings, not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with covers of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Boylston street, formerly occupied by the old Public Library building, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Board establish the grade of Zeigler street, at Roxbury, between Washington street and Warren street, as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Zeigler street, marked "City of Boston, Zeigler street, Roxbury, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the revised grade of Dana street, at Roxbury, southwestwardly from Dudley street, as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Dana street, marked "City of Boston, Dana street, Roxbury, July 3, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the revised grade of Porter street, southwestwardly from Pleasant street, as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Porter street, marked "City of Boston, Porter street, Boston proper, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the revised grade of Corning street, between Porter street and Wheeler street, as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Corning street, marked "City of Boston, Corning street, city proper, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the revised grade of Kirkland street, northwardly and northeastwardly from Corning street, as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Kirkland street, marked "City of Boston, Kirkland street, Boston proper, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the revised grade of Wheeler street, northwardly and northeastwardly from Corning street, as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Wheeler street, marked "City of Boston, Wheeler street, Boston proper, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer,"

and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the grade of Dudley street, at Roxbury, from Washington street to Warren street, as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Dudley street, marked "City of Boston, Dudley street, Roxbury, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the grade of Warren street, at Roxbury, between Taber street and Dudley street, as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Warren street, marked "City of Boston, Warren street, Roxbury, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the revised grade of Pleasant street from Tremont street to Shawmut avenue, as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Pleasant street, marked "City of Boston, Pleasant street, Boston proper, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George A. Day et al., trustees, to construct, maintain, and use a bulkhead opening three feet by four and one-half feet, with a wooden cover under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 8 Cambridge street, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

ORDER PASSED OVER THE MAYOR'S VETO.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following order was passed over the Mayor's veto:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association to use for the purpose of burial a parcel of land situated in Ward 24, bounded as follows: North by Harvard street, east by Walk Hill street, southeast and south by land of E. W. Holbrook, George E. Smith and Henry F. Naphen, southwest and west by land of James M. Prendergast, as shown on plan herewith submitted.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting held on Monday, August 21, 1899, voted to adjourn till Friday, September 1, at 3 P.M.

The National Association of Municipal Electricians will hold its fourth annual meeting at Wilmington, Del., on September 5, 6 and 7. Among the members scheduled to contribute papers at the meeting are Commissioner Flood and Chief Electrician Brophy of the Boston Wire Department.

Awards of Contracts.

Hospital Department.

Proposals for furnishing the Hospital Department with 3,000 tons of hard white ash pea coal, to be delivered alongside the coal-pocket at the City Hospital, were opened by the Trustees on August 18, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids per ton.
E. B. Townsend	\$2 70
Hanson & Parker	2 85
Frank H. Jeffrey	2 73
J. A. Bradford & Co.	2 71
Metropolitan Coal Company	2 65
William A. Mehaffey	2 80

The contract was awarded to E. B. Townsend.

Proposals for making certain additions and alterations of the kitchen on the grounds of the City Hospital were opened by the Trustees on August 24, 1899, as follows:

George G. Baker	\$16,675
C. A. Dodge & Co.	16,997
M. F. & G. M. Miller	18,775
John F. Jacobs & Son	21,560

The contract was awarded to George G. Baker.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

City Hall, August 25, 1899.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held on August 25, 1899, at 3 P.M., at the office of the Chairman, No. 92 State street. There were present Messrs. Brackett, Hersey and Atteaux.

Voted, That there be paid to Messrs. Conners Brothers, contractors, the sum of \$2,975 as part payment for materials furnished and work done in the construction of a chapel at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Matters appertaining to the chapel now building at Mt. Hope Cemetery were discussed.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held August 14:

August 14, 1899.

The Superintendent recommended that the boundary walls on Morton street be returned on the Forest Hills traffic road to the bridge, and the road be made a public street. The Superintendent's recommendation was adopted and a request was sent to the Street Commissioners to lay out the road as a public highway.

A request of the Metropolitan Park Commission for concurrence in a deed of abandonment to the Boston and Albany Railroad

Company, of rights of way across the railroad location shown on Plan No. 203, Charles River Reservation, was received, and it was

Voted, To concur in said abandonment.

Communications were sent to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment requesting appropriations of \$500 and \$900 respectively, for Columbus avenue and Ashmont playgrounds; also to Mayor Quincy in regard to the buying and wearing of uniforms by park laborers.

Voted, That the plans of proposed shelter at Christopher Gibson playground, prepared by Wales & Holt, be accepted, and advertisement for proposals be issued.

Voted, To award the contract for building a wall on the southerly boundary of the Arboretum to Thomas F. Welch, under a bond for \$1,000. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 32, page 576.)

Voted, To advertise for proposals for erecting repair shops and storehouses at Franklin Park, to be received September 6, at 4 P.M.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, July 8, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending July 8, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	5	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	3	
2...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	
3...	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	
4...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
6...	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	10	
7...	1	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	4	12	
8...	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	5	
9...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	9	2	
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12...	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	4	7	
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14...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	3	
15...	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	
16...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	3	
17...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
18...	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	9	6	
19...	6	-	5	-	2	2	-	-	9	1	
20...	6	-	-	-	13	1	-	-	8	35	
21...	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	3	24	
22...	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	
23...	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	9	15	
24...	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	10	
25...	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	11	17	
T'ls.	22	32	10	-	7	31	10	1	114	184	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office during the week ending August 26, 1899:

Number of mortgages	86
Number of discharges of mortgages	15
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	3
Number of attachments	2
Number of assignments of wages	46
Number of married women's certificates	9
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of ship liens	3

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Building Department.

Old Court House, July 15, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending July 15, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	1	-	-	-	1	9	-	5	6	
2...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	3	
3...	3	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	3	
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	
5...	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	3	
6...	1	4	-	1	1	-	7	-	6	23	
7...	-	2	-	2	1	-	11	-	6	31	
8...	-	5	-	1	-	-	7	-	4	12	
9...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	20	
10...	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	15	
11...	-	2	-	-	-	-	8	-	11	12	
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	21	
13...	1	2	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	10	
14...	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	8	
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	14	
16...	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	3	8	
17...	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	13	
18...	-	1	-	-	1	-	5	-	2	22	
19...	2	-	-	-	11	1	1	-	5	3	
20...	1	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	7	42	
21...	1	1	-	-	1	-	8	-	9	11	
22...	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	6	
23...	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	7	16	
24...	5	1	2	-	-	2	5	-	6	15	
25...	-	4	-	2	-	-	6	-	2	12	
T'ls.	21	39	4	8	15	11	98	1	103	338	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, August 21, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending August 19:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	172	24
Females	27	2
Totals	199	26

Offences:		
Against the person . . .	12	5
Against property . . .	16	18
Against public order and decency	178	5
Totals	* 206	† 27
Discharges:		
Males	180	21
Females	28	3
Totals	208	24
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence, Permit of Commissioner	179	23
Payment of fine	9	1
Payment of fine	20	—
Totals	208	24
Population:		
August 12, 1899 . . .	1,215	455
Committed since August 12, 1899	199	26
Totals	1,414	481
Discharged since August 12, 1899		
August 19, 1899 . . .	209	24
August 19, 1899 . . .	1,205	457

* Seven committed charged with two offences each.
† One committed charged with two offences.

The following appointment has been made:

Edward W. Loring to the position of officer at the House of Correction, South Boston, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John H. Daley.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

PARADE OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH REGIMENT.

His Honor Mayor Quincy has announced that in response to his telegram of August 9 to the Secretary of War, requesting that the Twenty-sixth Regiment, under Colonel Rice, be permitted to visit Boston before its departure for service in the Philippine Islands, arrangements have been made whereby the regiment will probably arrive in this city on the morning of September 6, and will remain during that and the following day.

It is intended to ask the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to provide the necessary funds for the entertainment of the regiment, and to invite the commissioned officers of all the militia organizations in the city to serve as a committee of reception. The first meeting of this committee will be held at City Hall on Friday next.

It is expected that the programme for the entertainment of the regiment, in which the city and State will unite, will include these features:

On the day of arrival, a morning parade through the centre of the city; in the afternoon, a review on the parade-ground of the Common, where a portion of the regiment will probably go into camp; in the evening, a public ball at Mechanics' Hall.

On the second day the regiment will be free from duty in the morning. A luncheon will be given by His Honor the Mayor to the fifty commissioned officers, and in the afternoon an exhibition of field movements will be given on the Common.

APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

At the meeting of the Executive Council, held on Wednesday, August 30, 1899, Governor Wolcott nominated William Caleb Loring, of Boston, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Chief Justice Field and the promotion of Justice Holmes.

PORTO RICAN RELIEF FUND.

The Porto Rican Relief Fund, which on Thursday, August 24, 1899, amounted to \$20,900 (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 34, page 603), on the date of this issue, August 31, amounts to \$22,337.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston will receive proposals, at its office, 64 Pemberton square, Boston, Mass., for erecting repair shops and storehouses at Franklin Park, and furnishing a bond in the sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the Engineer's office, Jamaica Park, Boston, fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at said office, 64 Pemberton square, before 4 P.M. of Wednesday, September 6, 1899, with a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal they deem best for the city, and notify all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,
LABAN PRATT,
JAMES M. PRENDERGAST,
Board of Park Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston will receive proposals, at its office, 64 Pemberton square, Boston, Mass., for sea-wall, gate-chamber and filling at Charlesgate, and furnishing a bond in the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the Engineer's office, Jamaica Park, Boston, fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at said office, 64 Pemberton square, before 4 P.M. of Wednesday, September 6, 1899, with a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal they deem best for the city, and notify all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

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Board of Commissioners.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 28, 1899.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Wednesday, September 6, 1899, for building a sea-wall and temporary roadway on Congress street, in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at said office. Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for furnishing the school furniture for the Baker-street Primary School-house, West Roxbury. A certified check for \$200, payable to the City of Boston, must be furnished, and will be held as security for the carrying out of the proposal. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$500 will also be required. Specifications may be seen at the office of the School-house Agent, Room 30, Old Court House, Boston. The bidders must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign same and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, Boston, Mass., until 4.30 P.M. of September 6, 1899, at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city. The proposal and check should be enclosed in an envelope, endorsed "Proposal for School Furniture, Baker-street Primary School."

THOMAS F. STRANGE,

Chairman Committee on School-Houses of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting a primary school building on Dighton place, Brighton, for the City of Boston. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$20,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen and a proposal obtained at the office of Whitman & Hood, 62 Devonshire street, Boston, Mass. The bidder must fill out and leave the proposal so obtained and a certified check for \$1,000, at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P. M. of September 11, 1899; this check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.

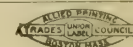
CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting a new grammar school building in East Boston, for the City of Boston. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$25,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen and a proposal obtained at the office of Greenleaf & Cobb, 1017 Tremont building, Boston, Mass. The bidder must fill out and leave the proposal so obtained and a certified check for \$1,500, at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of September 11, 1899; this check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

Following is an abstract of the annual report of the Board of Health for the year ending January 31, 1899, which constitutes Document No. 14, 1899, and has recently been presented in print to His Honor the Mayor:

The total number of deaths for the year was 10,886, a decrease from the previous year of 268 deaths. The population, as estimated at the end of the year, is 541,827, which is based upon the geometrical rate of increase between the last two census years, 1885-1895. The death rate for the year, as calculated on this population, is 20.09 per 1,000 inhabitants. This rate is less by .99 than that of the previous year, and the lowest on record. There were 1,470 deaths from zymotic diseases, a decrease of 336 deaths from the same group of the previous year. There were 241 fewer deaths from diphtheria than in 1897, with a proportionate decrease in the number of cases. The percentage of deaths to the number of cases of diphtheria reported was 10.23 as against 12.09 per cent. the preceding year. There were 33 deaths from scarlatina, 103 fewer deaths than in the preceding year, and 129 less than the average of the previous five years. Typhoid fever caused 185 deaths during the year. Ninety of the deaths from this cause occurred during

the months of August, September and October, and 113 of the whole number who died were between the ages of 20 and 40 years. There were 27 deaths from measles during the year. The number of deaths of children under five years of age was 3,577 compared with 3,708 for the previous year, showing a decrease of 131 deaths. Fully 25 per cent. of the whole mortality the past year was from diseases of the respiratory organs, as against 26 per cent. in 1897.

The death rate from diphtheria was greatest in 1876, 1880 and 1881.

In the quinquennial period ending with the year 1880, the death rate from diphtheria was 17.38 to each 10,000 of the population; for the same period ending 1885 it was 15.46; in the next period, 1890, it was 12.09; and in the period ending 1895, it was 11.02. The greatest decrease is shown in the years 1896, 1897 and 1898, when the death rates were respectively 9.80, 3.15 and 7.77 in each 10,000 population.

Cases of glanders and farcy amongst horses have continued to occur frequently, and have required unusual attention from the officer in charge of this work. Nights, Sundays and holidays are necessarily utilized to find large numbers of horses which require careful examination.

Rabies among dogs has occurred in five known instances, and in twenty-four instances the dogs have been under strong suspicion of having been bitten by rabid dogs and have been quarantined to await developments.

The Legislature of 1897 passed an act by which the Boston Board of Health could act independently in cases of glanders, farcy and rabies, but omitted to provide authority to isolate and quarantine cases of known exposure to these diseases. A building for the quarantine of dogs under suspicion of being infected with rabies, has been constructed in the rear of the Department hospital on Swett street.

Six thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine rooms have been disinfected; also 112 lots of bedding, 116 lots of clothing, 121 lots of books, etc., 17 schools and 19 carriages, on account of the following cases of infectious diseases: Diphtheria, 1,712 cases; scarlet fever, 865; measles, 111; phthisis, 129; cancer, 17; glanders, 141.

During the year 285 streets, 983 places, 700 courts, 4,111 alleys, 14,745 yards, 947 vaults, 8,704 cellars, 6,176 gutters, 7,711 water-closets, 5,879 passageways, 662 urinals, 702 vacant lots, 3,075 filthy rooms, 5,672 filthy sheds, 12,076 sinks and 13,177 cesspools have been disinfected, a total of 85,605 instances.

In 11,271 instances nuisances have been abated, including 2,137 cases of house drains repaired, 986 yards cleaned, 1,197 cellars

cleaned, 2,367 water-closets cleaned and repaired, 1,036 tenements whitewashed and 452 passageways cleaned.

The Legislature of 1897 passed an act giving the Board of Health additional powers for the removal of old dwellings which had been ordered vacated by the Board on account of age, want of repairs, etc. Under this act the removal of 58 dwellings was ordered during the year; 48 of these have been removed already and the remainder will be removed. This act did not empower the Board to remove old dwellings which it had not ordered vacated, while the need for such removals was as great as that for which additional authority was given in 1897. The amendment to the Act of 1897 has been asked for to enable the Board to remove many old worn out buildings, which obstruct the light necessary for other buildings, and which foster and cover nuisances of various kinds to the injury of surrounding property. The Act of 1897 has been enforced only after personal inspection by the Board of Health and with the exercise of its judgment after considering the interests of all concerned. Damages for the removal of such buildings have been settled in 13 cases, and 45 cases remain for settlement.

The law prescribes that tenement houses shall be examined twice in each year, but the Board finds it necessary to examine such houses more frequently. Many of the tenement houses in Boston, built originally for single families, have been converted to the use of three, four or more families. Rooms are divided, and many of them are left small, dark and unventilated. Water-closets are put under the stairs, in the cellar, off hallways and in other dark places. Sinks are placed in the same way. Garbage, ashes and rubbish are frequently unprovided for, except in unsuitable places. All this ill-constructed, mismanaged and misused property is much sought for, and completely satisfies some elements of our population, chiefly because of their central location and the inherent desire of these people to herd together. Under the general law the Board of Health finds it possible to secure many changes in old buildings and in some newly constructed ones, on the ground that they are otherwise unfit for occupancy.

In addition to the old buildings demolished under the act of 1897, several have been taken down by the owners on account of the radical and extensive changes which were demanded by the Board.

The regulations for the changes, outfit and care of cheap lodging-houses, which were put in force by this Department a year ago, have been complied with by a majority of the owners and managers of such houses; where this has not been done the business

has been abandoned. As a result of these changes our lodging-houses, their equipment and patrons are cleanly, more orderly, and the latter less exposed to disease and vice.

A new plant for the reduction of garbage at Calf Pasture has been completed, and was put in operation November 15, 1898.

A plant for the treatment of dry rubbish has been erected at Fort Hill wharf, at which all articles having a commercial value will be removed and prepared for the market and the residue burned. This plant is an assured success, and will be a credit to the city.

The examination for defective gasfittings and pipes, begun by this Department in 1897, has been continued during the last year with encouraging and successful results.

During the year seventy-eight houses have been found with leaky gas-pipes or fixtures. These defects are repaired as rapidly as possible after being found. It appears now to be definitely settled that the manufacture and supply of water gas will be discontinued within the next few months in favor of coal gas. Water gas means from 25 to 30 per cent. of carbonic oxide (a deadly poison), while coal gas should mean not more than 6 to 10 per cent. of this dangerous element. The number of deaths reported in Boston from this cause for the last six years, including accidental and suicidal, is as follows:

1893	25
1894	33
1895	28
1896	40
1897	43
1898	54

It is to be noted that there has been a constant and somewhat rapid increase in the number of deaths from this cause, and it is probably safe to say that for each death caused by the illuminating gas there are 100 persons suffering more or less from the same gas issuing from defective or weak pipes and fixtures.

The Board of Examiners for gasfitters' licenses have held 60 examinations during the year, and have examined 182 applicants for a master's and 218 applicants for a journeyman's license. Of the 400 applicants examined, 142 passed and were certified for license, viz., 81 as masters and 61 as journeymen. Of the 258 applicants rejected, 101 had applied for a master's license and 157 for the journeyman's. It will be seen that the per cent. passing the master's examination was 44, while but 28 per cent. passed the journeyman's examinations.

Eleven oral examinations were given during the year, the candidates stating they were unable to read or write English.

During the year ending January 31, 1899, the Board of Examiners for plumbers held 51 meetings, and examined 329 candidates for plumbers' licenses; 138 were for master plumbers' licenses, and 67 (or 48 per cent.) passed the examination and were certified to the Building Commissioner for license. One hundred and ninety-one were examined for journeyman plumbers' licenses, and 127 (66.9 per cent.) passed the preliminary examination and were notified to report at the shop for the practical test. Of this number 100 passed successful examinations at the shop and were certified for licenses.

There were in addition 64 candidates whose examination became necessary by a neglect to renew their licenses on May 1.

Twenty-two of this number were masters and 42 journeymen. Three masters and six journeymen failed to pass the examination.

Pursuant to Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, which empowers the Street Commissioners to lay out, pave and drain alleys and passageways, the Board of Health has relinquished the power, previously enjoyed of ordering the paving and draining of such private alleyways as it found to be a menace to the public health; but it has certified a list of twelve alleyways needing such treatment to the Board of Street Commissioners.

By consent of the Mayor, early last year, preparations were begun for the establishment of a laboratory for the Health Department. In April a suitable room was secured in the Sudbury building on Sudbury street. Dr. Hibbert W. Hill was appointed Director of the proposed laboratory, and was at once put in charge of fitting up and equipping it. Everything being ready, the work of diphtheria diagnosis was transferred from the laboratory at the Harvard Medical School.

The diagnosis of diphtheria, typhoid fever, glanders, rabies, malaria, la grippe and other diseases is provided for. The analyses of suspected water and ice are also provided for, and will form a part of the work in the future. The laboratory is fitted and managed with a view of doing general and special research work. The production of diphtheria antitoxin was transferred to the State Board of Health in March.

In conjunction with the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health, the Board of Health of Boston has been active in its efforts to secure more stringent and comprehensive legislation for the regulation of the production and distribution of milk throughout the State. Being rebuffed by the Legislature of 1897, the Boston Board of Health, in December, 1898, adopted a series of regulations for securing a more healthful supply of milk for the City of Boston, said regulations, with slight changes, being the same as those approved and adopted by the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health. (The regulations in question which prescribe the conditions under which persons may be licensed to produce, store or sell milk within the city may be found in full, on page 729, Vol. I., of THE CITY RECORD.)

The examination of school-houses has been continued with about the same results as have been reported from year to year for the last twenty-five years. There has been an improvement in some respects in the sanitary condition and appointment of the houses, but it has been slow and not general. The general sanitary conditions of school-houses have been the subject of repeated communications from this Department to the City Council and School Committee for many years.

The medical inspection of schools has been continued. The following statement shows the work performed by the inspectors during the year 1898:

Specific infectious diseases	275
Oral and respiratory	2,722
Diseases of the ear	102
Diseases of the eye	402
Diseases of the skin	16,709
Miscellaneous diseases	2,912
	23,122
Negative examinations for pediculi	16,880
Total	40,002

Number of pupils examined in the schools	50,991
Number recommended to be sent home,	7,896
Number of consultations with teachers (about pupils returning to school, etc.)	1,783

The financial statement of the Department shows a total expenditure of \$154,890, and a total income of \$162,958, including the appropriation for the Department which amounted to \$155,000. The larger items of expenditure are as follows: Quarantine, \$28,988; inspectors of nuisances, \$27,008; salaries and office expenses, \$23,862; disinfection, \$14,405; inspection of milk and vinegar, \$10,687; medical inspection of schools, \$9,056; bacteriological work, \$6,595; and medical inspectors, \$5,150.

The report contains the usual morbidity and mortality tables, together with reports from (1) the Medical Inspectors; (2) the Port Physician; (3) the Inspector of Animals; (4) the Inspector of Milk and Vinegar; (5) the Inspector of Provisions; (6) the Superintendent of the Morgue; (7) the Superintendent of Pedlers, and (8) the Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory. The appendix contains the text of the principal regulations of the Board of Health that are still in force.

The following shows the work of inspection by the Quarantine Department:

Steamers	601
Schooners	125
Barks	56
Brigs	15
Ships	15
Total	812

In addition eight steamers, four schooners and three brigs, whose papers showed that they had paid fees at other ports, were admitted and no fee charged.

Number of passengers inspected	17,983
Number of cattlemen	4,525
Number of seamen	22,301

The number of animals killed at the Brighton abattoir during the year was as follows:

Cattle	15,120
Calves	19,012
Sheep	19,030
Swine	976
Total	54,138

Forty-two animals, weighing 9,986 pounds, were condemned as unfit for food, together with parts of animals aggregating 1,100 pounds. Of 15,120 beeves killed at the abattoir, forty-eight, or 3.18 per cent. (all of them being New England cows), were found to be tuberculous.

Following is a summary statement of the work for the year of the Inspector of Milk and Vinegar:

SAMPLES EXAMINED.	
Number of samples of milk from milk-wagons	7,628
Number from shops, restaurants and lunch-carts	5,308
Number brought in by citizens for inspection	337
Number of samples of butter and oleomargarine	719
Number of samples of vinegar and cider vinegar	1,039
Total samples	15,031

PROSECUTIONS.

Possession or custody, with intent to sell, or sale of milk not of good standard quality	121
Possession of milk not of good standard quality and containing formaldehyde, with intent to sell	1
Sale of milk not of good standard quality and containing annatto	2
Possession of milk containing formaldehyde, with intent to sell	52
Possession of milk containing borax, with intent to sell	3
Possession of milk containing annatto, with intent to sell	3
Sale of milk by unregistered dealers	4
Failure to have name and license number on wagon	2
Serving oleomargarine without notification	14
Sale of oleomargarine colored to resemble butter	10
Sale of vinegar not made from cider as cider vinegar	15
Sale of adulterated vinegar	4
Possession of adulterated cider vinegar, with intent to sell	9
Total complaints	240

RESULTS OF PROSECUTIONS.

Warrants returned without service	7
Cases not pros'd	20
Acquittals	9
Convictions	204
	240
Amount paid in fines	\$6,585

During the year 1898, there were 448 cases reported to the Board of Health of persons dying without a physician in attendance. Cause was found for reporting fourteen of these cases to the Medical Examiner for investigation.

During the year ending December 31, 1898, the total number of dead bodies received at the City Morgue was 154, of which 135 were of persons who died in Boston or the northern district of Suffolk County, — the remaining nineteen being the bodies of persons drowned on the steamer "Portland." Of the total number all were identified excepting twenty.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN AUGUST.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of August, 1899, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 558; total number of mortgages, 626; total amount of mortgages, \$3,026,364.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	134
South Boston	50
East Boston	42
Roxbury	69
Dorchester	144
West Roxbury	64
Brighton	27
Charlestown	28
Total	558

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, August 30, 1899.

The forty-ninth meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Wednesday, August 30, 1899, at 2 P.M.

Present: All the members.

The Board took up the following assignment:

Communication from the Board of Health requesting a loan appropriation of \$2,400 for a telephonic cable between Long and Gallop's Islands.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Dr. Samuel H. Durgin, Chairman of the Board of Health, appeared and was heard.

A communication was received from the Children's Institutions Trustees requesting appropriations for improvements at Rainsford Island, as follows:

Refitting building lately damaged by fire	\$12,000 00
Two dormitories of brick	19,000 00
Furniture for same	1,500 00
Electric wiring for the Superintendent's house, point cottage and grounds	3,183 80
Total	\$35,683 80

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Dr. Charles P. Putnam, Mr. John A. Bruen, Mr. John O'Hare, Miss Ellen H. Bailey and Miss Helen Cheever, members of the above Board, appeared and were heard.

A hearing was given to Mr. John A. O'Shea of the Music Commission, who requested an appropriation of \$1,000, to be expended by them (in addition to the amount appropriated February 27, 1899, for the purchase and improvement of Mechanics Hall organ) in meeting the expenses of moving and repairing the organ.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Public Buildings calling the attention of the Board to the necessity of obtaining an additional maintenance appropriation to meet the current expenses of the Department, and submitting a statement showing amount required to meet the general expenses to December 1, namely \$45,000.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Mr. John Drohan, Superintendent of Public Buildings, appeared and was heard.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Public Grounds requesting an appropriation of \$10,000 for the removal of dead and dangerous street trees and trimming off all dead limbs on street trees.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Mr. William Doogue, Superintendent of Public Grounds, appeared and was heard.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel giving opinion as to the authority of the Boston Transit Commission to construct a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the line of Travers street.

A communication was received from the Insane Hospital Trustees requesting an appropriation of \$3,000 for remodelling the "A" building at the Boston Insane Hospital.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Barry, at 4.10 P.M., to meet on Friday, September 1, 1899, at 12 M. sharp.

City Hall, September 1, 1899.

The fiftieth meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held in the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Friday, September 1, 1899, at 12 M.

Present: All the members.

The Board took up the following unfinished business:

Communication from the Children's Institutions Trustees requesting appropriations for improvements at Rainsford Island, as follows:

Refitting building lately damaged by fire	\$12,000 00
Two dormitories of brick	19,000 00
Furniture for same	1,500 00
Electric wiring for the Superintendent's house, point cottage and grounds	3,183 80
Total	\$35,683 80

The communication was placed on file, and Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children in roofing and preserving the building at Rainsford Island recently damaged by fire; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Barry, Kiley, Minot, Dore and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The original order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon it that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Mr. Barry called up the following assignment:

Order (referred by the Board of Aldermen) requesting the Board "to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the appropriation for Hospital Department to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department; said sum to be used for the purpose of providing hospital ambulance service for South Boston."

The order was placed on file, and Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That so much of the order passed by this Board on February 27, 1899, as appropriated the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars for "Hospital Department, Ambulance Station and Equipment, South Boston," be and hereby is rescinded; and that the said sum be appropriated, to be expended by the Public Buildings Department for an ambulance station and equipment at South Boston.

The order was passed — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Barry, Kiley, Dore, Minot and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

The Board took up the following unfinished business:

Communication from the Superintendent of Public Grounds requesting an appropriation of \$10,000 for the removal of dead and

dangerous street trees and trimming off all dead limbs on street trees.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from the Mayor transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$2,500 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor, said sum to be issued to meet the expenses of extending the courtesies of the city to the Twenty-sixth Regiment, United States Volunteers.

The communications were placed on file, and, on motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor, said sum to be used in meeting the expenses of extending the courtesies of the city to the Twenty-sixth Regiment, United States Volunteers.

The vote was signed by all the members of the Board.

A communication was received from the Mayor transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$2,000 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, said sum to be used to meet the expenses of making improvements in the Common Council Chamber and anterooms, and in the offices of the Clerk and President of the Common Council, and refurnishing same.

The communications were placed on file, and, on motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of the sum of two thousand (2,000) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, said sum to be used to meet the expense of making improvements in the Common Council Chamber and anterooms, and in the offices of Clerk and President of the Common Council, and refurnishing same.

The vote was signed by all the members of the Board.

A communication was received from the Mayor transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$2,000 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor, said amount to be used to meet the expenses of making improvements in the Mayor's private office, and refurnishing same.

The communications were placed on file, and, on motion of Mr. Dore, it was

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of the sum of two thousand (2,000) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor, said amount to be used to meet the expenses of making improvements in the Mayor's private office, and refurnishing same.

The vote was signed by all the members of the Board.

The Board took up the following unfinished business:

Communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings with statement showing the total amount (\$45,000) required for the actual expenditures of the Department to December 1.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a letter from the

City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$15,000 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, the said \$15,000 to be used as an additional maintenance appropriation for that Department.

The communication was placed on file, and Mayor Quincy submitted the following vote for the consideration of the Board:

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, said sum to be used as an additional maintenance appropriation for that Department.

Mr. Kiley moved that further consideration of the matter be assigned to the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, September 5, at 2 P.M.

The motion was declared lost.

Mr. Kiley doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was lost—yeas, 1; nays, 4.

Yea—Mr. Kiley—1.

Nays—Messrs. Barry, Dore, Minot and Mayor Quincy—4.

Mr. Minot moved that the vote as submitted be amended by reducing the amount approved to \$6,000, instead of \$15,000.

The motion was carried, and the question came on the passage of the vote, as amended.

Mr. Kiley called for the yeas and nays, and the vote was passed—yeas, 4; nay, 1:

Yeas—Messrs. Barry, Dore, Minot, and Mayor Quincy—4.

Nay—Mr. Kiley—1.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Barry, at 1.47 P.M., to meet on Tuesday, September 5, at 2 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

HOUSES ORDERED VACATED AND DEMOLISHED DURING AUGUST.

The following is a list of buildings ordered vacated by the Board of Health during the month of August, 1899:

97 North Margin street.
2 Wirth place.
3 Wirth place.
22 Ferrin street.
181 South street.
20 Stillman street.
31 Utica street.
4 Medford street.
192 Harrison avenue.
Basement of 194 Harrison avenue.
Basement of 375 Tremont street.
252 Friend street.
5 Fountain place.
6 Fountain place.
4139 Washington street.
Rear of 492 Commercial street.
Rear of 10 Mechanic street.
28 Clark street.
33 Clark street.
45 and 47 Clark street.
39, 43, 45 and 49 Clark street.
First rear of 83 Hampden street.
Second rear of 83 Hampden street.
First rear of 16 Cross street.
Second rear of 16 Cross street.
1 Keith's alley.
2 Keith's alley.
3 Keith's alley.
4 Keith's alley.

18 Camden street.

20 Camden street.

Following is a list of buildings ordered removed by the Board of Health during the month of August, 1899:

First rear of 44 Phillips street.

Dwelling-house and sheds in Simpson's court.

Ell attached to 71 Kneeland street.

31 Utica street.

Stable in yard of 10 Mechanic street.

Brick and wooden ells of building rear of 10 Mechanic street.

13 Hamburg street.

Rear of 28 Clark street.

39, 41, 43, 45 and 47 Clark street.

330 North street.

216-218 Friend street.

252 Friend street.

ENTERTAINMENT OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH REGIMENT.

Following are the names of the committee chosen for the reception and entertainment of the Twenty-sixth Regiment during its stay in Boston on Wednesday and Thursday, September 6 and 7:

From the Governor's staff—Col. Gordon Dexter and Col. Harry E. Converse.

First Brigade—Lieut.-Col. Otis H. Marion and Capt. Edward Glines.

Second Brigade—Lieut.-Col. George H. Benyon and Capt. Francis S. Parker.

First Regiment—Col. Charles Pfaff, Maj. Perlie A. Dyar and Capt. Joseph H. Frothingham.

Ninth Regiment—Maj. George F. H. Murray, Capt. Thomas F. Clark and Capt. David P. Sawyer.

Sixth Regiment—Capt. William J. Williams and Lieut. Walter M. Lindsay.

Fifth Regiment—Lieut.-Col. William H. Oakes and Capt. Francis Meredith, jr.

Naval Brigade—Capt. John W. Weeks and Lieut. Charles H. Brigham.

First Corp Cadets—Capt. Charles H. Rollins and Lieut. Fred B. Carpenter.

First Battalion of Cavalry—Capt. Doris A. Young and Capt. John Ferrins, jr.

Battery A.—Capt. Samuel D. Parker.

Ambulance Corp.—Capt. Myles Standish.

Signal Corp.—Capt. George E. Lovett.

Board of Aldermen—The whole Board.

Common Council—President Kiley and Councilmen A. Dudley Bagley, Frank J. Johnson, Francis J. Doherty, Thomas A. Kelly, William E. Bennett, William J. O'Brien, James H. Stone, William H. Cuddy, Michael Leonard, George H. Moore, Lawrence M. Stockton, David B. Chamberlain, Frank J. Linehan, Edward L. Logan, John H. Giblin, Frank S. Atwood, George A. Flynn, James A. Watson, James McInerney, George A. Wood, Fred A. Emery, William G. Roemer, John H. Broderick, Samuel H. Mildram, Marvin W. Walker.

The programme for the entertainment of the Regiment will be found outlined in No. 35 of THE CITY RECORD, page 612. Maj. Perlie A. Dyar has been chosen floor director for the ball at Mechanics Hall on Thursday evening.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, September 1, 1899, at 3 P.M., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1.) Patrick R. Dunn, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(2.) John V. Haley and Edward P. Murphy, to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Severally laid over to the next meeting, under the law.

The following messages were also received from His Honor the Mayor:

Location for Engine Company 22.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 1, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith another communication from the Fire Commissioner, again urging the importance of early action to provide a location for Engine Company No. 22. I again appeal to your Board in the interest of the public safety to take some action upon this matter, which has been in your hands for a considerable time.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER,

Bristol Street, August 28, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Allow me urgently to solicit your aid in procuring from the City Council a location for Engine Company 22, recently deprived of its quarters on Dartmouth street by the widening of the railroad. The territory for which that company was organized is deprived to a great degree of the services of this Department at present; and in behalf of our efficiency, as well as for the protection of said property, I make this appeal, knowing full well that every day's delay adds to the danger threatened by our absence.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ambulance Station, South Boston.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 1, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment

rescinding appropriation made on February 27, 1899, of \$10,000 for "Hospital Department, Ambulance Station and Equipment, South Boston," and reappropriating the said sum for an ambulance station and equipment at South Boston, the expenditure of the appropriation to be in charge of the Public Buildings Department.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

September 1, 1899.

Ordered, That so much of the order passed by this Board on February 27, 1899, as appropriated the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars for "Hospital Department, Ambulance Station, and Equipment, South Boston," be and hereby is rescinded; and that the said sum be appropriated, to be expended by the Public Buildings Department for an ambulance station and equipment at South Boston.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

JOHN P. DORE,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was passed and transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

Building at Rainsford Island.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 1, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed today by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making an appropriation of \$2,500 for roofing in and preserving building at Rainsford Island recently damaged by fire.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

September 1, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children in roofing in and preserving building at Rainsford Island recently damaged by fire; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

JOHN P. DORE,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The above order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

Bridge at Richfield Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 1, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Engineer in reply to your order requesting information as to "the reason for the delay on the construction of bridge at Richfield street, Ward 20."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

August 28, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In reply to the Board of Aldermen "That the City Engineer be requested to inform the Board of Aldermen the reason for the delay on the construction of bridge at Richfield street, Ward 20, being a part of the Columbia road improvement," I would say that this is to be a steel bridge supported by two abutments and by steel columns. The bridge is to carry the tracks of the New England Railroad Company, and the plans have just been received from the railroad officials for approval; the city is to bear the greater part of the expense of the bridge, but it was deemed best that the work of building it should be under control of the railroad company.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Placed on file.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved September 1, 1899:

The constables' bonds of George H. Hamlin and John Francis Murphy.

Permits to project campaign transparencies, viz.:

Joseph F. Hickey, at 245 Sumner street, Ward 2.

Peter F. Tague, one at 42 Bunker Hill street, Ward 3; one at 87 Bunker Hill street, Ward 3, and one at 524 Main street, Ward 4.

James J. Brock, at 7 City square, Ward 5.

John W. Green, at 213 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Daniel J. Sullivan, at 64 Fleet street, Ward 6.

W. T. A. Fitzgerald, at 166 Harrison avenue, Ward 7.

William J. Power, at East street, Ward 20.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor August 22, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Nathaniel P. Hamlen, trustee, to erect, maintain and use an iron post, with a clock surmounted thereon, in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 169 Tremont street, Ward 7; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Oliver Ames et al., trustees, to construct, maintain and use a permanent awning, with two iron posts, in the sidewalk in front of estate on Boylston street, at the westerly end of the building now being erected on the site of the old Public Library, as shown on a plan dated July 17, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department, the work to be completed on before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That permission be and is hereby granted to Henry M. Flynn, to maintain existing sign projecting over sidewalk and from building 11 Elm street, Ward 6.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain two street lights on Mark street, Ward 22; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree in the sidewalk in front of the Baptist Church at the corner of Fourth and L streets, South Boston, said tree being an obstruction to travel, and that the expense incurred be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Board Meetings.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at the women's department July 27, 1899.

Present: Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Goddard and Dr. Baldwin.

The proposal, with estimates, from the Electrical Construction Division for lighting both men's and women's departments with electricity was submitted.

On motion of Mr. Goddard it was

Voted, That a one unit plant be installed at the women's department.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson it was

Voted, That the bid of the Electrical Construction Department of \$6,925, the cost of installing plant at the women's department, be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Goddard it was

Voted, That Henry Moulton, a patient at the State Farm, Bridgewater, be not transferred to the Boston Insane Hospital.

The Building Committee reported that telephones were being rapidly installed at the women's department.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson it was

Voted, That the matter of employing a carpenter regularly be referred to a joint committee on buildings and service, and that they report at the next meeting.

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, August 21.

Orders were passed to build a sewer in Bucknam street, and to relocate Alford street, at Charlestown.

Authority was given to open a private way known as Trent street, at Dorchester.

Wednesday, August 23.

It was voted to file changes on Board of Survey plans S 23 (Plat 13), M 47 (Plat 4), N 28 (Plat 8), X 73, 20 (Plat 5); and to replace plan S 24 (Plat 13) by a new plan to be numbered the same.

Friday, August 25.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Columbus avenue, Whitney street and Top-liff street; and to build a sewer in Hollander street. Wainwright street and Moseley street were ordered to be laid out.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending September 2, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	18.1
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898	24.2
Number of deaths:	
Males	101
Females	88
Total	189
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	246
Decrease	57

Of the 189 decedents, 183 were white and 6 colored; 120 were born in the United States, 68 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 44 were of American parentage, 127 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 18 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	48	3
Scarlatina	21	—
Typhoid fever	47	3
Measles	5	—
Totals	121	6

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	21
Pneumonia	13
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	9
Bronchitis	2
Marasmus	13
Violent causes	5

Total from principal causes	65
Total from infectious diseases	6
Total from other causes	118
Total from all causes	189

Deaths of children under 1 year	64
Deaths of children under 5 years	81
Deaths of persons over 60 years	36
Deaths in public institutions	49

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, July 22, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending July 22, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	8	7	
2...	—	5	—	—	—	—	2	1	5	1	
3...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	
4...	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	
5...	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	
6...	—	5	—	—	1	—	8	6	8	24	
7...	—	13	1	1	—	—	11	5	7	20	
8...	—	3	—	—	—	—	4	2	14	9	
9...	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	11	
10...	1	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	2	12	
11...	3	1	—	3	1	—	2	1	11	6	
12...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	11	8	
13...	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	4	
14...	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	18	
15...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	
16...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	8	5	
17...	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	7	
18...	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	5	
19...	2	1	3	1	—	1	2	4	1	7	
20...	4	1	9	—	—	—	—	15	11	31	
21...	8	3	2	—	—	3	3	13	1	10	
22...	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	3	4	
23...	7	2	1	2	—	3	2	10	3	12	
24...	3	1	4	—	—	1	—	4	7	11	
25...	3	2	3	—	—	1	3	7	2	8	
T'ls.	32	50	24	9	9	11	48	74	118	222	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, September 5, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending September 2, 1899, as follows:

The following transfers have been made:

Harry P. Brown, Engine 44 to Ladder Company 4; Assistant Engineer John E. Pomeroy, Engine 26-35 to Engine Company 44; Charles A. Fernald, Ladder Company 4 to Engine 26-35; William F. Heldt, Combination Company 1 to Ladder Company 5; James T. Flavin, Ladder Company 5 to Combination Company 1.

Fred S. Young has been promoted from the position of hoseman to that of assistant engineer, and assigned to Engine Company 26-35.

A special draft has been drawn on the City Auditor in favor of the Repair Division for \$2,773.26 for repairs on various department houses.

Francis J. Jordan and George A. Wyman, jr., have each been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on Meeting House Hill, August 24.

The appointments of three men to be auxiliary privates in the Boston Protective Department have been approved.

Orders have been drawn on John M. Brooks for repairs on Engine 44 (fire-boat) to the amount of \$565.

An order has been drawn on Charles Waugh & Co. for three sets of engine wheels, at \$540 per set.

Orders have been drawn for a supply of hay and straw for the month of September, as follows:

Carstensen Brothers, District 1, hay at \$14.50 and straw at \$12.50 per ton; Scott & Bridge, District 2 to 9, inclusive, hay at \$14 and straw at \$11 per ton; Samuel Gannett, District 10, hay at \$14.50 and straw at \$13 per ton; J. Loring & Co., District 11, hay at \$14.50 and straw at \$11.50 per ton; W. P. Whittemore, District 12, hay at \$14.50 and straw at \$12 per ton.

P. J. Calnan, assistant engineer at the repair shop, has been suspended, to take effect at 5 P.M., September 1, for neglect of duty.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, August 26, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Frank Schworm, 42 Chestnut avenue, Ward 23, four additional horses; Albert Fox, Metropolitan avenue, Ward 23, two horses; Thomas W. Lawson, 343 Newbury street, Ward 11, twenty-two horses.

The following petitions have been rejected:

W. B. Cunningham, 465 River street, Ward 24; Thomas E. Havey, Florence street, Ward 23.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed:

Patrick J. Kelly, Jewett street, Ward 23, six horses; hearing August 31, at 11 o'clock. Philip McGovern, 24 Adams street, Ward 25, eight horses; hearing September 14, at 11 o'clock. Edward F. MaGee, Laselle street, Ward 23, one horse and three cows; hearing September 7, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending August 26, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	7	7	14
Negative	37	36	73
No growth	1	1	2
Totals	45	44	89

Typhoid diagnoses: Twelve cases; six cases positive, six negative. Glanders, one case; negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, August 28, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending August 26, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	189	2
Females	37	2
Total	226	4
Offences:		
Against the person . .	14	3
Against property . . .	24	—
Against public order and decency	195	1
Total	*233	4
Discharges:		
Males	139	15
Females	29	4
Total	168	19
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence .	136	16
Permit of Commissioner, .	6	—
Payment of fine	26	—
Transferred to Deer Island	—	1
Transferred to City Hospital	—	1
Transferred to State Farm	—	1
Total	168	19
Population:		
August 19, 1899	1,205	457
Committed since August 19, 1899	226	4
Total	1,431	461
Discharged since August 19, 1899	168	19
August 26, 1899	1,263	442

* Seven committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, July 24, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending July 22, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	324
Defects reported	58
Defects corrected	27
Notices of new work received	28
Feet of dead wire removed	11,100
Feet of dead wire retained	400
Fixtures removed	29

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company has set twenty-five poles on North Harvard street, Ward 25.

Investigation has been made of the car fire, July 18, on Sudbury street, near Alden street, about 1.15 A.M., due to blowing of fuse, which ignited and destroyed the canvas cover on the box.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections	282
Notices of new work received	112

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	6
Building connections	23
Pole connections	2
Lamp connection	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	30
Building connections	13
Lamp connections	3
Pole connections	2
Repairs	2
Cable drawings	18

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

PORTO RICAN RELIEF FUND.

The Porto Rican Relief Fund, which on Thursday, August 31, 1899, amounted to \$22,337 (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 35, page 612), on the date of this issue, September 7, amounts to \$22,838.73

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

EVENING SESSIONS.

The Board of Assessors will hold evening sessions from 5 to 10 o'clock P.M. on September 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13; also on September 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 for the assessment of poll taxes.

GEORGE A. COMINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ELECTION DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO VOTERS.

Boston, September 7, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Election Commissioners will hold evening sessions from 6 to 10 o'clock P.M. for the registration of voters, at the Old Court House, Court square, on September 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13, and on September 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23. Persons desiring to vote at the Democratic caucus which will be held September 15 must, in order to have their names appear upon the voting list, register before 12 o'clock noon on September 14; and persons desiring to vote at the Republican caucus, which will be held on September 26, must, in order to have their names appear upon the voting list, register before 12 o'clock noon September 25.

In no event will certificates of registration be furnished any voter for use at either of the above caucuses.

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOSEPH J. CORBETT,

Board of Election Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 8, 1899.

The Trustees of the Pauper Institutions of the City of Boston will receive sealed proposals for supplying the Pauper Institutions Department with 2,000 tons, more or less—2,240 pounds to the ton—of hard white ash buckwheat coal, to be delivered on the wharf of the Boston Almshouse and Hospital at Long Island. Bidders must specify the kind or kinds of coal they propose to furnish, and the names of the mines from which the coal is taken; delivery must be made before January 31, 1900, and at such times and in such quantities as shall be directed by the Pauper Institutions Trustees, the coal to be buckwheat size, and the relative value of the different kinds of coal offered will be considered in connection with the price.

Proposals to be addressed to "The Pauper Institutions Trustees—Proposals for Coal," and left at the Trustees' office at 28 Court square, Room 3, not later than Monday, September 18, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened; each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for five hundred (\$500) dollars, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The right is reserved by the Trustees to reject any and all bids.

WILLIAM H. GRAINGER, Chairman pro tempore.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, August 15, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. Locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed, dated November 18, 1889.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm, and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Ashland street, between Sycamore and Florence streets, Ward 23.

Also to remove two poles from Ashland street, between Sycamore and Florence streets, Ward 23.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 1, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will on Tuesday, the twelfth day of September, at 3 o'clock P.M. take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 1, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Leonard street be laid out as a highway, at Dorchester, from Duncan street to Adams street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fifteenth day of September, 1899, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 1, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Sigourney street, at West Roxbury, be relocated as a highway, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fifteenth day of September, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 1, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Walnut avenue, at West Roxbury, be relocated as a highway, from Seaver street to Sigourney street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fifteenth day of September, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 1, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given,—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Hamilton street, at Dorchester, be widened as a highway, at the corner of Columbia road, and that said widening of Hamilton street be constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fifteenth day of September, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

August 29, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 14 St. Martin street, Ward 4, a bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over St. Martin street. Dimensions: Seventeen feet high, twelve feet wide and two feet six inches over line of street.

M. MALONEY, 308 Bunker Hill street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 1, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eighteenth day of September, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, September 1, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track on Atlantic avenue, beginning in Dewey square and connecting with tracks of the company there located, thence extending through said Atlantic avenue to a point near Foster's wharf, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated September 1, 1899, and to be filed with your said Board; said tracks to take the place of the existing tracks on said avenue between the points aforesaid.

Also that the tracks of the Union Freight Railroad Company between the said points on said avenue be altered with their consent to conform to the new location thereof, as shown on aforesaid plan; the expense of such change of location to be borne by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 1, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday the eighteenth day of September, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, August 24, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners, in accordance with Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and amendments thereto, having passed orders for the laying out and construction of the following highways and public alleys: Brighton, Cambridge street, between Brighton avenue and Washington street. West Roxbury, Oakview terrace, Williams street. Dorchester, Boston street, Edison Green, Esmond street, Warner street. City Proper, Public alley 102, from Marshall street to Creek square. Public alley 702, from Worcester street to West Springfield street, next north-easterly from Newland street. Public alley 703, north-westerly from Newland street, between Worcester and Springfield streets. Notice is hereby given that the Street Department is about to do the work contemplated in said order, and that all work to be done in said highways and public alleys by all persons or corporations having rights in the same to lay or repair either sewer, gas, water or other pipes must be done before Saturday, September 23, 1899, as after that time no permits for openings will be granted until two years after said highways and public alleys are completed.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston will receive proposals, at its office, 64 Pemberton square, Boston, Mass., for erecting a locker and lavatory building at the Christopher Gibson Playground in Dorchester, and furnishing a bond in the sum of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the office of Wales & Holt, architects, 22 Congress street, Boston, and fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at the Commissioners' office, 64 Pemberton square, before 4 o'clock of Friday, September 15, 1899, with a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal they deem best for the city, and notify all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,

LABAN PRATT,

JAMES M. PRENDERGAST,

Board of Park Commissioners.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, August 31, 1899.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company respectfully petitions for permit to relocate four (4) of its poles on A street; also to remove all its poles on West Fifth and B streets; and also to place its wires and cables on ten (10) of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company on Dorchester avenue, with the consent of that company, as shown on accompanying plan.

E. B. PILLSBURY, Superintendent.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company assents to the attachments to its poles mentioned in accompanying petition of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, upon execution of contract covering conditions of such occupancy.

WILLIAM E. DURGIN, District Superintendent.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

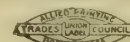
September 1, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby
Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Tuesday the twelfth day of September at 3 o'clock, P. M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, South Boston News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
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Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

At its meeting held on the twelfth instant, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor:

Patrick R. Dunn, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Edward P. Murphy, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

John V. Haley, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

DEATH OF REAR ADMIRAL PICKING.

Rear Admiral Henry F. Picking, Commandant of the Charlestown Navy Yard, died very suddenly Friday morning, September 8, 1899, at his residence in the Navy Yard.

Admiral Picking was born in Pennsylvania, January, 1840, and at the age of seventeen received an appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He graduated from the academy in 1861, and served with distinction during the civil war. His active service in the navy covered over forty-

one years. He was commissioned a Rear Admiral March 3, 1899, and on March 25 was appointed Commandant of the Charlestown Navy Yard, succeeding Rear Admiral Howison.

ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY ICE ON SIDEWALKS.

Following is the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court in the case of Emma J. Newton vs. City of Worcester, for personal injuries received by the plaintiff by reason of falling upon a sidewalk:

HAMMOND, J. This is an action under Public Statutes, Chapter 52, Section 18, to recover for personal injuries received by the plaintiff by reason of falling upon a sidewalk since Statutes 1896, Chapter 540, went into effect.

At the trial there was evidence tending to show that at the place of the accident there were a number of depressions in the surface of the sidewalk; that they were caused by some of the bricks being depressed and some being elevated; that the depressions varied in depth from one-half inch to two inches, and at the place of the accident covered an area two feet long and twelve to fourteen inches wide, and that this condition had existed for some time; that there were no projections or sharp corners, and that the surface of the depressions was smooth; that the adjoining premises sloped downward to the street; and water from a gutter-spout on the adjoining building flowed upon a concrete walk and thence over and across the defendant's sidewalk; and at the time of the accident there was ice in the depressions, on which the plaintiff slipped and was injured. A photograph of the sidewalk was used at the trial and at the argument before us.

At the close of the evidence the defendant presented the following prayers for instructions: "(1) That the plaintiff cannot recover unless the jury find that, independently of any ice or snow the way was not reasonably safe and convenient for travellers; (2) That there is no evidence that apart from snow or ice there was a condition amounting to a defect on said way;" and "(3) If the plaintiff's injuries were occasioned wholly by reason of the accumulation of ice or snow, and if it would not have occurred if there had been no ice upon the sidewalk, then the plaintiff cannot recover."

As to the first and third requests, the judge instructed the jury as follows: "It is necessary that the plaintiff should satisfy you that this way, independent of the ice, was defective, and she cannot recover unless you find

that, independently of that ice or snow, the way was not reasonably safe and convenient for travellers. If you find that fact to exist, then if the way was thus not reasonably safe and convenient for travellers, and was defective, independent of the ice, the fact that ice was upon it at the time of the accident would not prevent recovery if the unsafe condition of the way which I have referred to was the cause of the accident."

He refused to give the second instruction requested, and left the matter to the jury thus: "There is evidence one way and the other that at this place where she fell there were depressions and inequalities and unevenness in the sidewalk, so that it rendered it, independent of the ice which was upon the sidewalk at this place, defective. It is for you to say. You have heard the evidence upon the one side and the other with reference to that." It will be seen that the judge gave in substance the first instruction requested, but declined to give the second and third. The question is, whether there was error in the manner in which he dealt with these last two requests.

The discussion of this question involves an inquiry as to the meaning of Statutes 1896, Chapter 540. We had occasion to examine this statute when this case was before us on exceptions raised at the former trial. *Newton vs. Worcester*, 169 Mass. 516. It was there held that the Court erred in refusing to instruct the jury that the plaintiff could "not recover unless the jury find that, independently of any ice or snow, the way was not reasonably safe and convenient for travellers."

The report does not set out the instructions which were given, but, on inspection of the papers, it appears that the jury were instructed that "if the sidewalk is so constructed with reference to a permanent condition of things to it, and to the operation of ordinary causes, that it is calculated to produce the formation and continuance of ice upon it, that sidewalk, under those circumstances, may be found not reasonably safe and convenient for travellers." And the instructions to the jury authorized them to find that the way might be defective, simply because it was of such a shape as to lead to the formation and continuance of ice and snow upon it.

The opening remarks of Mr. Justice Allen, in giving the opinion of the court, apply to this instruction, and the only question raised was, whether in cases like this it must appear that the way when bare is defective, and it was decided that it must so appear.

The consideration of the exceptions now before us involves a further inquiry as to the meaning of the statute. Prior to the statute ice and snow which, by reason of its

roughness and slipperiness combined, was dangerous to public travel, might be regarded as an actionable defect, but smooth ice, however, no matter how dangerous to public travel, was not a defect, unless the way was so improperly constructed as to induce a special or constant deposit of ice in the locality, or was built at such an angle and so exposed to the formation of ice as to make passing over it in winter especially and unusually dangerous; but in these cases it might constitute an actionable defect, even although the way was so constructed as not to be defective when bare. *Stanton vs. Springfield*, 12 Allen, 556; *Morse vs. Boston*, 109 Mass. 446; *Billings vs. Worcester*, 102 Mass. 329; *Gilbert vs. Roxbury*, 100 Mass. 185; *Pinkham vs. Topsfield*, 104 Mass. 78; *Adams vs. Chicopee*, 147 Mass. 440; *Hughes vs. Lawrence*, 160 Mass. 474. In this state of the law the statute was passed. It is entitled "An Act relative to Injuries received on Highways resulting from Snow or Ice," and is as follows: "No city or town shall be liable for any injury or damage to person or property hereafter received or suffered in or upon any part of the highway, townway, causeway or bridge, by reason or in consequence of snow or ice thereon, if the place at which the injury or damage was received or suffered was at the time of the accident otherwise reasonably safe and convenient for travellers." The language of the statute is not entirely free from ambiguity, and there are two possible interpretations of it. On the one hand it may be contended that it is to be so interpreted as to mean that wherever the way, when bare, is defective, the law as to whether ice or snow thereon is an actionable defect is to remain as before; in other words, that the land constituting the travelled parts of the highways of the city is divided into two parts, the first part being that which, when bare, is defective, and the second that which, when bare, is not defective; that as to the first part the law relative to ice or snow remains as before, and that only as to the second part is the law changed by the statute.

If the travelled parts of the highway could be colored, the first part black and the second white, the traveller when upon the black, so far as concerns the danger from ice or snow, is protected by the law different from that which affects him when he gets upon a white spot. The mantle of protection is an unstable garment upon his shoulders, even although he be all of the time on the travelled part of the highway.

The change in the law in this view is, so to speak, territorial or local. This interpretation would make the ice and snow, an actionable defect, even when the defective condition of the way under it, as an operating cause, has nothing whatever to do with the accident, or even with the existence and dangerous nature of the ice. Even when the ice and snow is so thick as utterly to obliterate the shape of the bare way and the bare defect therein has no physical or causal relation whatever to the accident, still the law remains as before, and the ice or snow is still an actionable defect. If the sleigh of the traveller upon the highway comes in contact with a large snow-bank, and by reason of the size or shape of the bank is overturned and the traveller is injured, the question whether the snow was an actionable defect would depend upon the condi-

tion of the way several feet, perhaps, below the surface of the snow at the spot where the sleigh was overturned, and if upon removing the snow it should appear that there was some sort of a defect in the highway immediately beneath the spot on the snow where the sleigh was overturned then the snow-bank in law is to be regarded as an actionable defect, even although the condition of the way beneath the snow had nothing whatever to do with the accident and was in no respect the cause of the accumulation of the snow.

But if the bare way should turn out to be free from defect, then the snow-bank is not an actionable defect.

Under this interpretation the town is held answerable, not because the traveller is injured by the defective condition of the road which it negligently suffered to exist, but because the runners of the sleigh happened to be over that spot at the time it was overturned.

Illustrations might be multiplied indefinitely, but enough has been said to show that under this interpretation the town in many cases must be held answerable when the defect in the bare way has no causal relation whatever, either direct or indirect, to the accident. It is enough if there be this merely incidental, local relation between the bare defect and the condition of things which is the real cause of the accident.

An interpretation which leads to such results seems to be inconsistent with the general principles governing actions of tort, and otherwise unreasonable, and is not to be adopted unless required by the language of the statute.

The other interpretation is that when the statute speaks of the condition of the way and of the subject whether the way be otherwise free from defect, it is speaking of the state of things at the time of the accident and of the defect operating to produce the accident, and that a decisive test is not merely whether the way without the ice or snow upon it is defective, but whether "at the time of the accident" there is defect other than ice or snow, operating as such, to which the accident is in part attributable.

Under this interpretation the change made in the law is not only of a territorial but of a causal nature. It is not only necessary to show that there was a defect at the time of the accident, but that that defect was operative in part to produce the accident. This interpretation holds the town responsible for that which caused the accident. Both interpretations agree in this, that ice and snow no longer can be an actionable defect unless at the place where it is there be also another defect.

The difference between the two interpretations is that the first would make the liability exist for the accident when caused solely by the existence of the ice and snow, while the second would make the liability depend upon whether, in connection with the ice or snow, the defect in the road, when bare, was in part the cause of the accident.

We think the proper and only reasonable interpretation of the statute is that whatever ice or snow is the sole proximate cause of the accident there shall be no liability, but where, at the time of the accident, there is any other defect to which, as a proximate cause the accident is in part attributable, there may be liability, notwithstanding the fact that it also may be attributable in part to ice or snow. This other defect, however,

is not a proximate cause within the meaning of this rule, simply because it causes the accumulation of the ice or snow.

In considering whether "at the time of the accident the way is otherwise reasonably safe and convenient," the attention is to be directed to the actual physical condition of the way for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is at that time any other danger to the steps of the traveller than that arising from the presence of ice or snow. If there be no other danger, then for the time being, the way is "otherwise reasonably safe and convenient."

In these cases, therefore, the real question is not simply whether the way with no ice or snow upon it is defective, but whether if there be such a defect it was operative as such at the time of the accident, and was in part the proximate cause of it. If there be such an operative defect, then there may be a liability, even although the accident be due in part to ice or snow. Otherwise there is no such liability, even if the defect was the cause of the accumulation of the ice or snow.

The effect of the statute was to change the law as to liability for defects arising from ice or snow, so far as to create an exemption from such liability in cases where the ice or snow is the sole proximate cause of the accident. It did not, of course, enlarge the liability so that ice or snow which, before the statute, was not a defect would now be considered such.

The refusal of the judge to give the third ruling requested was right, and the judge, with reference to the subject matter of that ruling, was in accordance with the true interpretation of the statute, and was correct.

We have had some trouble in understanding what is meant by the second request. If it is to be taken as asking for a ruling that there was no evidence that apart from the snow or ice there was "no condition amounting to a defect in the way" to which the accident was in any way attributable, it certainly should have been given, because it is clear upon the evidence that the inequalities in the bare way had been filled with ice, and that the accident was caused by the ice and not by those inequalities. But when taken in connection with the other requests it is doubtful, to say the least, whether the request was intended by the defendant to raise that question, and it is quite evident, we think, that the presiding judge did not so understand it.

But we think that even if the request was intended to raise the simple question whether the bare way was defective it should have been given.

By the evidence, including the photograph used at the trial and shown to us at the argument, here was a brick sidewalk with some depressions, varying from one-half inch to two inches in depth, "caused by some of the bricks being depressed and some being elevated." "There were no sharp corners" and "the surface of the depressions was smooth." We do not think the jury were warranted in finding upon this evidence that this way when bare was not reasonably safe and convenient for public travel. *Raymond vs. Lowell*, 6 Cush. 524. The case is clearly distinguished from the cases of *Ghenn vs. Provincetown*, 105 Mass. 313, and *Marvin vs. New Bedford*, 158 Mass. 464, upon which the plaintiff relies.

Exceptions sustained.

BOSTON PORTO RICO RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The following appeal was issued September 8, 1899, by the Boston Porto Rico Relief Committee:

The full details of the terrible destruction and loss of life in Porto Rico, caused by the cyclone of August 8, have now come in, and a cable has just been received that there are 40,000 starving people in the Ponce District alone to be fed.

The Committee feel disappointed that the subscriptions in Boston should have ceased at a sum which is less than half of what was confidently hoped for, but they also feel sure that a large number of people, who as yet have sent nothing, have only been waiting for the need to be still further declared to be very serious to express their sympathy by subscription.

The Committee have made every effort that Boston's assistance should not only be prompt, but should be wisely applied on the spot by local boards which have been organized, and are under the supervision of Americans, resident there.

It is a piteous story of distress—the poor shacks or huts of the working people have been blown away by the thousands, and they are without shelter in the hardest time of the year for them—it being the rainy season. No food, no shelter, is the story for many thousands of these poor people, and Boston's help must now stop unless more of us will listen to this cry of distress, and respond.

Subscriptions, large or small, will be gladly received and duly acknowledged by Mr. Francis H. Peabody, Treasurer (Kidder, Peabody & Co., 113 Devonshire street).

The cable above referred to asks that 25,000 pounds of provisions should be dispatched weekly from Boston for several weeks, and unless we can provide this amount, the work of our distributing committee in Porto Rico must immediately cease, as the funds already contributed have been practically exhausted.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Chairman,

FRANCIS H. PEABODY, Treasurer,

CHARLES H. COLE, Secretary,

ELWYN G. PRESTON,

ROBERT M. BURNETT,

LAMONT G. BURNHAM,

U. K. PETTINGILL,

FRANCIS DUMARESQU,

Boston Porto Rico Relief Committee.

STREET LAYING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

The report of the Street Laying-out Department for the year ending January 31, 1899, constituting City Document 36—1899, has recently been submitted to His Honor the Mayor. The leading features of the report may be summarized as follows:

Under the orders for laying out, widening and extending streets passed by the Board during the year, land to the amount of about 595,543 square feet was taken for street purposes; the total estimated damages amounted to \$129,436.75. Streets having a total mileage of 5.63 were made public ways. Under authority of the act of the Legis-

lature of 1891, for the assessment upon abutting property of the cost of laying out and constructing streets, there has been assessed, upon five streets, a total of \$60,367.69.

The Board has issued eighty-nine orders of notice of intention to lay out, widen, extend and discontinue streets, or parts of streets, calling for public hearings. It has received and considered seventy petitions for street improvements, and for hearings in the matter of the payment for damages occasioned by street improvements twenty-one petitions. Upon petitions in the matter of payment for damages eighteen hearings have been given and ninety-four settlements reached. Seven petitions for release of sewer assessments have been received, and six releases made by the Board, under authority of the act empowering them to release parts of estates from assessments for sewers and sidewalks upon payment of the proportional parts due upon the parcels released.

The length of the new streets laid out as public ways during the year amounted to 5.63 miles as against 11.38 miles in 1897. The length in feet of the new streets by districts was as follows:

Boston proper, 3,832.79; East Boston, 632.84; South Boston, 370.25; Roxbury, 4,613.22; Dorchester, 13,887.99; West Roxbury, 4,425.48; Brighton, 1,789.33; Charlestown, 160.23; total, 29,712.13 feet.

Judged by their length, the principal new streets included in the foregoing statement are: Jersey street, from Brookline avenue to Audubon road, city proper, 1,631 feet; Cummington street, from Blandford street to Avon street, city proper, 1,174.64 feet; Worthington street, from Longwood avenue to the Fenway, Roxbury, 1,128 feet; Devon street, from Columbia road to Blue Hill avenue, Dorchester, 1,400.01 feet; Callender street, from Tucker street to Don street, Dorchester, 2,173.59 feet; Florida street, from King street to Templeton street, Dorchester, 1,113.95 feet; Newburg street, from Beech street to Belgrade avenue, West Roxbury, 1,976 feet; and Park street, from Centre street to Montview street, West Roxbury, 1,162.02 feet.

The estimated expense of the street improvements, not including cost of construction, ordered in 1898, was \$129,436, as compared with \$162,219 in 1897.

The payments made for land damages and other claims, on account of laying out, widening, relocating and extending streets, met from the department appropriation amounted to \$7,398; and the payments made from other appropriations to \$815,780, including, for Columbia road, \$381,146; for Boylston street, \$166,344; for Clinton street, \$116,983; for Ipswich street, \$75,000; for Spring street, \$5,620; for Athelwold street, \$3,500; for Peverell street, \$2,791; for Batavia street, \$529; for Belmore terrace, \$200; for Alexander street, \$75; for Columbus avenue, \$37,897; for Blue Hill avenue, \$12,923, and for Huntington avenue, \$6,633.

The expenditure of the Board of Street Commissioners, including salaries, advertising, office expenses, etc., was \$22,473, an increase of \$71 over 1897; while the expenditures of the Surveying Division, including \$46,508 for salaries, and \$2,719 for surveyors' supplies, amounted to \$54,830, a decrease of \$3,056, as compared with 1897.

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held on Tuesday, September 12, 1899, at 3 P.M., Alderman Presheo presiding, in the absence of Chairman Barry, the following messages were received from His Honor the Mayor:

Communication from Bath Trustees.**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,**

City Hall, September 2, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication received from the Trustees of the Bath Department in reply to your order requesting a statement of "the reasons for the reduction in wages of the employees of the Department."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BATH DEPARTMENT.

September 2, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I am requested by the Trustees of the Bath Department to state in reply to the order from Board of Aldermen, dated August 15, 1899, that no reduction was made in the wages of the employees of the Bath Department for the year 1899, and that no reduction was contemplated.

On account of the continued cold weather during the past summer season, receipts for suits and towels did not come up to the estimate made by the Trustees, and in order to continue the bathing season to September the Trustees at one time contemplated the plan of working the employees half-time, with half wages, but it was found unnecessary to put this into effect.

Yours respectfully,

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto—Location of Post.**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.**

City Hall, September 8, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith, without my approval, order passed by your Board, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue a permit to Henry E. Weston to erect, maintain and use a wooden post, seven feet high and eight inches in diameter, on the sidewalk in front of estate No. 108 Dudley street, for the reason that such permission cannot be legally granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The Board reconsidered the order, and refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved by the Mayor on September 8, 1899:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Alexander Cava, an illuminated sign at 24 Tremont row, Ward 6.

Eugene Fellner, a sign at 131 Federal street, Ward 7.

Fred E. Lewis, a druggist's mortar at 1932 Centre street, Ward 23.

W. W. Austin, a watch sign at 977 Boylston street, Ward 11.

Samuel Gens, a key sign at 387 Shawmut avenue, Ward 12.

Placido Pullia, two barber poles and two signs at 21 High street, Ward 7.

Frank Landino, a barber pole at 317 Sumner street, Ward 2.

Samuel Katz, four umbrellas at 19 Tremont row, Ward 6.

Louis Moscovitch, a sign at 78 Green street, Ward 8.

Semon Shufro, a sign at 365 Harrison avenue, Ward 9.

Frank O. Newton, a flagpole at 14 Franklin avenue, Ward 6.

John Spinelli, an illuminated sign at 112 Court street, Ward 6.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to move wooden buildings, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto, as follows:

George R. Cavanagh, one, pitch roof, forty-five feet in length by eighteen feet in width by fifteen feet in height, from present location on Blake street, across Dorchester avenue to Kemp street, to foundation on said Kemp street, Ward 16.

John Soley, one, pitch roof, forty-three feet in length by twenty-nine feet in width by thirty feet in height, from Metropolitan avenue and Maynard street, Ward 23, along said avenue to the Town of Hyde Park.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on October 4, 1899, an examination will be held at any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners for the position of assistant physician, junior grade.

The examination will be upon the subjects mentioned below, which will be weighted as follows:

Letter-writing, five; anatomy and physiology, fifteen; chemistry, materia medica and therapeutics, fifteen; general and special pathology, twenty-five; surgery, twenty; bacteriology and hygiene, ten; obstetrics and gynecology, ten. Total, one hundred.

The minimum age limitation for entrance to this examination is twenty years; no

maximum. The examination is open to both males and females, but a separate eligible register will be kept for each sex.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill two positions in the government hospital for the insane, one from the male register at \$900 per annum and one from the female register at \$600 per annum.

The Commission also announces that on October 17, 18 and 19, 1899, an examination may be taken at any place in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners for the position of heating and ventilating draftsman, supervising architect's office, Treasury Department.

Competitors will be supplied with writing and drawing papers for the examination, but they must bring with them pens, inks, drawing board and all other materials likely to be used in the examination.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill the position of heating and ventilating draftsman in the office of the supervising architect, Treasury Department.

The Commission also announces that it is desired to establish an eligible register from which certification may be made to fill the position of inspector of standards, United States coast and geodetic survey (office of standard weights and measures), Treasury Department.

Applicants will not be required to appear at any place for examination.

From the eligibles certification will be made to fill the position of inspector of standards, United States coast and geodetic survey (office of standard weights and measures), Treasury Department, at a salary of \$3,000 per annum.

The Commission also announces that it desires to establish an eligible register for the position of magnetic observer in the coast and geodetic survey.

It will be noted that applicants will not be required to appear at any place for examination, but will be required to file their applications on Forms 304 and 375 with the Commission prior to the hour of closing business on October 1, 1899, in order to have their names entered upon the register, which will be prepared immediately after that date. Persons who are unable to file their applications prior to October 1, 1899, may file them at any subsequent date, when they will be rated and the names of those attaining eligible averages will be duly entered upon the register at such times as may be convenient thereafter.

The salaries for these positions will range from \$30 to \$75 a month, according to the character of the work and the qualifications of the applicant; and in exceptional cases, where the person employed has had repeated experience in magnetic work, the salary may reach \$100 per month.

The minimum age limitation is twenty years. There is no maximum age limitation.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, July 29, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending July 29, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
2...	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	7
3...	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
4...	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-
5...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
6...	2	9	1	-	1	6	-	10	15	36
7...	1	4	-	-	1	12	2	9	3	15
8...	4	4	-	1	-	2	2	6	5	5
9...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	21	21
10...	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	5	24	24
11...	1	3	4	-	2	3	-	7	18	18
12...	-	2	-	1	-	4	-	4	8	8
13...	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	1	1
14...	1	2	1	1	1	3	-	4	12	12
15...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	2
16...	-	4	1	-	1	1	-	2	5	11
17...	-	1	-	-	5	1	-	4	6	6
18...	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	7	12	12
19...	1	-	3	-	1	2	1	5	11	11
20...	8	1	-	1	6	5	1	6	28	28
21...	6	2	1	3	-	4	3	3	14	14
22...	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	13	13
23...	3	1	-	-	1	8	2	3	10	10
24...	1	-	2	-	14	1	-	4	8	8
25...	3	3	-	-	-	2	2	4	5	5
T'ls..	35	40	15	10	18	33	56	10	104	262

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building a sea-wall and temporary roadway on Congress street were opened at the office of the City Engineer on Wednesday, September 6, 1899, as follows:

BIDDERS.	Item A.	Item B.	Item C.	Item D.
Wm. J. Lawler,	\$12,346 00	\$39	\$28	\$7
Wm. L. Miller,	13,871 00	45	30	28
Wm. H. Ellis .	14,529 58	42	35	12

NOTE.—Item A is for furnishing material and doing all work of building sea wall, platform and sidewalk on the southerly side of Congress street. Item B is for each thousand feet of "merchandise" hard pine furnished and placed. Item C is for each thousand feet of spruce furnished and placed. Item D is for each thousand feet of timber and piles removed from present bridge and placed in new structure.

The contract was awarded to W. J. Lawler.

Proposals for erecting and completing (except plumbing and heating) the draw-tender's house on Summer-street bridge were opened at the office of the City Engineer on September 8, 1899, as follows:

William T. Eaton	\$1,500
D. J. McKim	1,657
William J. Lawler	1,772
C. H. Mead	1,800

The contract was awarded to W. T. Eaton.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Park Department.

Proposals for building cart sheds and storehouses at Franklin Park were received, opened and read on September 6, 1899, at 4 P.M., at 64 Pemberton square, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
F. G. Coburn & Co.	\$10,347
David J. McKim	10,379
Norcross & Co.	10,500
F. L. Hodges	10,677
W. I. Mabie	10,900
Gifford & Lawrence	11,005
W. A. & H. A. Root	11,105
Hersee Brothers	11,938
C. A. Dodge & Co.	12,058
Jones & Meehan	12,480
W. T. Eaton	12,500
John J. Cranitch	12,700
John A. Rooney	13,320
John S. Jacobs & Son	13,939
Charles E. Currier	14,175
C. H. Dodge	14,208
Johnson Brothers	14,654

The contract was awarded to F. G. Coburn & Co., of Boston.

Proposals for building sea-wall, gate chamber and filling at Charlesgate were received at the same time and place as follows:

	Walls and piers, granite.	Concrete blocks.
W. L. Miller	\$47,974	\$45,974
R. D. Shanahan	55,098	53,098
G. M. Bacon	55,685	53,685
W. J. Lawler	57,194	55,194
D. F. O'Connell	59,400	59,200
W. H. Keyes & Co.	74,941	74,941

The contract was awarded to W. L. Miller.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

School Committee.

Proposals for building the new Chapman School-house in East Boston were received by the Committee on New Buildings on September 11, 1899, as follows:

	Item 1.	Item 2.
Keening & Strout Bros.	\$119,319	\$2,775
James A. Colson	118,077	2,323
W. A. & H. A. Root	107,943	3,500
James Fagan	107,277	750
Lord Bros.	106,730	4,923
Jones & Meehan	102,900	2,400
Fessenden & Libby Co.	102,660	4,140
Mead, Mason & Co.	102,000	2,752
Clark & Lee	100,597	
John S. Jacobs & Son	99,973	1,800
William T. Eaton	99,600	2,500
Cutting, Bardwell & Co.	96,771	5,085
Isaac Weaver	94,683	2,550
F. G. Coburn & Co.	82,900	3,000

NOTE.—Item 1 is for construction with common red brick; Item 2 is for buff brick in addition.

The contract was awarded to F. G. Coburn & Co.

Proposals for erecting the new Winthrop School-house in Brighton were received by the same committee on September 11, as follows:

John S. Jacobs & Son	\$97,000
James Fagan	80,550
Mead, Mason & Co.	79,712
Gerry & Northup	79,297
D. J. McKim	74,000
F. G. Coburn & Co.	68,900
Cutting, Bardwell & Co.	65,130

The contract was awarded to Cutting, Bardwell & Co.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Street Department.

The following proposal for asphaltting and regulating Public Alley 701 was opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Thursday, September 7, 1899:

Barber Asphalt Paving Company	\$3,032 06
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The contract was awarded to the Barber Asphalt Paving Company.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending September 9, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	16.0
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	23.0

Number of deaths:

Males	80
Females	88

Total	168
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Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	234
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Decrease	66
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Of the 168 decedents, 164 were white and 4 colored; 111 were born in the United States, 54 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 31 were of American parentage, 120 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 17 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	43	1
Scarlatina	12	1
Typhoid fever	29	6
Measles	4	—
Totals	88	8

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	14
Pneumonia	14
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	13
Bronchitis	3
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	10

Total from principal causes	60
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Total from infectious diseases	8
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Total from other causes	100
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Total from all causes	168
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Deaths of children under 1 year	49
Deaths of children under 5 years	60
Deaths of persons over 60 years	27
Deaths in public institutions	56

PORTO RICAN RELIEF FUND.

The Porto Rican Relief Fund, which amounted to \$22,838.73 on September 7, at the present writing, September 14, amounts to \$25,980.23.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Chairman, J. Albert Brackett, 92 State street, on Friday, September 1, 1899, at 3 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Fallon, Hersey and Atteaux.

The question of the financial condition of the Department for the present year was discussed.

Voted, That the Superintendent be instructed to dispense with the services of as many laborers as possible, in order to keep the expenditures within the annual appropriation.

Voted, That the General Superintendent, Mr. Morton, be sent as a delegate to the thirteenth annual convention of the American Association of Cemetery Superintendents, which convenes at New Haven, Conn., as a representative of this Department; said Superintendent's expenses to be paid by the Department.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street August 10, 1899.

Present: Messrs. Goddard and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The estimates of the cost of putting screens in the infirmary wards were read, and the Committee on Buildings and Grounds were authorized to procure such screens.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$4,208.05, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$3,583.71, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The bills for the insane in State Institutions, amounting to \$45,137.78, were referred to the Committee on Insane in other Hospitals for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The Superintendent's report was read, accepted and placed on file.

It was voted that a one unit electric light plant be installed at the men's department at a cost of \$5,875, if the appropriation were authorized.

It was voted that the Superintendent be authorized to appoint a carpenter attendant temporarily until the present press of work is over.

The Committee on Sunday Visiting recommended that Sunday visiting should be allowed under certain conditions; that it should be carefully restricted to certain hours and the visitors should be restricted to one visitor to each patient; and that only husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters should be allowed to visit on Sundays.

The time of the visiting was left to the Superintendent. The recommendations of the Committee were approved and the Superintendent was instructed to decide upon the time for visiting.

It was voted that an appropriation be asked for to paint the buildings at the women's department.

The bill against Andrew B. DeCoursy, for the support of his wife at the hospital, was referred to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report at the next meeting.

The Secretary was authorized to ask the State Board of Insanity for permission to transfer twelve women and four men to the State institutions, on account of the crowded condition of the Hospital.

The Committee on Supplies and Mrs. Howard were appointed a special committee to procure furniture for the new offices.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds were authorized to select a site for the dynamo house.

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Park Department.

At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held August 29, 1899, it was voted (1) that there be allowed and paid to Nathaniel H. Taylor, City Collector, the sum of \$400.40 in payment of the taxes for 1897 upon the estate of Dudley A. Dorr, trustee, taken for the Strandway, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for public parks.

(2.) That permission be granted the Board of Election Commissioners to erect a booth on Charlestown Playground, provided that said booth be erected not earlier than November 1, 1899, and removed before December 16, 1899.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its meeting held on Tuesday, September 12, the Board of Aldermen voted to adjourn till Monday, September 18, 1899, at 3 P.M.

The exports from the United States to Cuba during 1898 amounted to \$18,615,707; to Porto Rico, \$2,685,848; to Hawaii, \$9,305,470; to the Philippines, \$404,171, a total of \$31,011,196.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, August 5, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending August 5, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5
2...	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
3...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
4...	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5...	5	2	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1
6...	-	2	2	-	1	-	4	2	5	-	11
7...	-	10	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	29
8...	-	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	5
9...	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	3	-	7
10...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	6
11...	4	2	1	-	1	-	2	-	9	-	24
12...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	3
13...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6
14...	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	6
15...	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	5
16...	6	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	9	-	4
17...	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	5
18...	5	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	8
19...	10	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	3	-	4
20...	7	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	11	-	50
21...	3	-	-	-	4	2	-	3	3	-	6
22...	1	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	3
23...	3	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	8	-	8
24...	6	2	2	-	1	-	-	2	5	-	10
25...	7	-	6	-	2	3	2	-	3	-	7
T'ls.	62	37	22	6	9	13	25	10	99	-	218

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Health Department.

Old Court House, September 2, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

L. W. Buckley, Beech street, corner of Eastbourne street, Ward 23; hearing September 14, at 11 o'clock. George W. Havey, Roslindale avenue, Ward 23, one horse; hearing September 7, at 11 o'clock. Patrick J. Hagerty, 11 Seldon street, Ward 24, one horse; hearing September 14, at 11 o'clock.

The petition of Henry C. Turner, for the occupancy of a stable on Avon street, Ward 11, for 150 horses, was granted.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the month of August, 1899:

Apples, seven baskets; beans, two bushels; bananas, four bunches; berries, sixty-eight quarts; cucumbers, one bushel; corn, one bushel; egg plants, twenty-eight barrels; fish, 320 pounds; hams, 415 pounds; mutton, twenty pounds; melons, eight barrels, 286

crates; potatoes, two barrels; poultry, 724 pounds; pears, one barrel; tomatoes, one crate, two barrels; veal, forty-nine pounds; watermelons, 326.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending September 2, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	16	7	23
Negative	32	19	51
No growth	4	2	6
Total	52	28	80

Typhoid diagnoses: Seventeen cases; two cases positive, eleven negative and four unsatisfactory. Glanders: One case, positive.

Old Court House, September 9, 1899.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been received at this office:

Patrick Meehan, rear of 172 Green street, Ward 22, fourteen horses; hearing September 14, at 11 o'clock. Minnie Stafford, Graham court, Ward 16, one horse; hearing September 21, at 11 o'clock. Henry B. Blackwell, 197 Neponset avenue, Ward 24; hearing September 21, at 11 o'clock.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the month ending August 31, 1899:

Steers	1,234
New England cows	267
New England bulls	102
Sheep	1,030
Calves	2,068
Total	4,701

During the month 3,429 pounds of diseased meat have been condemned.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending September 9, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	19	11	30
Negative	27	11	38
No growth	3	1	4
Totals	49	23	72

Typhoid diagnoses: Eight cases; three cases positive, four negative and one case unsatisfactory.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

Statistics for the week ending August 5:

Cases pending	2
Number of applications	75
Number of Admissions:	
To State Almshouse	27
Long Island Almshouse,	13
Charlestown Almshouse,	3
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	1
Boston Insane Hospital,	13
Danvers Insane Hospital,	5
Westboro' Insane Hospital,	1
Bridgewater Insane Asylum	1
	64

Number of applications refused	5	
Number of applications withdrawn	7	
Cases pending	1	
	—	77
Settlements investigated		83
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	7	

28 Court Square, August 14, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending August 12, 1899:

Cases pending	1	
Number of applications	71	
	—	72
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	26	
Long Island Almshouse	10	
Charlestown Almshouse	3	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	5	
Boston Insane Hospital	7	
Danvers Insane Hospital	5	
Foxboro' Asylum	1	
	—	57
Number of applications refused	2	
Number of applications withdrawn	13	
Cases pending	—	72
Settlements investigated		87
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	14	

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, September 5, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending September 2, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	187	3
Females	25	—
Totals	212	3
Offences:		
Against the person	19	—
Against property	15	3
Against public order and decency	180	—
Totals	*214	3
Discharges:		
Males	199	8
Females	30	4
Totals	229	12
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence, Permit of Commissioner	203	11
Payment of fine	6	1
	20	—
Totals	229	12
Population:		
August 26, 1899	1,263	442
Committed since August 26, 1899	212	3
Totals	1,475	445
Discharged since August 26, 1899	229	12
September 2, 1899	1,246	433

* Two committed charged with two offences each.

The following appointment has been made:

Freeman B. Johnson, to the position of watchman at the House of Correction, South Boston, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Tague.

32 Tremont Street, September 11, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending September 9, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	149	12
Females	29	13
Total	178	25
Offences:		
Against the person	8	2
Against property	8	13
Against public order and decency	164	10
Total	*180	25
Discharges:		
Males	159	16
Females	24	1
Total	183	17
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	166	13
Permit of Commissioner, Payment of fine	2	2
Pardoned by Governor	—	1
Transferred to State Farm	—	1
Escaped	1	—
Total	183	17
Population:		
September 4, 1899	1,246	433
Committed since September 4, 1899	178	25
Total	1,424	458
Discharged since September 4, 1899	183	17
September 9, 1899	1,241	441

* Two committed on two offences each.

John W. Angus has been appointed to the position of officer at the House of Correction, South Boston, to fill a vacancy caused by the discharge of Freeman B. Johnson.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

The New York Fire Department vehicles are equipped with rubber tires, and similar equipment will soon be given to the vehicles of the Detroit Fire Department.

The Finance Committee of the Council of Chicago, Ill., has recommended that five new small parks be established in the thickly populated districts of the city.

A British commercial estimate puts the world's wheat crop for 1899 at 2,504,000,000 bushels, against 2,748,000,000 in 1898—a reduction of 244,000,000 bushels.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

EVENING SESSIONS.

The Board of Assessors will hold evening sessions from 5 to 10 o'clock P. M. on September 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13; also on September 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 for the assessment of poll taxes.

GEORGE A. COMINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 5, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on Tremont street, near Carmel street, Ward 19, three bay-windows of iron and copper of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Tremont street, also a cornice two feet over said street. Dimensions of windows: Each twenty-five feet high, eleven feet wide and two feet six inches over line of street.

J. C. SPILLANE.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of September, at 3 o'clock P. M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 11, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Seaborn street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Centre street to Kenwood street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A. M., of the twenty-fifth day of September, 1899, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 11, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Aberdeen street be laid out as a highway, from Beacon street to the Brookline branch of the Boston and Albany railroad, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and by authority of Chapter 100 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1896, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A. M., of the twenty-fifth day of September, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, September 11, 1899

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to erect poles for the support of its wires in streets of the city as follows:

City Proper—Washington street, between Waltham street and Union Park, two poles, 40 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 12 feet; Washington street, between West Newton street and Worcester square, seven poles, 40 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 12 feet; Union Park, between Washington street and Shawmut avenue, two poles, 40 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 8 feet; Worcester street, between Deacon street and Shawmut avenue, one pole, 40 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 8 feet.

South Boston—Newman street, between Mercer street and Dorchester street, four poles, 35 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 8 feet; K street, between East Ninth street and Columbia road, two poles, 35 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 8 feet; L street, between Sumner street and Columbia road, five poles, 35 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 8 feet; P street, between East Second street and East First street, one pole, 35 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 8 feet; H street, between East Second street and Emerson street, three poles, 35 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 8 feet; Dorchester avenue, at Dorchester street, one pole, 60 feet by 18 inches, sidewalk 10 feet; Broadway, between G and H streets, two poles, 40 feet by 15 inches, sidewalk 12 feet.

East Boston—London street, between Sumner and Maverick streets, two poles, 35 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 8 feet; Liverpool street, between Sumner street and Central square, six poles, 35 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 8 feet; Paris street, between Porter street and Marion street, three poles, 35 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 8 feet.

Boston Electric Light Company,
By F. A. GILBERT, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday the eighteenth day of September at 3 o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, South Boston Inquirer, East Boston Free Press and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 8, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 365 and 369A Neponset avenue and 2 and 2A Chickatawbut street, Ward 24, four bay-windows of the following description: To project from the second and third stories, one over Neponset avenue, two over Chickatawbut street, and one over the corner of said streets. Dimensions: Twenty-three and one-half feet high, ten feet eight inches wide, and two feet over line of street.

ARTHUR MURPHY.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of September, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Morton street, from and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Washington street, at Forest Hills, to Codman street; thence on said Codman street to Adams street; thence on said Adams street to Minot street, and thence on said Minot street to and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Neponset avenue; also on Morton street, from and connecting with the location for tracks herein petitioned for on said Morton street to Sanford street; thence on said Sanford street to Washington street; thence on said Washington street to Richmond street, and thence on said Richmond street to and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Dorchester avenue; also on Marsh street, from and connecting with the location for tracks on Codman street, herein petitioned for, as far as said Marsh street is completed, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated September 12, 1899, and to be filed with your said Board. Should any change be made in the lines of said streets, said tracks are to be located substantially in the centre of the same as changed.

Also for consent and permission to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said tracks herein petitioned for, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the poles, wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 12, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioners to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the second day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Jamaica Plain News, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 7, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Chambers street be relocated as a highway, at Ashland street, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-first day of September, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 9, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Waldeck street, between Melville avenue and Tonawanda street, Boston Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, September 15, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 13, 1899.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Wednesday, September 20, 1899, for Paving and Regulating Boston street between Washburn street and Andrew square, and parts of Ellery and Rawson streets, South Boston, in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at said office. Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 9, 1899.

The Street Department of the city of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Edwin street, between Dorchester avenue and Florida street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, September 15, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, Sept. 9, 1899.

The Street Department of the city of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Newburg street, between Beech street and Belgrade avenue, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, September 15, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

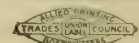
Boston, September 9, 1899.

The Street Department of the city of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Florida street, between King and Templeton streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, September 15, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.



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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

REPORT OF REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Registry Department for the year 1898, constituting City Document 30—1899, has been submitted recently to His Honor the Mayor. The following is a summary abstract of the report:

For the year 1898 there were recorded 16,680 births, including 254 children of parents usually residing outside of Boston, and 35 children born out of the city, whose parents reside in Boston; 650 still births; 5,907 marriages solemnized in Boston, and 840 marriages of citizens of Boston married elsewhere, viz.: 765 in the State and 75 outside the State; and 10,903 deaths.

The following statement shows the total number of births, marriages and deaths recorded in each of the years 1894—1898 inclusive:

	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
Births . . .	15,401	15,613	16,484	16,973	16,680
Marriages, . .	5,464	5,932	6,318	6,062	5,907
Deaths . . .	11,531	11,331	11,650	11,170	10,903

The Legislature of 1899 passed but few laws affecting this Department; the Acts are printed in the appendix. Some progress

has been made in regard to official seals, though the result is imperfect. Permission has been given by Chapter 354 to use type-writing machines on public records, a scheme of doubtful utility on such records as are kept in this office. Chapter 197 transfers the jurisdiction in the case of minors or young persons of doubtful age to the Probate Courts. By Chapter 387, the power of Justices of the Peace to solemnize marriages has been greatly curtailed, and it seems that this step is in the right direction.

Reference is made to former reports for statements of legislation greatly needed, to which successive Legislatures have turned a deaf ear.

The financial statement of the Department for the year ending January 31, 1899, is as follows:

Appropriation for 1898-99 . . .	\$30,000 00
EXPENDITURES.	
Salaries	\$20,812 30
Printing	5,091 82
Binding	1,247 16
Births	1,772 37
Sundries	927 04
Unexpended (balance) . . .	149 31
	\$30,000 00

SPECIAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

Cash on hand February 1, 1898 (City Document No. 30) . . .	\$120 75
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RECEIPTS.

Received for 6,580 marriage licenses, at 50 cents, from February 1, 1898, to January 31, 1899, inclusive . .	3,290 00
	\$3,410 75

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to physicians for 12,086 birth returns, at 25 cents, reported in year ending January 31, 1899 . .	\$3,021 50
Cash balance February 1, 1899 . .	389 25
	\$3,410 75

FREE EVENING SCHOOLS.

The following announcement regarding Free Evening Schools, dated September 1, 1899, has recently been issued by the Secretary of the School Committee:

The City of Boston maintains Free Evening Schools during the fall and winter months of each year for the benefit of adults, and of children of fourteen years of age and over who are unable to attend the day schools. Books and supplies are furnished free to the pupils. Non-residents of

Boston are required to pay a small tuition fee, usually amounting to about \$13 for the entire term.

Term—The term of the Evening Schools begins on the last Monday in September in each year, and ends on the second Friday in March of the following year. The schools are closed during the two weeks immediately preceding the first school day in January.

Sessions—The sessions of the Evening High School begin at 7.30 and close at 9.30 o'clock on the five evenings of the week from Monday to Friday inclusive.

The sessions of the Evening Elementary Schools begin at 7 o'clock and close at 9 o'clock. These schools are also in session on the five evenings of the week from Monday to Friday inclusive.

The school-rooms are open and the teachers present fifteen minutes before the time for the session to begin.

In the Evening High branches, classes are formed in arithmetic, book-keeping, English, penmanship, phonography, and American history and civil government. Classes in other subjects may be organized should the number of pupils desiring to pursue them be sufficient to warrant the addition.

Certificates and Diplomas—Examinations in the several studies taught are held at the close of each term, and certificates of proficiency are awarded successful pupils. Each certificate represents a credit unit or fractional part thereof, and a pupil receiving certificates, the aggregate value of which is equivalent to six credit units, is entitled to a diploma of graduation.

EVENING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

No examination for admission to the Evening Elementary Schools is required. Pupils are required to attend regularly, and absence for three consecutive evenings is followed by dismissal from the school.

The course of instruction corresponds closely to that in the primary and grammar schools. Arithmetic, book-keeping, civil government, geography, language, grammar, physiology, history, reading, spelling and writing are taught.

Special classes are formed for the benefit of foreigners who can neither speak nor write the English language, in which modern objective methods are used, and a number of native teachers are employed. The classes are small, usually not exceeding fifteen pupils, and those who require elementary instruction are therefore enabled to receive a considerable amount of individual attention.

At the end of the term certificates for regular and punctual attendance, good deportment and general proficiency are awarded to pupils entitled to receive them, and those

who pass a satisfactory examination receive a diploma of graduation, which admits them to the Evening High School.

EVENING HIGH SCHOOL.

The "Central school" is located in the English High School-house on Montgomery street, and receives pupils from all parts of the city who are qualified for admission. Evening High School branches are also established in the Charlestown and East Boston High School-houses, which are in session on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings only.

Admission and attendance — Graduates of the Boston grammar schools and of the evening elementary schools, former pupils of the Evening High School, as well as those who have attended a day high school of the City of Boston, are admitted without examination. Others are required to pass a satisfactory examination in reading, writing, arithmetic and geography.

Examinations for admission are held during the opening week of the term in September, and also during the first school week in January.

Pupils may join the classes held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, or those held Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, or both; but are required to attend the school at least four hours a week, and to take not less than two subjects.

Absence for three consecutive evenings on which attendance is due is followed by dismissal from the school.

Course of instruction — Arithmetic, algebra (two-year course), American literature, chemistry (two-year course), book-keeping (two-year course), American history and civil government, English (three-year course), French (three-year course), geometry (plane and solid), German (three-year course), Latin (three-year course), penmanship (two-year course), phonography (two-year course), physics (two-year course), physiology, typewriting.

LIST OF SCHOOLS.

Evening High School, English High School-house, Montgomery street.

Charlestown Branch, Charlestown High School-house, Monument square.

East Boston branch, East Boston High School-house, Meridian street.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

*Bigelow School, E street, South Boston.
Comins School, Tremont street, Roxbury.
Dearborn School, Dearborn place, Roxbury.

Eliot School, North Bennet street, North End.

Franklin School, Ringgold street, South End.

Lincoln School, Broadway, South Boston.
Lyman School, corner Paris and Decatur streets, East Boston.

Mather School, Meeting-House Hill, Dorchester.

Quincy School, Tyler street.

Warren School, corner Pearl and Summer streets, Charlestown.

Washington Allston School, Cambridge street, Allston.

Wells School, Blossom street, West End.

* During the rebuilding of the Bigelow School-house this school will be removed to the Norcross School-house at the corner of D and Fifth streets.

COVE STREET EXTENSION.

The following communication from the Secretary of War has been received by His Honor the Mayor:

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Washington, September 11, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the tenth ultimo, requesting, on behalf of the City of Boston, approval of plans submitted for building a bridge across Fort Point channel, in Boston city.

In reply, I beg to inform you that the Department is also in receipt of protests in the interest of the rapidly increasing commerce of this waterway by numerous owners and lessees of wharves in South bay against the approval of the War Department of the plans for the proposed bridge, and, from the report on the subject made by Col. Charles R. Suter, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, the local engineer officer, dated August 30, 1899, it appears that there are already six highway bridges across said channel, in a length of about 4,300 feet, beside a large railroad bridge, which crosses the stream diagonally between the Dorchester avenue and Broadway bridges; that it is proposed to place this additional bridge between the railroad bridge and the existing bridge on Dorchester avenue, nearly filling the space between the said two bridges; that the draws of these bridges — six in number — will all be in line, and to enable a vessel to pass through safely they should all be open simultaneously — a result difficult to accomplish.

The commerce of the channel is large and important, and in the opinion of Colonel Suter an additional bridge, located and built as proposed, would constitute a serious obstruction to navigation. The views of Colonel Suter are concurred in by the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, and by this Department, and the papers have been returned to the Chief of Engineers, indorsed by me, as follows:

In view of the protests in this case, and the reports of Colonel Suter and the Chief of Engineers, the plan of the proposed bridge will not be approved.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor, Boston, Mass.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of imports and exports, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of August, 1899, as compared with the corresponding month of 1898:

	Imports.		Exports.	
August, 1899 . .	\$4,852,281		\$11,169,623	
August, 1898 . .	3,073,772		10,039,684	
	Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
August, 1899 . .	208	235,274	208	216,780
August, 1898 . .	156	164,055	178	171,427
Passengers arrived, August, 1899 . . .	2,620			
Passengers arrived, August, 1898 . . .	1,717			

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at 7.30 P.M., September 12, 1899, President Huggan in the chair and all the members present except Messrs. Bowdlear, Calderwood, Davison and Fleischer.

The records of the meeting of July 29, on page 286, were amended by substituting the word "Ancient" for the word "American" in the second line of the first paragraph of the modification of the course of study in the Girls' High School.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was read and passed:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute orders of addition to the contracts for heating and ventilating the new high school buildings specified, in the sums named, for the adoption of the Sidney Smith method of boiler-setting.

South Boston High School-house . . . \$975
East Boston High School-house . . . 750
Dorchester High School-house . . . 1,050

The Chair read the following:

(1.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, September 1, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Francis G. Sager upon the sum of \$8,500 as payment for his estate at the corner of Bartlett and School streets, at Charlestown, taken by the City of Boston for school purposes April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon said Sager giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

(2.) OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 30, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I return herewith, without my approval, the order passed by your Board, August 15, authorizing the execution of a contract with the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company for heating and ventilating the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester. Owing to the fact that my investigations into the matter occupied more than ten days, although I have endeavored to hasten them as much as possible, the order has gone into effect without my signature. I have, however, relied upon the fact that the contract authorized by this order could not be finally concluded without my signature, and upon the knowledge of the sub-committee of your Board having this matter in charge, that I was at least in doubt in regard to giving my sanction to it.

While I regret to interfere with such action as the School Committee may deem proper in a matter of this character, I feel obliged, in view of the importance of the

precedent which would be made by this contract, and in view of my belief that the heating of large school buildings by the furnace system would be seriously detrimental to the best interests of the city, to notify your Board of my unwillingness to sign the proposed contract; and in doing so I may call attention to the fact that this order was only passed by a vote of eleven yeas against seven nays, as indicating that there is at least a serious difference of opinion in the School Committee itself as to the propriety of the policy proposed.

The question of the relative merits of steam and furnace systems of heating in school-houses is an old one, and your committee is fully aware of the fact that the Consulting Architect of the city has, since his appointment, nearly four years ago, consistently opposed the use of the furnace system in school-houses, except for small buildings, and that my action upon such matters is largely guided by his advice. In view of the fact that your Board deliberately decided not to accept the opinion of the Consulting Architect upon this question, I have thought it proper to make a careful personal inquiry into the merits of the controversy, and to take the opinion of other disinterested experts. I have listened at length to all the arguments which have been brought forward by members of the sub-committee of your Board favoring the furnace system, and of the representative of the company to which the committee proposed to award the contract; and after such inquiry I cannot escape coming to the conclusion that the claims which are made as to the advantages of the furnace system, at least in so large a building as the school-house in question, are unfounded, and that the use of that system in such a building is clearly opposed to the best interests of the city, and would not be adopted in good private practice.

I have always believed that the best work was demanded in municipal service, and I do not think that our citizens are content with anything else than the best, particularly where the health and comfort of school children are concerned.

The claim has been strongly urged, and figures have been produced which apparently seem to support it, that a given number of rooms can be heated at a less consumption of coal by the furnace system than by the steam system. I am convinced that this claim is entirely fallacious, and I do not believe that any recognized scientific authority can be produced in support of the claim that it is possible in a large building to supply a given degree of heat and a given quantity of ventilation for any less coal with the furnace system than with the steam system. Such a claim seems to me scientifically untenable, and where furnaces seem to burn less coal it must be because less heat or less ventilation is supplied, and this seems to be notoriously the fact.

I transmit herewith a careful report from the Consulting Architect, and also a further report from Professor S. H. Woodbridge, and I call particular attention to their opinions in regard to this matter. I need not call attention to the fact that Professor Woodbridge is one of the very few recognized ventilation experts in this country, and has a national reputation as such. If scientific investigation is of any value—and civilization advances

chiefly through it—it would seem that no good reason could exist why the City of Boston should ignore its results and adopt a policy which would be condemned by the overwhelming weight of expert authority. I may add that the City Engineer has, at my request, carefully been over this matter, and that he fully coincides in the opinions expressed in these two reports.

I desire to call particular attention to the statement of the Consulting Architect, that even economy in first cost—which by no means necessarily implies economy in the long run—is in favor, upon any proper comparative basis, of steam rather than of a hot air plant for this building upon the basis of the bids submitted, the apparent economy of the latter system being due to extra features incorporated in the steam system, which are no more necessary with steam than with furnaces.

For the above reasons, and others more fully set forth in the accompanying reports, I cannot approve any contract for the installation of the furnace system in any building having more than eight or ten rooms at the outside.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the accompanying plans and specifications for heating and ventilating the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company in the sum of \$10,998 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications; the said concern being the lowest bidder.

The message was referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

Subsequently, Mr. Aldrich moved that the order passed at the meeting of July 31, whereby the Committee on New Buildings were authorized to execute a contract with the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Company, in the sum of \$10,998, for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be rescinded.

After some debate the message from His Honor the Mayor was read, and the foregoing order was rescinded by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Bate-man, Bennett, Berridge, Brett, Burrill, Coolidge, Courtney, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Merritt, Nichols, and Strange—15.

Nays—Messrs. Campbell, Gallivan, Kenny, McDonald, and McDonough—5.

Absent—Messrs. Bowdlear, Calderwood, Davison, and Fleischer.

The following, offered by Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, was passed, under a suspension of the rules:

Ordered, That the accompanying plans and specifications, prepared by A. Warren Gould, architect, for heating and ventilating the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a con-

tract with Lynch & Woodward in the sum of \$12,970 for furnishing and installing a heating and ventilating system in said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications; the said firm being the lowest bidder.

The Superintendent of Schools presented the resignations of seven teachers, which were accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointment and confirmations, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

(1.) The appointment of one teacher.

(2.) The confirmation of eighteen teachers.

Leave of absence was granted to four teachers.

On the recommendation of the Committee on New Buildings, the following orders were passed, under suspension of the rules:

(1.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Fagan for erecting the Quincy and Perth streets Grammar School-house in the sum of \$1,179 for carrying up the flues of said building.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with F. G. Coburn & Co., in the sum of \$85,900, for erecting the Chapman Grammar School building in East Boston, said firm being the lowest bidder.

(3.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Cutting, Bardwell & Co., in the sum of \$65,130, for erecting the Winship School building, Brighton, said firm being the lowest bidder.

(4.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with John J. Cranitch, in the sum of \$25,830, for finishing and completing, according to the plans and specifications, the primary school building on Munroe street, Roxbury, and carrying out the uncompleted contract of John McNamara & Sons for erecting said building.

(5.) That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for a site for a new primary school-house in the Roxbury District, a parcel of land supposed to belong to the estate of William Clafin, and bounded and described as follows: North-west by Parker street, one hundred thirty-nine and $\frac{87}{100}$ feet; northeast by a way designated as Willis street, one hundred thirty-one and $\frac{43}{100}$ feet; south-east by land now or at one time of Sullivan, one hundred seventeen feet; south-west by land now or at one time of Winn, nine and $\frac{96}{100}$ feet; again south-east by the same, thirty-seven and $\frac{81}{100}$ feet; and south-west by a way designated as Caldwell street, 130 feet,—be the aforesaid measurements more or less; containing 20,051 square feet, more or less.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the following order was taken from the table:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for a site for a new normal school-house, a parcel of land supposed to belong to R. J. Campbell, and bounded and described as follows: North-west by Huntington avenue, about 250 feet; north-east by land supposed to belong to Joseph Feldman, about 120 feet; south-east by a 16-foot passageway, leading from Gainsborough

street about 250 feet; and south-west by land supposed to belong now or formerly to Franklin Haven, jr., et al., trustees, about 120 feet; containing 30,000 square feet, more or less.

The yeas and nays being ordered, the order was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Aldrich, Berridge, Campbell, Courtney, Gallivan, Huggan, Mrs. Keller, Messrs. McDonald, McDonough, Merritt, Nichols and Strange—12.

Nays—Messrs. Anderson, Bateman, Bennett, Brett, Burrill, Coolidge, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Kenny—8.

Absent—Messrs. Bowdlear, Calderwood, Davison, and Fleischer.

On the recommendation of the Committee on School Houses, it was ordered, under suspension of the rules, that the Committee on School Houses are hereby authorized to execute a contract with George S. Perry & Co., in the sum of \$817.50 for furnishing the Baker-street Primary School-house, the said firm being the lowest bidder.

Mr. Strange, for the same committee, reported that they have advertised for and received proposals for furnishing the Benjamin Dean Primary School-house, South Boston, and have awarded the contract to the lowest bidder, the Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Company, in the sum of \$1,445.30. Accepted.

The following order was taken from the table and passed, by a vote of 18 to 1:

Ordered, That the American System of Music, by Zuchtman, published by the King-Richardson Publishing Company, be authorized for use as additional text-books in music in the grammar and primary schools.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, it was ordered, under suspension of the rules:

(1.) That the salary of the assistant in charge of the Charlestown branch of the Evening High School be fixed at the rate of \$5 per evening of actual service, to date from September 25, 1899.

(2.) That the salary of the assistant in charge of the East Boston branch of the Evening High School be fixed at the rate of \$5 per evening of actual service, to date from September 25, 1899, which amount shall also be in full compensation for his services as principal of the Lyman Evening School.

(3.) That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to employ such additional assistance in the physical and chemical laboratory of the Evening High School as may be needed, at an expense not exceeding \$2 per evening.

(4.) That Frank E. Barnard be appointed clerk of the Evening High School, at a salary of \$4 per evening, to date from September 25, 1899, said salary to be in full for all services required of him by the Committee on Evening Schools, and by the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Evening Schools, to whom was referred, June 27, the appointment of Joel C. Bolan as principal of the Warren Evening School, reported that Mr. Bolan has withdrawn his name as a candidate for the position, and they now recommend the appointment of the former principal, James H. Leary. The report was accepted, and the rules being suspended, James H. Leary having 14 votes,

was declared elected Principal of the Warren Evening School for the term 1899-1900.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Accounts, under a suspension of the rules, it was ordered that the Committee on Supplies be granted authority to expend in excess of the sum of \$1,500, appropriated for the year 1899-1900, under the item "Commercial Course in High Schools," such further amounts as in their judgment may be needed for the purpose, provided, however, that in no case shall the total amount appropriated under the head of supplies and incidentals be exceeded.

The following order was passed: Ordered, That work in preparation for the School Exhibit at the Paris Exposition be suspended as far as possible, and that the Committee on the Paris Exposition be requested to consider and report upon the advisability of rescinding the votes of the Board which provide for the exhibit.

IMMIGRATION DURING AUGUST.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the month ending August 31, 1899:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Dutch	1	1	—
English	338	170	168
Finnish	216	110	106
French	6	3	3
German	12	8	4
Hebrew	67	41	26
Irish	522	223	299
Polish	5	3	2
Russian	1	—	1
Scandinavian	299	143	156
Scotch	70	43	27
Welsh	3	1	2
West Indian	3	2	1
Total	1,543	748	795
Tourists or passengers en route	170	—	—
Total immigration for month ending August 31, 1899	1,713	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS. — STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division—	
Maine	21
New Hampshire	26
Vermont	1
Massachusetts	1,147
Rhode Island	63
Connecticut	9
New York	73
New Jersey	2
Pennsylvania	14
Total	1,356
South Atlantic Division—	
Delaware	1
Maryland	1
Total	2

North Central Division—	
Ohio	6
Indiana	2
Illinois	54
Michigan	36
Wisconsin	5
Minnesota	51
Iowa	5
North Dakota	7
Nebraska	1

Total 167

South Central Division—	
Tennessee	1

Total 1

Western Division—	
Montana	2
Colorado	2
Utah	1
Washington	1
Oregon	10
California	1

Total 17

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division	1,356
South Atlantic Division	2
North Central Division	167
South Central Division	1
Western Division	17

Total 1,543

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on October 17, 1899, examination may be taken for the grade of nautical expert, Navy Department, hydrographic office, in any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners.

The examination will consist of the following-named subjects, which will be weighted as follows:

Letter-writing, ten; pure mathematics, thirty; physical geography, twenty; nautical definitions, twenty; navigation, twenty. Total, one hundred.

The age limitations for this position are as follows: Minimum, twenty years; maximum, none.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination, certification will be made to fill the position of nautical expert, hydrographic office (Navy Department), at a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

The Commission also announces that on October 17, 18 and 19, 1899, an examination may be taken at any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners for the position of electrical engineer and draftsman.

The examination will consist of the subjects mentioned below, which will be weighted as follows:

Mathematics, ten; theoretical questions in electricity, twenty; practical questions in drafting, forty; technical education and experience, thirty. Total, one hundred.

Three days of seven hours each will be allowed for the examination, which will be divided as follows:

First day, Subjects 1 and 2; second and third day, Subject 3. The fourth subject (technical education and experience) will be graded upon the answers made to questions on Form 375. From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to the position of electrical engineer and draftsman in the supervising architect's office, Treasury Department, at a salary of \$1,400 per annum.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements, and they will be examined, graded and certified with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save the ability as shown by the grade attained by them in the examination.

Persons desiring to compete in either of the examinations mentioned above should at once apply to Mr. Edward E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office building, Boston, Mass., or to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375 and special forms), which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the Commission prior to the hour of closing business on October 28, 1899.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

September 5, 1899.

General Order No. 620.

I. Commencing Wednesday, September 6, and until September 30, sergeants doing duty during the first half of the night will do duty during the first half of the night for the remainder of the month of September. Day sergeants and sergeants on duty during the last half of the night will do duty during the day and during the last half of the night, respectively, for the remainder of the month of September. After September 30 sergeants will do day duty continuously, the first half of the night duty continuously, and the second half of the night duty continuously, for one month, rotating in their tours of duty month by month.

II. Patrolman Daniel F. Driscoll, of Division 5, having been commended by his captain for courage and coolness displayed in arresting a dangerous character on Shawmut avenue, near Compton street, on the night of August 28, 1899, he is hereby commended in General Orders, and allowed three days' additional vacation.

III. Patrolman Michael H. Cronin, of Division 6, having been commended by his captain for meritorious service in stopping a runaway horse on Broadway on August 18, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders and allowed two days' additional vacation.

September 6, 1899.

General Order No. 621.

I. Lieutenant Francis H. Briggs, of Division 14, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for forty years, and having arrived at the age of sixty-five years, it is therefore hereby ordered, His Honor the Mayor having approved the same, that the said Lieutenant Briggs be retired from active service and placed upon a pension-roll with pay at the rate of \$800 per annum, being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him in the office from which he is retired.

The above order will take effect at 5.45 o'clock P.M., the seventh instant.

September 8, 1899.

General Order No. 622.

I. Patrolman Edward R. Olds, of Division 15, having been commended by his captain for courage shown in risking his life in an effort to save a boy from drowning in Charles river on the night of the thirtieth of August, current, is hereby awarded a department medal.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Lieutenant James E. Sargent, of Division 9, for violation of Rule XLI. of the Police Manual, the Board finds the said Lieutenant Sargent not guilty and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

III. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Charles A. Dolaher, of Division 6, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Not being at his relieving post at the appointed time and failing to report at the station-house at the expiration of his tour of duty on the twentieth of July, current, the Board finds the said Patrolman Dolaher guilty and sentences him to forfeit ten days' pay.

IV. By sending their names to the chief clerk's office members of the Department who have been commended in General Orders may have that part of the order pertaining to them engrossed on parchment and signed by the Board of Police.

September 11, 1899.

General Order No. 623.

I. The Board of Civil Service Commissioners, having certified that Sergeant John A. O'Rourke is eligible for promotion to the rank of lieutenant in the police force, it is therefore ordered that the said Sergeant John A. O'Rourke be, and he hereby is, promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the police force and assigned to duty in the Fourteenth Division. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II. The Board of Civil Service Commissioners, having certified that Patrolman William J. Hyland is eligible for promotion to the rank of sergeant in the police force it is therefore ordered that the said Patrolman Hyland be, and he hereby is, promoted to the rank of sergeant in the police force and assigned to duty in the Third Division. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

This order will take effect at roll-call at 4.55 o'clock this afternoon.

At its meeting held on the eighteenth instant, the Board of Aldermen voted to adjourn till Monday, September 25, 1899, at 3 P.M.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., on Monday, September 18, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Track Locations.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 14, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a plan showing track locations granted by me to the West End Street Railway Company, under the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1896, for tracks on Atlantic avenue, from north of Summer street to Kneeland street, and on Summer street, from Federal street to Dorchester avenue.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(The message was accompanied by the plan referred to).

Placed on file.

Approval of Bridge Plans.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, September 14, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith, to be placed upon your files, a letter from the Secretary of War, approving the plans made by the City Engineer for the reconstruction of the north draw of the Chelsea bridge, and for the construction of a temporary pile bridge, with a draw therein, for use while reconstructing the permanent draw.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Washington, September 7, 1899.

SIR: Referring to your application of tenth ultimo, on behalf of the City of Boston, I have the honor to transmit herewith, for retention, an instrument approving the map of location and plans for the reconstruction of the north draw of the Chelsea bridge across Mystic river, between Chelsea and Boston, and for the construction of a temporary pile bridge, with a draw therein for the passage of vessels, for use while the work of reconstruction of the permanent draw is progressing, upon the condition set forth in said instrument, and as shown on the drawings attached thereto.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor of Boston.

(The message was accompanied by the plans referred to).

Placed on file.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved by the Mayor on September 11, 1899:

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

For Henry E. Weston, to erect, maintain and use a wooden post seven feet high, eight inches in diameter, in the sidewalk in front of estate 108 Dudley street, Ward 18, the same to be placed against the building.

For James A. Doherty, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening three feet by four and one-half feet, with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 1 Snowhill street, Ward 6.

For James P. Brown, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening three feet by two feet, with an iron cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of the Buckingham street side of estate 265 Columbus avenue, Ward 10.

For Thomas Connors, to erect, maintain and use a hitching-post in the sidewalk in front of estate 382 East Fourth street, Ward 15.

For H. J. Freeman, to lay, maintain and use a one and one-quarter inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 132 Bowdoin street, Ward 20.

For Thomas Arthur, to lay, maintain and use a one and one-quarter inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 517 Bennington street, Ward 1.

For Francis W. Kittredge, to construct, maintain and use four coal chutes, with iron covers of rough upper surface, said openings not to exceed eighteen inches each in diameter, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on the southerly corner of Warren and Moreland streets, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Puritan Trust Company to lay, maintain and use a steam-pipe, encased in a conduit, under and across Franklin avenue, the same to be used for steam-heating purposes, connecting premises 21-29 Court street with premises 33-35 Court street, as shown on a plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Nos. 512-514 Beacon street, Ward 11, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter

adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost thereof.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Talbot avenue, southerly side, between Norfolk avenue and the railroad bridge, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost of said work.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Ashmont street, three, thirty-five feet high, by thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven and one-half feet. Waldorf street, one, thirty-five feet high, by thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven and one-half feet. Marsh street, fourteen, thirty feet high, by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, six feet. Talbot avenue, one, thirty-five feet high, by thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet; date of plan, August 4, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Talbot avenue one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Cornell street, Ward 23, five poles, thirty feet high by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk eight feet; plan dated August 7, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:

Cambridge street, Ward 25, thirty-two poles, forty feet high, by fifteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk fifteen feet; plan dated September 23, 1891.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Cambridge street thirty-two poles shown by red dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said pole to be located as follows:

Wensley street, Ward 19, one, forty-five feet high by fifteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk seven feet; plan dated November, 1898.

Ordered, That permission be further granted the said company to remove from Wensley street one pole, shown by a blue dot marked "removed" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Eagle street, Ward 1, two, thirty-five feet high by thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk eight feet; plan dated August 9, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Eagle street one pole, shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said pole to be located as follows:

Bellevue street, Ward 20, one pole, thirty-five feet high by twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk seven feet; plan dated May 23, 1893.

Ordered, That permission be further granted the said company to remove from Bellevue street one pole shown by a red dot marked "removed" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Rockview street, Ward 22, two, thirty-five feet high by thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk seven feet; Chester street, Ward 25, two, thirty-five feet high by thirteen inches in diameter, width of sidewalk seven feet; Hobart street, Ward 25, four, thirty-five feet high by thirteen inches in diameter, width of sidewalk seven feet; North Harvard street, Ward 25, one, thirty-five feet high by thirteen inches in diameter, width of sidewalk ten feet; Washburn street, Ward 16, six, forty feet high by fourteen inches in diameter, width of sidewalk eight feet; Rawson street, Ward 16, five, forty feet high by fourteen inches in diameter, width of sidewalk eight feet; date of plan, July 22, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Rockview street three poles and from North Harvard street one pole, shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

The following were approved September 14, 1899:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Pasquale Pollia, a barber pole at 21 High street, Ward 6.

Samuel Gens, an umbrella sign at 387 Shawmut avenue, Ward 12.

Scott & Palmer, a canvas sign at 453 Blue Hill avenue.

James D. Russo, a barber pole at 104 Essex street, Ward 7.

William Hartnett, a sheet for stereopticon views on building on northwest corner Maverick square and Maverick street, Ward 2.

Fred Lee Smith, a V-shaped illuminated sign, at 29½ Tremont street, Ward 6.

English Weaving Company (Limited), an electric light sign at 36 Court street, Ward 6.

John J. Douglass, a campaign transparency at Winthrop Block, Maverick square, Ward 2.

John J. Douglass, a political transparency at 35 Orleans street, Ward 2.

Ward 16 Republican Club, a transparency at 121 Clifton street, Roxbury.

Joseph F. Hickey, a cloth for stereopticon views, Maverick street, corner Sumner street, Ward 2, on evening of September 15.

James H. Donovan, two campaign transparencies at 20 Meridian street, Ward 2.

Permit to Farmers' National Congress to use Faneuil Hall on October 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9.

Order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of September, under the provisions of the various acts of the Legislature providing for said payment.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets, make sidewalk, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining and to be from five to twelve feet in width, the owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

R. C. Hooper, corner of Beacon and Hereford streets, Ward 11, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Isaiah Nickerson, 66-68 Kernwood street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Herman Weschkolofsky, 29 Michigan avenue, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Crescent Associates, Savin Hill avenue, corner of Spring street, Ward 20, of artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

John McWeeney, 29-31 Hunneman street, Ward 17, of artificial stone, with artificial edgestone.

M. S. Fenyus, 50 Forbes street, Ward 22, of artificial stone.

Charlotte P. Williams, 493 Washington street, Ward 20, of brick, with granite edgestone.

Annie T. Wolfson, 249, 251 and 253 Marion street, Ward 2, of brick, with granite edgestone.

Frederick J. Herthel, jr., Willow street, corner Weld, Ward 23, of gravel, with granite edgestone.

G. A. Currier, 45 Brookford street, Ward 16, of brick, with granite edgestone.

Fanny Faingold, 71 Morris street, Ward 1, of gravel, with granite edgestone.

J. E. Willis, 25 Crescent avenue, Ward 20, of brick, with granite edgestone.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Frank B. Gilbreth, to erect, maintain and use three guy posts and attached ropes thereto, as follows:

One in front of 10½ Beacon street; one in front of 6 Beacon street; one in front of 15 Beacon street; said posts to be used in the construction of the women's club house on Beacon street, Ward 6.

Norcross Brothers, to stretch, maintain and use two guy ropes over and across Boylston street, at the Old Public Library, Ward 7.

P. H. Sheehan, to lay, maintain and use a one and one-fourth inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached thereto, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 52 Dover street, Ward 9.

Samuel B. N. Hodgkins & Co., to lay, maintain and use a one and one-fourth inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached thereto, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate on Prescott street, at the corner of Princeton street, Ward 1.

Ordered, That the time allowed the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts in which to locate poles

on Washington street, Dorchester, under the order passed by this Board, May 16, 1899, be, and the same is hereby extended to October 16, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1889; said poles to be located as follows:

Ashland street, Ward 23, two poles, thirty-five feet high, thirteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, six feet.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Ashland street two poles shown by dots marked "removed" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Postal Telegraph Cable Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. Paul Haynes; said poles to be located as follows:

A street, four poles, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet; date of plan, August 31, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from A street four poles, from West Fifth street six poles, and from B street six poles, shown by blue dots on said plan.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, to allow the attachment of, and to the Postal Telegraph Cable Company to attach, the wires and cables of said cable company to ten poles of said telegraph company on Dorchester avenue, between West Fifth street and Columbia road.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Orders authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue permits for work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

For the Walworth Manufacturing Company, to construct, maintain and use a coal vault ten feet by four feet, opening not to exceed eighteen inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk on the Leather square side of estate 130 Federal street, Ward 7.

For J. L. McKay, to construct, maintain and use four areas, thirty inches by forty-eight inches each, with iron covers, under and on the Ipswich street side of estate 1091 Boylston street, Ward 11.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following order was presented to the Mayor September 2, 1899, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company, to lay and maintain underground conduits for electric wires and cables, provided with suitable manholes from the Central power station on Harrison avenue, thence through Harrison avenue to Rollins street, thence through Rollins street to Washington street, thence through Washington street to a point near Waltham street.

The surface of said streets shall be disturbed for the purpose of laying or repairing cables, or conduits therefor, only at such times and in such manner and place of opening as the Superintendent of Streets shall indicate and issue permits therefor; and the surface of said streets shall not be disturbed as above until a plan has been filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets showing the location of said underground conduits and manholes in the aforesaid streets.

All the work of laying said conduits to be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 38, Section 14, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Awards of Contracts.

Street Department.

Proposals for constructing and regulating macadam roads were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, at 12 M. on Friday, September 15, 1899, as follows:

(1.) Florida street:

Bidders.	Bids.
Philip Doherty	\$2,673 30
Collins & Ham	2,785 60
James McGovern	2,822 21
P. McGovern	2,947 70
T. F. Bradley	2,979 30
D. E. Lynch	3,360 80

The contract was awarded to Philip Doherty.

(2.) Newburg street:

James Doherty & Co.	\$4,308 90
J. A. Whittemore's Sons	4,903 00
Thomas F. Welch	5,118 70
Thomas Minton	5,265 00

The contract was awarded to James Doherty & Co.

(3.) Edwin street:

Philip Doherty	\$1,763 50
James McGovern	1,840 51
Patrick McGovern	1,979 00
Barnes, Ruffin Co.	2,034 50
Collins & Ham	2,048 50
John Connors	2,071 00
John F. Cullen	2,112 50
D. E. Lynch	2,025 00

The contract was awarded to Philip Doherty.

(4.) Waldeck street:

John F. Cullen	\$3,245 50
James Doherty & Co.	3,271 00
James McGovern	3,284 01
John Connors	3,544 50
P. McGovern	3,547 00
Collins & Ham	3,600 00
T. F. Bradley	3,762 00
D. E. Lynch	4,095 00

The contract was awarded to John F. Cullen.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, at 3.30 P.M., on Tuesday, September 19, 1899.

Absent: Commissioner Champlin.

Commissioner Leavitt was appointed Secretary pro tempore.

Voted, That the Mayors of Boston and Cambridge be authorized, on behalf of the Commission, to secure reports from real estate experts as to any questions connected with the proposed takings on either side of the bridge.

Voted, That the Chief Engineer of the Commission be authorized to loan the draw of the old bridge to the City of Boston upon condition that the expense of removing the draw be borne by said city; the said draw to be sold later, subject to the approval of the Commission, and the proceeds credited to the appropriation for Cambridge bridge.

Voted, That the following schedule of bills and pay-rolls, presented by the Chief Engineer of the Commission for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, be certified by the Commission for payment by the respective cities of Boston and Cambridge:

	Total.	City of Boston, one-half.	City of Cambridge, one-half.
Engineer's monthly pay-roll	\$375 26	\$187 63	\$187 63
Miller & Shaw	783 78	391 89	391 89
William Jackson	250 00	125 00	125 00
E. D. Leavitt	208 32	104 16	104 16
John E. Cheney	166 66	83 33	83 33
Walter G. Davis	100 00	50 00	50 00
Dodge's Express Co.	2 25	1 13	1 12
	\$1,886 27	\$943 14	\$943 13

Voted, That the bill of the New England Dredging Company, amounting to \$4,200, in payment for the work covered by their proposal of July 17, for dredging near the temporary pile bridge in Charles river, be certified for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, one-half thereof to be paid by each city, and that the Chairman be authorized to draw special drafts in payment thereof.

Adjourned, to meet on Thursday, September 28, 1899, at 3.30 P.M.

E. D. LEAVITT,
Secretary pro tempore.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, August 14, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending August 12, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	
2...	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	
4...	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	2	3	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	2	
6...	1	7	2	-	1	9	9	2	4	15	
7...	-	2	-	-	1	10	4	9	36	36	
8...	2	2	1	-	-	-	4	1	6	12	
9...	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	8	
10...	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	4	15	
11...	1	1	-	1	-	-	3	3	13	10	
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	7	6	
13...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	8	
14...	1	3	-	-	-	-	5	1	1	11	
15...	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	5	
16...	-	1	1	-	5	1	2	-	2	8	
17...	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	20	
18...	-	2	1	-	6	-	2	1	3	5	
19...	5	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	8	9	
20...	6	2	1	-	-	8	3	2	5	30	
21...	1	1	-	-	-	4	1	3	6	9	
22...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	4	
23...	3	-	1	-	-	2	-	7	4	23	
24...	5	-	-	-	-	8	2	1	5	13	
25...	1	3	-	-	1	4	3	5	1	6	
T'ls.	29	27	10	1	25	32	61	37	96	261	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending September 16, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week 21.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898, 20.8

Number of deaths:	
Males	112
Females	110
Total	222
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	212
Increase	10

Of the 222 decedents, 214 were white and 8 colored; 150 were born in the United States, 71 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 36 were of American parentage, 160 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 26 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	64	7
Scarlatina	17	2
Typhoid fever	28	10
Measles	4	—
Totals	113	19

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	23
Pneumonia	16
Whooping cough	3
Heart disease	17
Bronchitis	2
Marasmus	9
Violent causes	8

Total from principal causes	78
Total from infectious diseases	19
Total from other causes	125

Total from all causes	222
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Deaths of children under 1 year	56
Deaths of children under 5 years	81
Deaths of persons over 60 years	40
Deaths in public institutions	62

Canvass of Bids.

Park Department.

Bids for building a locker and lavatory building at the Christopher Gibson Playground were received, opened and read on September 15, 1899, at 4 P.M., at 64 Pemberton square, the office of the Park Commissioners, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Wilbur J. Hatch	\$4,865 00
C. H. Mead	5,386 00
G. A. Cahill	5,920 00
Gifford & Lawrence	6,195 93
MacKenzie & Henderson	6,400 00
David J. McKim	6,440 00
Angus MacDonald	7,297 00

The bids were taken under advisement.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

Proposals for furnishing coal to the Pauper Institutions of the City of Boston were opened at 12 M. September 18, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Darrow, Mann & Co., 30 Kilby street: 2,000 tons Wyoming buckwheat coal	\$3 37
Henry T. Woods, 32 Kilby street: 2,000 tons buckwheat coal, from Schuyl- kill regions	2 94
Edward B. Townsend, 27 Kilby street: 2,000 tons packer coal, mined by Lehigh Valley Coal Company	2 75

The bids were taken under advisement.

W. T. SEDGWICK,

Chairman Pauper Institutions Trustees.

The tax rate of Cambridge for 1899 is \$17.10 per thousand, an increase of seventy cents over last year, but a decrease of forty cents over that of 1897.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1899.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of August, 1899, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	541,827
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	21.19
Death rate for corresponding month, 1898	27.11

Number of deaths:	
Males	505
Females	452
	957

Condition:	
Married	229
Single	600
Widows	89
Widowers	37
Unknown	2

Color:	
White	927
Colored	30

Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	337
Under 2 years	390
Under 5 years	424

Deaths by diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	95
Under 2 years	107
Under 5 years	109
All ages	134

Nativity:	
United States	675
Ireland	138
England	16
Scotland	9
Germany	15
British America	53
Italy	11
Russia	11
Other countries	20
Unknown	9

Parentage:	
American	212
Irish	282
English	20
Scotch	6
German	21
British American	69
Italian	30
Russian	27
Other countries	91
Mixed	90
Unknown	109
Still-births during the month	43

Causes of Death.

I. ZYMOTICS.

Alcoholism	4
Cholera infantum	91
Cholera morbus	8
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	3
Diarrhoea	24
Diphtheria	20
Dysentery	11
Measles	1
Pyæmia	1
Scarlatina	3
Small-pox	1
Syphilis (congenital)	2
Septicæmia	6
Tonsillitis	1
Typhoid fever	19
Whooping-cough	13

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	27
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	11
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	57
Phthisis pulmonalis	89
Other Constitutional diseases	26

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	37
Bright's disease	8
Bronchitis	16
Heart disease	57
Meningitis	18
Nephritis	16
Pleurisy	1
Pneumonia	46
Other Local diseases	220

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Inanition	24
Old age	14
Premature birth	9
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	5
Other Developmental diseases	16

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	38
Homicidal	2
Suicidal	7
Other Violent causes	1
Unknown causes	48

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Bristol Street, September 19, 1899.

The following official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending September 16, 1899:

Transfers — Edward F. Doody, Engine 44 to Engine Company 43; James J. Burke, Engine Company 43 to Engine Company 44.

Thomas F. Dillon has been appointed call substitute on Ladder 6, and J. H. Burton for Ladder Company 16.

James F. Bailey, Ladder Company 17, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse in Harvard street, September 5.

John H. Murnan, of Engine 28, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse in Hyde square, Jamaica Plain, September 9.

Daniel L. Shea has been appointed as a boy to drive and assist the Chief of District 5, and Ronald J. McDonald has been re-appointed as a hoseman and assigned to Engine Company 26-35.

The resignation of P. J. Calnan, assistant engineer of the repair-shop, has been accepted.

Fire-alarm Box 751 has been established in the Paul Revere School-house, Prince street; Box 754 in the Eliot School, North Bennet street, and Box 771 in Franklin School, Waltham street, have been reconnected with the fire-alarm system.

The bell on the Chapman School-house, East Boston, has been disconnected from the fire-alarm system in anticipation of the immediate destruction of the building.

W. N. Boudreau, of Ladder Company 5, has been sentenced to forfeit twenty-one hours' pay for not meeting his pecuniary engagements.

Timothy J. Hurley, of Engine Company 19, has been sentenced to forfeit two weeks' pay

and days off for two months on account of being under the influence of liquor.

Orders have been drawn as follows :

(1) for Welch & Hall for four horses at \$142.50 each and one horse at \$140; (2) for electric lighting service for the new veterinary hospital \$101.40; (3) for 150 press badges at \$1 each.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Board Meetings.

Health Department.

Old Court House, September 16, 1899.

Petitions by the following-named persons for the occupancy of stables have been filed:

Thomas Meany, 36 Tudor street, Ward 13, four additional horses; hearing September 21, at 11 o'clock.

Albert C. Burrage, 327 Newbury street, Ward 11, eight additional horses; hearing September 21, at 11 o'clock.

Applications by the following-named persons for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

G. W. Havey, Roslindale avenue, Ward 23, one horse.

L. W. Buckley, Beech street, Ward 23, one horse.

The application of Philip McGovern for the occupancy of a stable at 24 Adams street, Ward 25, was refused.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending September 16:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	24	19	43
Negative	37	44	81
No growth	3	-	3
Total	64	63	127

Typhoid diagnoses: Ten cases; four cases positive and six cases negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Hospital Department.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held on July 12, 1899, at 4 o'clock P. M., all the Trustees being present.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer for the amount thereof, \$18,728.34.

Voted to allow and pay to J. A. Bradford & Co. the sum of \$2,763.31, on account of 1,054 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons of coal delivered at the Boston City Hospital wharf, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

Voted to allow and pay to Lynch & Woodward the sum of \$1,000 on account of their contract of December, 1898, for heating and ventilating of Ann White Vose building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

Voted to allow and pay to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$25, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$1,000, the amount of third payment to Lynch & Woodward.

Voted, That the regular monthly draft on account of Ann White Vose building, equipment and furnishing, amounting to \$70.50, be approved, the same to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, equipment and furnishing, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

(1.) Concerning receipts from paying patients.

Placed on file.

(2.) Making recommendations for diplomas for nurses. The same was referred to the Committee on Service and Training School.

(3.) Concerning order of deduction from contract of John S. Jacobs & Son, amounting to \$609.28, as recommended by Wheelwright & Haven, architects. It was voted to approve the order of deduction as recommended.

(4.) Concerning elevator for Ann White Vose building. The matter was referred to the Committee on Service and Training School, to investigate and report upon the construction and style of elevator to be used.

(5.) Concerning the condition of the Roxbury canal. It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Board of Health upon the matter.

(6.) Enclosing a communication from Dr. Buckingham, making nominations for surgical dressers and clinical clerks. The matter was referred to the Medical Committee, and by them reported back approved, and it was voted that the appointments be made in accordance with the recommendation of the communication and the report of the Medical Committee.

(7.) Enclosing proposals for ice and milk.

Voted, That the bid of the Boston Ice Company to supply ice to the hospital at \$2.50 per ton of 2,000 pounds, be accepted, and that the President be authorized to sign the contract therefor.

Voted, That the proposal of Edgar K. Ray to furnish the hospital with milk for the year beginning July 1, 1899, at thirty-one cents per can for pure dairy milk and thirty-three cents per can for tuberculin tested milk be and hereby is accepted as follows: That the Trustees accept the proposal to furnish pure dairy milk at thirty-one cents per can, with the proviso that they may at any time request said Edgar K. Ray, and said Edgar K. Ray will undertake, to furnish milk from tuberculin tested cows at thirty-three cents per can, whenever the Trustees may see fit to make such change; and that the President be authorized to sign a contract with Edgar K. Ray embodying the above terms.

A communication was received from Dr. McCollom, nominating Walter M. Lippincott as junior house officer at the South Department; and upon recommendation of the medical committee, it was voted that Walter M. Lippincott be appointed junior house officer at the South Department for the term of six months, beginning the first Monday in July.

Communications were received from: (1.) Dr. Councilman, regarding the resignation of Dr. Pearce, and appointments of Drs.

Pearce, Pratt and Low. Referred to the Medical Committee.

(2.) The Chairman of the Committee on General Examinations, recommending unmodified diplomas to all graduate house officers. Referred to the Medical Committee.

(3.) The Secretary of the Senior Staff, forwarding recommendations for promotion and diplomas for house Officers. Referred to the Medical Committee.

(4.) The secretary of the senior staff, notifying the appointment of Dr. Buckingham as secretary pro tempore of the senior staff. Placed on file.

A communication was received from Drs. Gavin and Burrell, nominating Dr. H. J. Perry as fourth assistant until August 1, 1899. The matter was referred to the Medical Committee, which reported in favor of the nomination as made, and it was so voted.

It was voted to release the check of the Western Electric Company, if the secretary find that it is proper to do so.

The Superintendent submitted plans for the alteration of the kitchen, and he was requested to procure specifications and estimates from the architects.

The Medical Committee of the Trustees reported as follows:

(1.) That it is inexpedient at the present time to appoint an assistant in surgical pathology.

(2.) That the committee of the senior staff are preparing a copy for the new formulary for the Hospital, and that the formulary is well in process of completion.

(3.) That under the present conditions existing upon the medical side and considering the condition of the appropriations, the committee are of the opinion that no additional provisions can be furnished for the house physicians, visiting physicians and medical services at the present time, and that the matter be postponed for further consideration.

(4.) That they have approved and issued diplomas to all house officers and certificates to all surgical dressers and clinical clerks, as recommended by the Superintendent; and that diplomas and certificates, promotions and nominations of house officers at the South Department have all been approved.

(5.) The editors of the medical and surgical reports have addressed a communication to Mr. Sprague, asking if the editors may expect an appropriation for the medical and surgical reports of next year. The appropriation for the reports just issued was not to exceed \$700, and was afterwards reduced to \$500. Considering the finances of the Hospital, the unknown appropriation for next year, and general retrenchments, the committee advise that the editors be informed that they may issue the report, the same not to exceed \$500, with the proviso that if other appropriations have to be cut down this must be limited to \$300.

It was voted to approve and adopt the recommendations of the Medical Committee.

The President was requested to address a letter to His Honor the Mayor, concerning the Hospital appropriation, and to notify His Honor of the financial condition of the Hospital and the retrenchments made by the Trustees.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street on September 14, 1899.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Mr. Connelly, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$4,595.76, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$3,551.10, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

A communication was read from the Mayor, enclosing a memorandum of the protest from the Boston Journeymen's Steamfitters and Helpers' Union against the work done at the hospital by the engineer in setting radiators, etc. Placed on file.

A letter was read from Mr. E. H. Luick, a patient at the hospital, asking for his release, with letters from Dr. Noyes in regard to his condition. Since the letters were received, however, the patient has been taken home by his friends.

The report of the Superintendent was read, accepted and placed on file.

The question of the change in the dispensary was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds with full powers.

The schedule of wages for employees in the boiler-room was authorized as follows:

Head engineer, \$70 a month and meals; assistant engineer (in charge of Men's Department), \$50 a month and found; two night assistants, each, \$40 a month and found; two day assistants, each, \$35 a month and found.

A letter was read from Dr. Noyes with reference to the death of Edward H. Williams, a patient in the hospital, and was placed on file.

Voted, That the repairs in the Women's Department be postponed for another month.

The report of the Visiting Committee was read, accepted and placed on file.

The Chairman and Mr. Sanderson were appointed a special committee, with authority to dispose of the horses now on hand and to buy additional horses.

The report of the Committee on Service was read, accepted and placed on file.

The committee were authorized to make an arrangement for lectures in the Training School the coming year.

A letter was read from Mr. T. F. McDonald, asking for the transfer of Mrs. John Milan from the Worcester Insane Asylum to the Boston Hospital.

A letter was read from Hon. Charles I. Quirk asking for the transfer of Mrs. Rose Reardon from Medfield to Boston.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Insane in Other Hospitals, with full powers.

It was voted that Mrs. Blake be transferred to the State Hospital at the next transfer.

A verbal communication was brought from the Committee of the Engineers' Union asking a delay of two weeks before discharging Bartholomew Sullivan.

A request was also made to see the engineer at the hospital on Friday, September

15, and it was voted that it be left wholly to the Superintendent.

The population on September 13, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In the house	242	241	483
On visit	18	13	31
Totals	260	254	514

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held September 6, 1899.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Messrs. Kerrigan, Pierce, Stuart, Sproules, Plummer and Mullen, Mrs. Quinn and Miss O'Brien.

Voted, To draw on the city treasury for \$1,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending August 10, 1899, the same having been read in full.

Circular No. 64 from His Honor the Mayor with regard to the National Encampment of G.A.R. was read and placed on file.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor giving notice that a bond had been given by the Metropolitan Water Board, was read and placed on file.

The Committee on Finance reported having examined the accounts for the month of August and found them correct.

The Committee on Supplies reported having turned over to the Porto Rico Relief Committee supplies to the amount of \$115.53, for which a check has been received. Voted, That the committee be authorized to expend the amount to replace the supplies.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by the Chairman, accepted and placed on file.

The monthly report of the Lodge for Wayfarers and the Woodyard was read by the Chairman, accepted and placed on file.

The Committee on Building presented a report of examination of boilers, and it was voted that Mr. Sproules, Mr. Kerrigan and Mr. Pierce be a committee to get an estimate of cost of new boilers, with full power to take such action as they may deem expedient.

The Medical Committee presented two bills from Dr. Sprague, dated August 1, for \$12, and September 1, for \$12, which were approved.

The Burial Committee reported that three bodies were turned over in August, in accordance with Chapter 479 of Acts of 1898, of which one was returned to relatives.

Voted, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to contract for fuel for delivery to the poor during the coming winter.

The Committee on Office Work recommended the adoption of certain rules for the conduct of clerks and visitors, which were adopted by the Board.

Voted, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to inform this Board whether officers of the Board are to be elected in the manner provided in Chapter 170 of the Acts of 1899 for the election of certain city officers.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

Monday, August 28.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Quincy street and a catch-basin in Northfield street.

It was voted to award Thomas A. Joyce \$2,250 for all damages occasioned his estate by the relocation of Spring street.

Thursday, August 31.

It was voted to pay Annie E. Munroe \$400 for damages occasioned her estate by the widening of Centre avenue.

Petitions were received for sewers in Russell street and in Bowdoin street.

Friday, September 1.

It was voted to pay Francis G. Sager \$8,500 for his estate at the corner of Bartlett and School streets, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes.

Orders were passed laying out Barry and Conrad streets; and orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Leonard street, to relocate Sigourney street and Walnut avenue, and to widen Hamilton street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.****PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.**

Boston, September 20, 1899.

The Trustees of the Pauper Institutions of the City of Boston will receive sealed proposals for supplying the Pauper Institutions Department with 2,000 tons, more or less—2,240 pounds to the ton—of soft coal, to be delivered on the wharf of the Boston Almshouse and Hospital at Long Island. Bidders must specify the kind or kinds of coal they propose to furnish, and the names of the mines from which the coal is taken; delivery must be made before January 31, 1900, and at such times and in such quantities as shall be directed by the Pauper Institutions Trustees, and the relative value of the different kinds of coal offered will be considered in connection with the price.

Proposals to be addressed to "The Pauper Institutions Trustees—Proposals for Coal," and left at the Trustees' office at 28 Court square, Room 3, not later than Tuesday, September 26, at 11 o'clock A.M., at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened. Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for two hundred (200) dollars, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The right is reserved by the Trustees to reject any and all bids.

WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK, Chairman.

CITY OF BOSTON.**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.**

A hearing will be given at the office of this Board, 64 Pemberton square, Boston, on Monday, September 25, at 3.30 P.M., to all interested in a petition of the New England Electric Vehicle Transportation Company, for permission to operate electric vehicles in the parks.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,

LABAN PRATT,

JAMES M. PRENDERGAST,

Park Commissioners, Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:**

September 15, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Echo street, at Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from Columbus avenue to Centre street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-ninth day of September, 1899, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting a new grammar school building in South Boston, for the City of Boston. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$25,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen and a proposal obtained at the office of Charles J. Bateman, 19 Exchange place, Boston, Mass. The bidder must fill out and leave the proposal so obtained and a certified check for \$1,500, at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of September 25, 1899; this check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,
Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the
School Committee of said city.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive proposals for plastering the Quincy and Perth streets grammar school-house, and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$4,000 for faithfully doing the work. The office copy of the plans and specifications may be seen at the office of A. Warren Gould, 1 Somerset street, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of September 25, 1899, with a certified check for \$500, payable to the City of Boston, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,
Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the
School Committee of said city.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Boston, September 11, 1899.

Proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., Thursday, September 21, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing, for the three months ending January 1, 1900, whatever best quality hard, white ash broken, egg or stove coal that may be required for the public buildings and for the several departments of the City of Boston not otherwise provided for.

The amount required is about 2,500 tons, more or less, broken coal; 1,500 tons, more or less, egg coal; 500 tons, more or less, stove coal.

And about 1,500 tons, more or less, best quality George's Creek Cumberland coal for steam and smithing uses.

Information will be furnished by the fuel clerk at this office every day from 2 to 3 o'clock. The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals if for the city's interests so to do.

Bids to be addressed "Proposals for Coal."

JOHN DROHAN,
Superintendent Public Buildings Departments.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 15, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Railroad street, at West Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from Corey street to Willow street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-ninth day of September, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

REPAYMENT OF SEWER CHARGES OF 1898.

Boston, September 15, 1899.

The undersigned, City Treasurer of the City of Boston, in pursuance of authority of Section 4, Chapter 450, Acts of 1899, will repay the sewer charges collected by the City of Boston in 1898, at his office, City Hall, Boston, beginning on Tuesday, September 19, 1899, between the hours of three (3) o'clock and six (6) o'clock P.M. The office will be kept open exclusively for that purpose during those hours every afternoon, except Saturday, as long as required. Parties desiring payment will present the receipted tax bills, showing the sewer charge paid thereon. When not presenting the same in person, they must furnish the party presenting the tax bill with a written order addressed to Alfred T. Turner, City Treasurer, naming the party the amount is to be paid to, with a two-cent United States revenue stamp affixed. Personal identification of those presenting orders will be required.

ALFRED T. TURNER, City Treasurer.

NOTICE.

Boston, September 7, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations is filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm, and police signal wires owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Western avenue, at entrance to new Charles River parkway, also opposite Market street, Ward 25; H street, at Story street and East Sixth street, Ward 15; Farrington street, first pole east of Highgate street, Ward 25; Warren street, at Moreland street, Ward 21; Bennington street, seventh pole west from Saratoga street, Ward 1; Beech street, between Centre street and Anawan avenue, Ward 23; Glenway street, between Harvard street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 20.

Also to remove poles from Western avenue, at entrance to new Charles River parkway, also opposite Market street, Ward 25; H street, at Story street and East Sixth street, Ward 15; Farrington street, first pole east of Highgate street, Ward 25; Warren street, at Moreland street, Ward 21; Bennington street, seventh pole west from Saratoga street, Ward 1.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 18, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioners to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of September, at 11 o'clock A.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Brighton Item, East Boston Free Press, Roxbury Gazette, South Boston News, Boston Post, Jamaica Plain News, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 19, 1899.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Tuesday, September 26, 1899, for building a temporary pile bridge around the draw of the Chelsea bridge, north, in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at said office.

Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston. This check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, September 14, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double curves at the junction of Columbus avenue with Dartmouth street, all substantially as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated September 18, 1899, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 18, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the ninth day of October at 3 o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Traveler, Boston Journal and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, September 15, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use curved tracks on Washington street, near Zeigler street, connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Washington and Roxbury streets, and extending to the property line of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on said Washington street; all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated September 14, 1899, and filed herewith.

Also for leave to construct, maintain and use curved tracks on Warren street, north of Zeigler street, connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Warren street, and extending to the property line of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on said Warren street; all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated September 14, 1899, and filed herewith.

Also for leave to construct, maintain and use curved tracks on Dudley street, between Washington and Warren streets, connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Dudley street, and extending to the property line of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on said Dudley street; all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated September 14, 1899, and filed herewith.

Also for consent and permission to establish, maintain and use the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said new tracks herein petitioned for, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the poles, wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

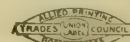
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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 18, 1899.

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Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.



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Room 71, City Hall,
TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WIRE DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner of Wires Thomas W. Flood has recently submitted to His Honor the Mayor the annual report of the Wire Department for the year ending January 31, 1899. The report, which constitutes City Document 39—1899, is now in print, and from it the following extracts are made:

In the last annual report of the Department an earnest protest against the then existing practice of granting pole rights for the support of all classes of electric wires in the public streets to companies and individuals seeking them, from the Board of Aldermen, was made. Since that time, however, all applications of this kind are, together with the plans, referred to the Department for examination and approval.

The Department is now informed of any proposed overhead construction, and can enforce any reasonable requirements before and after it is commenced.

While the situation regarding poles in the streets has greatly improved, the same cannot be said of structures on roofs of buildings, particularly where they have been

abandoned by those who erected them. The Department would again renew its previous recommendation that authority be given to some department or official to remove all such unused structures.

With the close of the year 1898 underground conduits were completed, in which will be placed all the overhead wires within the district prescribed by Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and all the wires now remaining over the streets, with the exception of the street railway trolley wires and those of the long-distance telephone, will be removed in the early spring of the year 1899.

The telephone companies, it must be said, would gladly hail any improvement that would enable them to place long-distance telephone wires underground, as recent storms resulting in the total destruction of nearly all overhead lines proves beyond a doubt the great value of underground electrical construction. Large amounts of money are being spent yearly in costly experiments with this end in view, and no doubt when the self-induction of underground cables can be wholly or in greater part overcome the long-distance telephone wires and poles will disappear from the surface of our streets. Provisions have been made by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to place quite a large amount of long-distance cable underground, conduits having been constructed and plans for others are completed.

Previous to the passage of the underground act for the City of Boston the overhead trolley was universally used for the transmission of electrical energy for the propulsion of street cars. Three small roads in Europe equipped with different systems of open-slot underground conduit containing the trolley conductors, were in operation, and one short piece of road in Washington, D.C., but their success during the winter season in this climate was at that time in doubt, and inasmuch as the adoption of the open-slot system would involve an expense that could not at that time be estimated, even approximately, as it would require the reconstruction of the entire roadbed, it was deemed best to permit the use of the overhead trolley in the streets of this city. With the experience gained by the Department in the construction of electrical conduits a fairly accurate estimate of the cost can now be made. Were it decided to equip that portion of the street railway in Washington street, between the North Union Station and Dover street, with the earlier type of open-slot conduit, the cost of removing the obstructions would equal the cost of the new system of roadbed that would have to be adopted. The later open-slot systems have been improved somewhat so that the depth of the excavation

for the conduit is considerably less and consequently the cost of removing obstructions not so great.

What is known as the "third-rail" system has been adopted by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, on a portion of its Nantasket Beach branch, and also between Berlin Junction and New Britain, Conn., both of which are operating very successfully. In this system a steel rail is laid in the middle of the track which is substituted for the overhead trolley wire. As the difference of potential between this third rail and the track is 550 volts it would not be safe to use this system in the streets of any city or town; consequently, several attempts have been, and are being, made to overcome this obstacle and adapt the "third-rail" system to street railways.

The Acts of 1894 did not, and the Acts of 1898 will not, compel the removal of the overhead trolley, and so long as that system of distribution of electrical energy proves satisfactory it is reasonable to suppose it will be retained.

After January 1, 1900, the task of clearing twenty miles of the streets of the City of Boston will have to be undertaken. The selection of the particular streets where this work is to be done is left to the judgment of the Commissioner of Wires. But two miles in length of streets can be cleared each year up to and including the year 1910, but there is nothing to prevent companies and individuals from placing their wires underground in any portion of the city if they desire to do so.

It will be the duty of the Department to cause the removal of overhead wires from streets containing the greatest number, and where they are the most objectionable owing to their poor condition, where they offer the greatest obstruction to the Fire Department in the performance of its duties, and where they are the greatest menace to life and property. There is no doubt but what there will be much more wire removed from the streets each year than the amount stipulated by the Acts of 1898.

With the increased mileage of underground conductors the amount of overhead wires must gradually decrease in time and the amount of care and attention bestowed on them by the Department will be much less than was necessary in the past or will be in the future. As these wires have been gradually removed from the prescribed district the Department has been enabled to devote much more attention to the overhead construction in other portions of the city, and a marked improvement therein is gradually taking place which will finally result in better construction and a less number of fires due to electrical causes.

OVERHEAD DIVISION.

The work of this division is, as its name implies, the inspection and general supervision of overhead wires, poles, fixtures, etc., and the removal of what are known as "dead" wires, so-called, because they are not in use, having served the purpose for which they were originally intended, and been abandoned by their owners for the reason that the cost of removal would exceed their value. This class of wires is a constant source of danger to any community and, if it were possible to reach the owners thereof, severe punishment should be dealt out to any person, firm or corporation that deliberately abandons any electric wire that has been erected within the limits of the city; but, inasmuch as ownership is very difficult to prove, it would be next to impossible to reach the guilty parties except in the case of wires erected since 1894.

Abandoned fixtures are also a source of danger, although in lesser degree than abandoned wires; over them the Department has very little control, as they are erected on private property and cannot be removed without the consent of the owners.

Abandoned poles can be and are removed from the streets, but owing to joint occupancy by the wires and cables of many different parties, the task of fixing responsibility for the same and the removal of all the conductors is often a tedious one.

The practice of placing different classes of low-tension wires on the same poles and fixtures is in no sense objectionable, but where they are placed on the same poles with high-tension wires—such as electric light, power and street railway feeders—they become positively dangerous, and to a much greater extent than those that are known to be so under certain circumstances. The possibility of low-tension wires being converted into high, will continue so long as both are in close proximity on the same poles and fixtures.

The following is the number of poles, fixtures and wires removed, with the exception of the trolley wires, from the 1898 district, which is the last section of the district established by the Act of 1894:

Number of poles	52
Number of fixtures of all kinds	661
Number of feet of wire on poles	226,750
Number of feet of wire on fixtures	1,475,180
Number of feet of wire in cables	49,265
Number of feet of wire dropping from fixtures	57,475
Number of feet of wire (trolley) not removed	48,632
Number of feet of guard and span wires	113,475
Number of feet of feed wires	113,475
Number of feet of dead wire	836,100
Number of feet of dead wire retained, removed	50,450
Number of feet of wire of all kinds removed	2,871,720
Number of poles in the city exclusive of the Boston Elevated Railway Company poles	15,355
Unknown fixtures removed	614
Defect notices sent out	3,693
Defects covered by above notices	15,963
Fuse inspections made	2,856
Number of places found not fused	298
Number of poles inspected	1,097
Number of inspections made	18,203
Defects corrected	3,029
Notices of new work received	4,534
Number of poles located	424
Number of poles set	424
Number of poles removed	96

The total amount of wire removed since the Department was organized is 30,813,838 feet. This is about 5,836 miles. Of this amount 18,488,300 feet, or about 3,502 miles, can be classed as "dead" and abandoned wire, some of which was removed by the owners, but nearly all was removed by the Department.

From many sections of the city come bitter complaints of the blighting effects of poorly insulated wires on the shade trees in the public streets. The answer to all such complaints is that the Department does not grant rights to erect poles and wires in the streets, and has no right to revoke them. Where such rights are granted in streets blessed with shade trees they must suffer.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

The work performed by this division of the Wire Department is, without question, of the greatest importance to the safety and welfare of the people of Boston.

The greatest possible care is insisted on in the insulation and construction of every interior equipment. So long as this can be done and a rigid supervision maintained over these equipments after they have been in use, fires due to electricity will continue to be very infrequent.

The great increase in the use of electrical energy for all purposes keeps the small force of men employed in the interior division fully employed in the supervision of new work, so that no time can be devoted to the inspection of any electrical equipment after it is first installed. This is very unfortunate and is sure to lead to serious results.

The Department has instituted and maintained a rigid examination of all candidates for positions as inspectors in the interior division.

In the past, so-called temporary wiring has caused this division no end of trouble and anxiety, particularly during the holiday seasons. Because of the fact that such equipments were to be used but for a short time, those desiring to make them, seemed to think that all the safeguards provided for work of a permanent nature should be disregarded and all rules ignored in these cases.

Electricity enters so largely into the productions placed on the theatrical stage at the present time that a great deal of time must be spent in the supervision of the various devices and appliances used in the production of scenic effects; many of these have not and will not be approved by the Wire Department.

Attention is called to the fact that the number of men now employed in this division is not sufficient to perform the duties imposed on them by the law creating the Department, and that some of the most important work devolving on it must be, and is, left undone. All that it is possible to do with the present force is to supervise the new work and a weekly inspection of the electrical plants in the theatres during the amusement season. In addition to these, large stores and other places using large amounts of electric energy are reinspected at no stated time, but when it is possible to do so.

The following is a summary of the work of the interior division:

Notices of new work received	5,355
Number of buildings in which wiring was completely examined	451
Incandescent lights examined	125,458
Arc lights examined	2,396
Motors examined	1,027
Total horse-power of motors examined, Services examined	5,681
Inspections made	1,283
Defects reported	9,472
Defects corrected	1,661
	926

The total number of fires due to electrical causes was eighty-two, and they are classed as follows:

Fires in the interior of buildings	28
Fires on the roofs of buildings	6
Fires on the outside walls of buildings	16
Fires in standpipes for distribution	2
Fires on bridges	4
Fires on poles	6
Fires in trees	11
Fires in underground services	3
Fires in street cars	1
Miscellaneous	5
Total	82

The total number of accidents due to electrical causes was sixteen. No human lives were lost during the year.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

The section of the city in which wires were to be placed underground during the year 1898 is that portion bounded as follows:

Beginning at the junction of Joy and Beacon streets, the boundary line runs through Joy to Cambridge street, through Cambridge street to the water front; at that point it follows the Harbor Commissioners' line to the extension of the line of Berkeley street; thence through Berkeley to Tremont street, through Tremont to Castle square, through Castle square to Ferdinand street, through Ferdinand street to Columbus avenue, through Columbus avenue to Park square, through Park square to Charles street, through Charles to Beacon street, and through Beacon street to the point of beginning at Joy street.

This district contained 7,346,300 square feet and is the last section of that portion of the city known as the underground district.

The total area of the underground district as prescribed by Chapter 404 of the Acts of 1894, is 46,415,000 square feet.

The number of permits and electrical approvals for street openings granted by the Department in connection with the underground work is 1,029. The number of inspections made by this division is 3,857. The total work for the year 1898 comprised 112,254 feet of conduit, 835,180 feet of duct, 947 service connections, 556 manholes built, 1,202,914 feet of cable drawn in.

One new feature in connection with the underground construction during the year has been in the use of submarine conduits for carrying the cables under the channel at draw-bridges.

The report contains, in addition to various statistical tables, a list of accidents and fires from electrical causes, a description of the underground work of the various companies during the year, photographs of some of the most interesting portions of the work of the Department, and a list of its properties.

The financial statement of the Wire Department for the year is as follows:

Amount of appropriation, \$58,422 83
 Unexpended balance from
 1897-98 appropriation . . . 12
 \$58,422 95

Amount of expenditures:
 Salaries of Commissioner and employees . . . \$52,254 51
 Miscellaneous . . . 6,168 44
 Total expenditures . . . \$58,422 95

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission invites attention to the examination which will be held on October 17, 1899, at all places marked "D" in the schedule, Section 9 of the Manual of Examinations, revised to July 1, 1899, for the position of civil and electrical engineer, in the engineer department at large.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill the position of civil and electrical engineer, in the engineer department at large, at Newport, R.I., at a salary of \$125 per month.

The Commission also announces that on November 7, 1899, an examination may be taken at any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners for the position of interpreter in the immigration service, Treasury Department.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill the position of interpreter of the Scandinavian and German languages at a salary of \$1,000 per annum, and the position of interpreter of the Greek and Turkish languages at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, in the immigration service at New York.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. All such citizens are invited to apply. They will be examined, graded and certified with entire impartiality and wholly without any consideration whatever save their ability as shown by the grade attained by them in the examination.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to Mr. Edward E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office, Boston, Mass., or to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., for application blanks (Form 304 and special forms) which should be properly executed and filed with the Commission.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its meeting on the twenty-fifth instant, the Board of Aldermen voted to adjourn till Monday, October 9, 1899, at 3 P.M.; and that all hearings assigned for a prior date be assigned accordingly.

UNVEILING OF THE STATUE OF COL. THOMAS CASS.

The new bronze statue of Col. Thomas Cass, commander of the old Ninth Massachusetts Regiment, who died on July 12, 1862, from wounds received at the battle of Malvern Hill, Va., was unveiled at the Public Garden, Friday afternoon, September 22, 1899, in the presence of several hundred people, including many survivors of the old regiment.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Chaplain Lee of the present Ninth Regiment, after which His Honor Mayor Quincy spoke briefly in behalf of the city. The statue was then unveiled by Mrs. C. G. Craib, daughter of Colonel Cass, and the ceremonies were closed with an oration by Maj. D. J. Macnamara, who was an officer in the old Ninth.

The statue, which replaces a granite statue and pedestal erected in honor of the commander, has received the approval of the Art Commission. It is dignified and imposing in effect, and is the work of Mr. Richard E. Brooks. The contract price for this memorial was \$9,000.

With other monuments in the city, this statue has been erected from the income of a bequest to the City of Boston by Hon. Jonathan Phillips, its first Mayor, who died in July, 1860, by which the sum of \$20,000 was left "as a trust fund, the income of which will be annually expended to adorn and embellish the streets and public places of said city."

Up to the present time there have been erected from the income derived from this fund at an expenditure aggregating \$56,716.18, the following-named statues, tablets and adornments:

Statue of Josiah Quincy, in front of City Hall, dedicated in 1879 . . .	\$14,716 90
Statue of John Winthrop, in Scollay square, dedicated in 1880 . . .	7,416 90
Statue of Samuel Adams, in Dock square, dedicated in 1880 . . .	6,856 44
Curbing and fencing the enclosure of the Emancipation Group, Park square, dedicated in 1879 . . .	4,686 99
Granite basin and foundation to the Lief Ericson monument, on Commonwealth avenue, in 1888 . . .	3,996 70
Pedestal and foundation for the Attucks monument on the Common, dedicated in 1888 . . .	1,950 00
Tablet on estate on Beacon street to mark site of the residence of John Hancock, erected in 1882 . . .	75 00
Foundation and base for statue of John Boyle O'Reilly, Back Bay Fens, dedicated in 1896 . . .	3,967 25
Contribution towards erection of the Lyman fountain, Eaton square, Dorchester, in 1885 . . .	4,050 00
Statue of Thomas Cass, Public Garden, dedicated in 1899 . . .	9,000 00
Total expenditures . . .	\$56,716 18
Unexpended income, September 1, 1899 . . .	\$1,194 21

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following general orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

September 14, 1899.

General Order No. 624.

In the matter of the complaint made by Jesse Weissman against Patrolman George A. Jordan, of Division 4, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, in that he assaulted the complainant while he was under arrest, the Board finds the said Patrolman Jordan guilty, and sentences him to a forfeiture of thirty days' pay.

September 19, 1899.

General Order No. 625.

In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Jesse G. Courser, of Division 16, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, neglect of duty, the Board finds the said Patrolman Courser not guilty, and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

September 21, 1899.

General Order No. 626.

Patrolman Michael Hunt, of Division 1, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty-seven years, and having arrived at the age of sixty-five years, it is therefore hereby ordered, His Honor the Mayor having approved the same, that the said Patrolman Hunt be retired from active service and placed upon a pension roll with pay at the rate of \$600 per annum, being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him in the office from which he is retired.

The above order will take effect at 5.45 P.M. to-day.

RESIGNATION OF THE CITY CLERK.

The following was received by the Board of Aldermen at its meeting on Monday, the twenty-fifth instant:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK.

City Hall, September 25, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

I hereby tender my resignation as City Clerk of the City of Boston, to take effect on October 1, 1899.

Very respectfully,

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The Common Council, at its meeting on Thursday, the twenty-first instant, voted to adjourn till Thursday, October 5, at 7.45 P.M.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 11 A.M., on Monday, September 25, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding.

Appointment of Constable.

A communication was received from His Honor the Mayor appointing, subject to approval of the Board, Thomas O'Connor a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1900, in connection with his duties in the Building Department of this city.

Laid over, under the law.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., Thursday, September 21, 1899, President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Opening of Schools.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 3, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting them to adopt a regulation providing that the reopening of the schools after the summer vacation shall be on "the first Tuesday after the second Monday of September in each year."

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

July 31, 1899.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were recommitted, July 31, their reports presented at the meetings of May 9 and June 13, with regard to communication from the City and Common Council requesting the School Committee to extend the length of the summer vacation for the public schools, report that in view of the action of the Board at its meeting of June 29, they recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed, through his Honor the Mayor, that a regulation has been adopted providing that the public schools shall reopen after the summer vacation on the second Wednesday of September in each year.

For the Committee,

G. W. ANDERSON, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Treatment of the Poor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, August 3, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Overseers of the Poor in reply to your order requesting information on certain points in regard to the administration of that Department.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

July 3, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: Agreeably to request contained in yours of June 20, 1899, referring for report the following order passed in Common Council June 15, 1899, namely:

Ordered, That the Board of Overseers of the Poor, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give to the Common Council a statement with regard to the general working of the Department, touching particularly on the following points: The kind and quality of food furnished to the poor, whether the same is supplied by contract and by whom; why the Bertillon measurement system is applied at the Wayfarers' Lodge; how much labor is required of applicants at said lodge and the money value of such labor; and why the names of the parents of such applicants are given to the Pauper Institutions Trustees.

The Board of Overseers of the Poor beg leave to report as follows:

That for a full report in regard to the general working of the Department, you are respectfully referred to the report for the year ending January 31, 1899, recently made to Your Honor and now in print.

As to the kind of food furnished to the poor, we furnish flour, beans, pork, potatoes, salt fish, Indian meal, oatmeal, sugar, soup, tea, rice, peas, cocoa and condensed milk. As to the quality of food so furnished it is always good and generally the very best that can be obtained in the market.

The food is furnished by the Committee on Supplies and is bought from time to time as occasion requires, sometimes on contract. It is supplied by McPherson Brothers, J. R. Lomasney & Co., William J. Emerson & Co., George H. Cheever, the Revere Sugar Refinery Company, Rand and Byam, John A. Andrew & Co., Charles R. Moody & Co., John P. Squire & Co., and others. The Committee endeavors to keep posted as to the daily prices of the articles purchased, and to buy the same at the lowest market price.

The Bertillon Measurement System is not applied at the Wayfarers' Lodge.

About two hours' work is ordinarily required of applicants at said lodge. As to the money value of such labor, it is difficult to state exactly what it is, as the labor required is imposed as a work test, rather than with the idea of exacting any equivalent for the food and lodging furnished.

The names of the parents of applicants at said lodge are not given to the Pauper Institutions Trustees, the records at the lodge being kept for the use of the Committee and the Board as private records.

WILLIAM P. FOWLER, Chairman.

Assigned to the next meeting.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved by the Mayor on September 20, 1899:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Hyman J. Weinberg, transparency, 120 Leverett street, Ward 8.

Hyman Goldstein, sign, 47 Broadway extension, Ward 7.

Jacob Tarplin, political transparency, 87 Leverett street, Ward 8.

O. F. Couture, sign, 16 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to James Dolan to close the roadway on Woodlawn street, from Hyde Park avenue to Forest Hills Cemetery, Ward 23, to all public travel, during the time necessary for the construction of said street.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double curves at the junction of Columbia road and Stoughton street, said tracks being shown by red dots on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated August 18, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use an additional track on Cambridge street, Brighton, from the dividing line between the City of Cambridge and the City of Boston, to a point on said Cambridge street about 425 feet westerly; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated August 18, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition

that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Cambridge street, Brighton, from and connecting with existing tracks of said company on Brighton avenue, to and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on said Cambridge street, at a point near Winship street, with necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated August 7, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

BUST OF GEN. FRANCIS A. WALKER.

At a meeting held on Tuesday, September 26, 1899, the Art Commission adopted a vote approving the contract made by the Trustees of the Public Library with Mr. Richard E. Brooks, for a bronze bust of the late Gen. Francis A. Walker, who was a member of the Board of Trustees in 1896.

The contract stipulates that the work shall be finished within fifteen months. On its completion the bust will be placed in the Central Library building. The City Council made in 1897, an appropriation of \$2,500 for this memorial.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

All bids received on September 18, 1899, for furnishing 2,000 tons Buckwheat coal for the institution at Long Island (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 38, page 637) have been rejected.

On September 26, 1899, in answer to the advertisement for proposals for furnishing 2,000 tons soft coal for the institution at Long Island, no bids were received.

W. T. SEDGWICK, Chairman.

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for paving and regulating Boston street, between Washburn street and Andrew square, were opened at the office of the City Engineer on September 20, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Jones & Meehan	\$15,824 00
Barnes Ruffin Company	16,547 50
Collins & Ham	17,285 50
John Turner & Co.	17,819 50
Patrick McGovern	18,189 50
H. Gore & Co.	18,253 50
C. H. Eglee Company	18,617 50
James McGovern	18,980 00
Daniel E. Lynch	20,464 50

NOTE.—The contract calls for 3,700 cubic yards of grading; 2,800 lineal feet of edgestones; 5,200 square yards of paving; 600 square yards of Telford; 2,250 square yards of brick sidewalk; 350 square yards of crushed sidewalk; 150 square yards of flagging; 4 catch-basins and eighty lineal feet of Akron pipe.

The contract was awarded to Jones & Meehan.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Park Department.

The contract for building a locker and lavatory building at the Christopher Gibson Playground, bids for which were received by the Board of Park Commissioners on September 15, 1899 (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 38, page 637), has been awarded to the lowest bidder, Wilbur J. Hatch, on his bid of \$4,865.

The following bids for the plumbing, heating, wiring and hardware work for the lavatory and locker building at Christopher Gibson Playground were received (without advertising) on September 15, as follows:

Bidders.	PLUMBING.	Bids.
The Owen McAuliffe Company		\$1,373
W. F. Atkinson & Co.		1,500
Fred. J. Ryan		1,525
James Tucker & Sons		1,986
William Lumb & Co.		2,002

The contract was awarded to the Owen McAuliffe Company.

Bidders.	WIRING.	Bids.
I. L. Matson		\$70
Herbert S. Potter		76
Edwin C. Lewis		85

The contract was awarded to I. L. Matson.

Bidders.	HEATING.	Bids.
Smith & Anthony Company		\$148
Walker & Pratt Manufacturing Company,		165
Magee Furnace Company		185

The contract was awarded to Smith & Anthony Company.

Bidders.	HARDWARE.	Bids.
H. C. Warren & Co.		\$160

The contract was awarded to H. C. Warren & Co.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Public Buildings Department.

Proposals for furnishing for the three months ending January 1, 1900, whatever coal may be required for the public buildings of the city and for such departments of the city as are not otherwise provided for (the amount required being about 2,500 tons of broken coal, about 1,500 tons of egg coal, 500 tons, more or less, of stove coal, and about 1,500 tons of Cumberland coal for steam and smithing uses), were received at noon on the twenty-first instant at the Public Buildings Department, Room 30, Old Court House, as follows:

BIDDERS.	BIDS, PER TON.			
	Broken Coal.	Egg Coal.	Stove Coal.	Cumberland Coal.
Marston Coal Co.	\$4 15	\$4 35	\$4 55	\$3 08
Metropolitan Coal Co.	4 45	4 68	4 91	3 23
Thomas & Pike	4 18	4 41	4 63	2 86

The contract was awarded to Thomas & Pike.

JOHN DROHAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

School Committee.

Proposals for erecting the Bigelow Grammar School-house, South Boston, were received by the Committee on New Buildings on September 25, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Keening & Strout Brothers, \$108,300	\$1,946
Cutting, Bardwell & Co.	103,950 2,050
C. E. Currier	103,000 2,000
Angus MacDonald	99,881 2,600
James Fagan	94,840 5,392
Howard Brothers	92,875 —
David J. McKim	91,000 2,532
William I. Mabie	88,988 —
Isaac Weaver	87,095 2,295
W. L. Clark & Co.	86,000 1,625
Hartwell, Williams & Kingston	83,750 1,500
Connors Brothers	79,900 4,500

NOTE.—The second column is the additional allowance for buff brick.

The contract was awarded to Connors Brothers.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for asphaltting and regulating Public Alleys 702 and 703 were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Monday, September 25, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Alley 702.	Alley 703.
Jones & Meehan	\$862 00	\$510 00
Simpson Brothers Corporation	870 27	527 58
Barber Asphalt Paving Company	1,152 79	592 42

The contracts were awarded to Jones & Meehan.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

Boston, August 2, 1899.

A special meeting of the Trustees was held at the office of the President on August 2, at 12.30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Burnham and Keany, the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Sprague was elected Secretary pro tempore.

Voted, To allow and pay to Pierce & Cox the sum of \$1,003, the same being the fourth payment on account of their contract of November 29, 1898, for plumbing the Ann White Vose building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

Voted, To allow and pay to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$25.07, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$1,003 paid to Pierce & Cox.

Voted, To allow and pay to Gerry & Northup the sum of \$140, the same being second and final payment and in settlement of their contract of October 13, 1898, for storm porches, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for building improvements, Hospital Department.

Voted, That the proposal of McKenney & Waterbury, for furnishing the Ann White Vose building with electric and combination gas and electric fixtures, according to the terms of their proposal of June 30, for the sum of \$1,195.05, be accepted, and that the President be authorized to sign the agreement for the same.

Voted, That the wages due Charles D. Daggett, supervisor, deceased, amounting to \$16.67, be paid to his administrator, Fred E. Daggett.

Voted, That there be added to the contract of Stephen Brennan, dated August 3, 1894, the following numbered orders of addition approved by John Drohan, Superintendent of Public Buildings, and accepted by Stephen Brennan, contractor:

No. 2155, for additional plumbing work at the surgical building; sanitary test; relocating hot water boiler; relocating drain; supporting marble in duty room; plus 10 per cent. to general contractor, \$313.06.

No. 2156, for extra wire lathing in surgical building, as per items allowed on bill of Eastern Expanded Metal Company, dated May 27, 1898, \$116.06.

No. 2157, for extra gas piping at surgical building, \$80.62.

No. 2158, for additional marble work in surgical building, as per bills from C. E. Hall & Co., and Troy Brothers & Co., \$744.68.

No. 2160, for change in castings for seats in surgical amphitheatre, as per proposal of R. W. Reid & Co., August 29, 1898, \$385.

No. 2161, for extra carpenter work allowed on bill of J. J. Flynn, February 4, 1898, \$594.55.

No. 2162, for miscellaneous extra work at surgical building, as per schedule, \$135.70.

No. 2174, for extra plastering, as per items allowed on bill of J. H. Davis, May 31, 1898, plus 10 per cent., \$189.59.

Voted, That there be added to the contract of the Western Electric Company,

dated June 29, 1895, the sum of \$478.21, for extra work as per bill of November 30, 1898, approved by Stone & Webster, as per order of addition No. 2171, by the Architect Division.

Voted, That there be deducted from the contract of the Western Electric Company the sum of \$964.70 for saving in allowance for work on account of watchman's clock and for fixtures, as per order of deduction No. 2172, by the Architect Division.

A communication was received from the Superintendent as follows: Transmitting a letter from Mr. L. E. Pearson, Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners, requesting that the booths loaned to the Hospital Department for the treatment of sick soldiers be returned. It was voted that the Superintendent be authorized to confer with the Chairman of the Election Commissioners and to return such booths as might be agreed upon with them.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, transmitting request of Dr. H. D. Arnold, physician to out-patients, to use the amphitheatre at certain specified times for the purpose of instructing students in clinical medicine. The Medical Committee reported favorably upon the same, and, in accordance with their report, it was voted that Dr. Arnold be permitted the use of the amphitheatre.

A communication was received from Dr. J. H. McCollom, resident physician at the South Department, nominating Michael J. Cronin, M.D., for the position of assistant resident physician. The same was referred to the Medical Committee, who reported favorably, and, in accordance therewith, Dr. Michael J. Cronin was appointed to the position of assistant resident physician at the South Department.

A communication was received from J. M. Galvin, City Clerk, transmitting an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on June 19, 1899, as follows:

Ordered, That in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated, the Trustees of the City Hospital be, and hereby are, authorized to expend an additional sum of \$14,500 for new buildings, which amount is appropriated for said purpose; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The communication of the Superintendent, presented at the meeting of July 12, relating to elevator for the Ann White Vose building, was taken from the table, and it was voted that the matter be referred to the Committee on Service.

The Superintendent presented a communication relating to the various appropriations for the Hospital Department. The same was discussed at length, and definite action was postponed.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE,
Secretary pro tempore.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held September 14:

Voted, That the entrance to Franklin Park near Sigourney street be restored as in the original plans for the wall, and that the

contract be signed upon the contractor's agreeing to do the work in accordance therewith.

The Board also voted to take a parcel of land containing 129,740 square feet, belonging to F. J. White, for an addition to the Chestnut Hill Park.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, September 6, 1899.

The fifty-eighth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square, on Wednesday, September 6, at 10 A.M.

Present: Dr Grainger (Acting Chairman), Mr. Rutan, Mr. Hunnewell, Mr. Dobbins and Miss Morse.

The following appointments, to fill vacancies, were confirmed:

Julia Kelliher, head nurse, \$25 per month; Alice L. Flint, probationer, \$10 per month; Elizabeth Ludgren, probationer, \$10 per month; Clara Lyons, probationer, \$10 per month.

A written report from the Superintendent of the Almshouse at Long Island was read and placed on file.

Much of the harvesting this summer of the lighter vegetables has been done by women, and the Superintendent proposes in future to employ a larger number of the stronger women in out-of-door occupations.

A communication from the City Clerk was read, transmitting the following order:

Ordered, That the additional sum of \$10,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Pauper Institutions Department for almshouse, Long Island, new power-house and equipment; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The Superintendent of the Almshouse at Charlestown appeared before the Board and reported that all had gone well during her absence on vacation, when many of the inmates had especially tried to do their best.

She also reported that the Chief of the Repairs Division had visited the Charlestown Almshouse to see about making certain necessary repairs.

The census for Long Island on September 4, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	73	143	216
Children	6	7	13
Dormitory	—	188	188
Institution	170	—	170
Totals	249	338	587

FRANCES R. MORSE,
Secretary pro tempore.

PORTO RICAN RELIEF FUND.

The Porto Rican Relief Fund, which amounted to \$25,980.23 on September 14, at the present writing, September 28, amounts to about \$27,000.

Department Communications.

Bath Department.

Following is a summary showing the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of August, 1899, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

AUGUST.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount received.
1 . . .	458	187	42	193	880	\$11 17
2 . . .	550	227	30	188	995	14 94
3 . . .	435	185	19	223	862	10 48
4 . . .	541	215	20	228	1,004	14 45
5 . . .	701	302	61	339	1,403	18 27
6 . . .	799	197	10	182	1,188	18 87
7 . . .	401	167	12	208	788	9 84
8 . . .	301	92	12	110	515	7 46
9 . . .	372	102	19	120	613	8 27
10 . . .	189	47	18	52	306	3 92
11 . . .	400	96	20	108	624	9 01
12 . . .	620	202	28	221	1,071	16 22
13 . . .	825	210	30	194	1,259	19 12
14 . . .	392	128	35	123	678	9 00
15 . . .	401	105	10	112	628	8 26
16 . . .	435	115	32	142	724	9 18
17 . . .	521	107	32	162	822	10 11
18 . . .	738	257	73	387	1,455	15 52
19 . . .	585	247	43	175	1,050	17 62
20 . . .	779	215	28	205	1,227	18 27
21 . . .	428	142	28	157	755	9 91
22 . . .	273	97	35	198	603	5 91
23 . . .	304	89	41	132	566	7 16
24 . . .	225	115	53	87	480	4 87
25 . . .	502	171	54	169	896	11 74
26 . . .	707	169	51	249	1,176	15 22
27 . . .	728	179	37	141	1,085	15 10
28 . . .	389	80	53	167	689	8 18
29 . . .	374	147	49	189	759	7 74
30 . . .	448	121	59	102	730	9 08
31 . . .	528	147	56	189	920	11 91
Totals,	15,349	4,860	1,090	5,452	26,751	\$356 80

NOTE.—Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, September 5, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office during the week ending September 2, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	97
Number of discharges of mortgages	18
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of wages	48
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of married women's certificates,	6

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, September 23, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Thomas Meany, 36 Tudor street, Ward 13, four additional horses; Albert C. Burrage,

327 Newbury street, Ward 11, eight additional horses; Henry B. Blackwell, 197 Neponset avenue, Ward 24, one horse.

The petition of P. J. Hagerty for the occupancy of a stable on 11 Selden street, Ward 24, was refused.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending September 23:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	21	10	31
Negative	36	40	76
No growth	1	—	1
Total	58	50	108

Typhoid diagnoses: Seventeen cases; two cases positive, fourteen negative and one case unsatisfactory. Malaria diagnosis: One case; negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, August 21, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending August 19, 1899:

Cases pending	—
Number of applications	83
Number of Admissions:	
To State Almshouse	38
Long Island Almshouse,	16
Charlestown Almshouse,	1
Observation Hospital,	—
Deer Island	9
Boston Insane Hospital,	5
Danvers Insane Hospital,	1
	70
Number of applications re-	
fused	4
Number of applications with-	
drawn	9
Cases pending	—
	83
Settlements investigated	86
Settlements reported to the	
Trustees for Children	3

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, September 18, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending September 16, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	183	19
Females	41	6
Total	224	25
Offences:		
Against the person	15	4
Against property	34	14
Against public order and decency	182	7
Total	*231	25
Discharges:		
Males	181	8
Females	23	4
Total	204	12
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	175	10
Permit of Commissioner,	7	—
Payment of fine	21	—
Transferred to Concord,	1	2
Total	204	12

Population:

September 9, 1899	1,241	441
Committed since Sep-		
tember 9, 1899	224	25
Total	1,465	466
Discharged since Sep-		
tember 9, 1899	204	12
September 16, 1899	1,261	454

* Seven committed charged with two offences each.

THOMAS FRANCIS HUNT,
Acting Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, August 7, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending August 5, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections	536
Defects reported	93
Defects corrected	66
Notices of new work received	36
Feet of dead wire removed	14,400
Feet of dead wire retained	1,100
Fixtures removed	29

The Department employees responded to an alarm from Box 21 at 2 A.M., July 24; the fire occurred at 26 Hanover street, two alarms being sounded.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	541
Notices of new work received	182

The fire at 90 Hanover street upon investigation showed that it was not caused by electricity.

An investigation has been made with reference to the fire at 46 Shawmut avenue, which was reported as due to electricity. The fire was due to causes other than of an electrical nature.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	3
Building connections	38
Post connections	3
Repairs	5
Lamp connections	2

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	52
Building connections	39
Lamp connections	2
Repairs	8
Pole connections	1
Cable drawings	18
Installation of underground transformers,	1

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	4,822
Feet of duct laid	46,462
Feet of cable drawn in	46,426
Manholes built	25
Service connections made	35

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Proposals for dredging in Mystic river will be received until October 27 at the United States Engineer's office, Post Office building, Boston.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 25, 1899.

At a meeting of the Board of Health this day the following regulation was passed:

Ordered, That on and after this date no animal shall be slaughtered at the abattoir in Brighton, except on a week day between 7 o'clock A.M. and 6 o'clock P.M., or when the inspector at the abattoir is present at the slaughter or shall have been notified thereof, before 12 o'clock of the noon preceding the same.

A true copy. Attest:

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 25, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Westbourne street, at West Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from Cornell street to Beech street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the ninth day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: T. J. LEE, Secretary pro tempore.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 26, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Bird street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Columbia road to Hancock street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the tenth day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: T. J. LEE, Secretary pro tempore.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 26, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Hamble street, at Charlestown, be laid out as a highway, from Arlington avenue, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the tenth day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: T. J. LEE, Secretary pro tempore.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 26, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Cardington street, at Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from Cobden street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the tenth day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: T. J. LEE, Secretary pro tempore.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 27, 1899.

The Trustees of the Pauper Institutions of the City of Boston will receive sealed proposals for supplying the Pauper Institutions Department with 2,000 tons, more or less—2,240 pounds to the ton—of soft coal, to be delivered on the wharf of the Boston Almshouse and Hospital at Long Island. Bidders must specify the kind or kinds of coal they propose to furnish and the names of the mines from which the coal is taken; delivery must be made before January 31, 1900, and at such times and in such quantities as shall be directed by the Pauper Institutions Trustees, and the relative value of the different kinds of coal offered will be considered in connection with the price.

Proposals to be addressed "The Pauper Institutions Trustees—Proposals for Coal," and left at the Trustees' office at 28 Court square, Room 3, not later than Monday, October 2, at 11 o'clock A.M., at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened. Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for two hundred (200) dollars, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The right is reserved by the Trustees to reject any and all bids. Copies of the proposal and contract may be obtained at the Trustees' office.

WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK, Chairman.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, September 12, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners, in accordance with Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and amendments thereto, having passed an order for the laying out and construction of the following highway: Roxbury—Albany and Northampton streets.

Notice is hereby given that the Street Department is about to do the work contemplated in said order, and that all work to be done in said highway by all persons or corporations having rights in the same to lay or repair either sewer, gas, water or other pipes must be done before Wednesday, October 11, 1899, as after that time no permits for openings will be granted until two years after said highway is completed.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 25, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Normandy street be laid out as a highway, at Dorchester, from Lawrence avenue, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the ninth day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: T. J. LEE, Secretary pro tempore.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Boston, September 25, 1899.

The undersigned respectfully petitions for leave to lay a six-inch iron pipe, with a one and one-half inch iron pipe, under and along Creek square at rear of No. 44 North street, as shown on a plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

Eastern Cold Storage Company,

By A. SORELL.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 25, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the ninth day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Transcript, Evening Record and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Attest:

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

The Boston Transit Commission will receive until 12 M., October 26, 1899, at its office, 20 Beacon street, Boston, offers for the purchase of the following described real estate:

A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Boston, and bounded—

Westerly on Court street, twenty-two feet; northerly on Brattle street, thirty-two feet; easterly on land now or formerly of Uriah Cotting by a line running through the middle of the partition wall eighteen feet, and southerly on land now or formerly of David Greenough by a line running through the middle of the partition wall, thirty-two feet, with a privilege, so far as the same now exists, in the passage of the adjoining store for the purpose of passing and repassing to the chambers of the store on said premises with all other privileges as set forth in the deed from David Greenough to John Lemist, dated January 9, 1818, and recorded in Suffolk Deeds in Lib. 257, Fol. 249, so far as now in force.

The property will be sold reserving to the grantor and its successors and assigns all of said premises below the street floor, and also such portion of the ground or street floor to the level of the second floor, including the walls as is now used by the Boston Elevated Railway Company under a lease from the City of Boston to the West End Street Railway Company, dated December 7, 1896, and subject also to such further reservations and restrictions as may be deemed necessary to secure to the grantor and its assigns the safe and convenient use of the portion so reserved. The grantee is to have the right to build upon the present walls to such height and in such manner as may be required for a building of the first class under the building laws applicable to the City of Boston.

Plans can be seen at this office.

All offers will be treated as confidential, and will be returned to the makers if not accepted, and the Commission reserves the right to reject any and all offers or to accept that one which shall seem for the best interests of the City of Boston.

GEORGE G. CROCKER,

CHARLES H. DALTON,

THOMAS J. GARGAN,

GEORGE F. SWAIN,

HORACE G. ALLEN,

Boston Transit Commission.

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for furnishing the school furniture for the Frederick A. Whitney School-house, Webster place, Allston. A certified check for \$100, payable to the City of Boston, must be furnished, and will be held as security for the carrying out of the proposal. A satisfactory bond, in the sum of \$500, will also be required.

Specifications may be seen at the office of the School-house Agent, Room 30, Old Court House, Boston. The bidders must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign same, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, Boston, Mass., until 4.30 P.M. of October 3, 1899, at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city. The proposal and check should be enclosed in an envelope indorsed "Proposal for school furniture, Frederick A. Whitney School."

THOMAS F. STRANGE,

Chairman Committee on School-houses of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

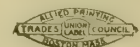
IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 26, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Dunford street, at Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from Cobden street to Fenner street, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the tenth day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: T. J. LEE, Secretary pro tempore.



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OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



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BOSTON, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1899.

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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE M. FELCH.

The death of Mr. George M. Felch occurred at his home, 10 Myrtle street, on Monday, October 2, 1899.

Mr. Felch was born in Sandwich, N.H., eighty years ago and came to Boston in 1839. From 1854 to 1866 he was a member of the Boston police force. For twenty-seven years previous to 1893, when he retired, Mr. Felch served the city as constable and truant officer.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT AT RAINSFORD ISLAND.

The Children's Institutions Trustees have appointed Mr. Sumner D. Seavey, Superintendent of the House of Reformation for boys at Rainsford Island to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Superintendent Anthony.

Mr. Seavey was born in Maine, but has been a resident of Boston for many years. During the last twenty-eight years he has been an officer at the State Prison, Charlestown, and from 1893 to 1897 had charge of

its schools. More recently, however, he has had charge of the letters and the writing list and the Bertillon system of measurement. Mr. Seavey began his duties at Rainsford Island on October 2.

APPOINTMENT OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

At a meeting of the Executive Council held on Thursday, September 28, 1899, Governor Wolcott nominated Hon. James F. Jackson, of Fall River, to be a Railroad Commissioner, in place of Hon. John E. Sanford, resigned.

Mr. Jackson was born in Taunton in 1851, and is a graduate of Harvard University. He is one of the most prominent lawyers of Bristol County. From 1880 to 1888, with the exception of the year 1886, Mr. Jackson was City Solicitor of Fall River, and in 1889 and 1890 he served as Mayor.

Mr. Sanford, the retiring member of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, was appointed by Governor Russell in 1892.

THE MUNICIPAL REGISTER FOR 1899.

The printing of the Municipal Register has been completed recently. By direction of His Honor the Mayor the work of compiling the material for the Register and seeing it through the press has been done by the Statistics Department—as was the case in 1898.

Corrections in the lists of persons connected with the several departments have been made up to July 1, 1899. The current volume numbers 275 pages, showing a reduction of sixty-one pages from the number of pages contained in the Register for 1898.

The principal changes in the make-up of the volume are: (1) The printing of the following lists immediately after the lists of members of the City Government 1891–1898, viz., the Mayors of Boston, Chairmen of the Board of Aldermen, Presidents of the Common Council, alphabetical lists of Aldermen and Councilmen from 1822 to 1898, inclusive, Orators of Boston, and Justices of the Police and Municipal Courts; and (2) the bringing together of the statistical tables in the fol-

lowing order: Topographical statistics, population statistics, financial statistics, election statistics.

The tables relating to debt, interest and sinking-funds have been rearranged so as to show the amount paid to sinking-funds, the amount paid for interest, the amount of debt created, the amount of debt paid, the net increase of debt, the gross debt at end of the year, amount of sinking-funds at end of the year, and gross debt less sinking-funds for each of the years 1878–1898, under the general heads of Debt of All Kinds, City Debt, Cochituate Water Debt, Mystic Water Debt, and of County Debt for the years 1885–1898.

The Assessors' statistics for 1898 are presented in a new form in order to show (1) the amount in square feet; (2) assessed valuation, and (3) assessed valuation per square foot of occupied and of vacant land in the several wards of the city.

The election statistics have been condensed in certain respects and expanded in others, e. g., separate columns showing the proportion (per cent.) of actual voters to registered voters have been introduced into tables relating to the elections for President, Governor and Mayor, and the vote for School Committee on the part of women voters.

ISOLATION OF DIPHTHERIA CASES.

In the South Boston Municipal Court, on Tuesday, September 26, 1899, Judge Fallon sustained the contention of the Board of Health, that diphtheria cases must be isolated.

The case was a complaint against Patrick and Mary Feeney, of 112 Gold street, who, being the parents of a child infected with diphtheria, had neglected to cause the child to be conveyed to some isolated place approved by the Board of Health. The parents were summoned into court and fined \$20 each.

The disposition by the court of this case is regarded as important, and will undoubtedly serve as a very material aid to the efforts of the Department in checking the spread of diphtheria in the future.

PROGRESS OF STREET DEPARTMENT WORK.

Superintendent Wells, on Wednesday, October 4, 1899, issued the following statement regarding the work of the Street Department:

In reply to a petition signed by substantially all the abutters on Devonshire street, between Water and State streets, requesting that the present uneven pavement be replaced with smooth and durable material, to lessen the intolerable noise and relieve the strain on the horses, Superintendent Wells states that this would be a most desirable improvement, as the pavement is in wretched condition, but that, as no funds have been made available for this work, it cannot be undertaken this season.

The widening and construction of Cambridge street, Brighton, will be commenced Thursday, when the Boston Elevated Railway Company enters upon the street for the purpose of laying the tracks in the new location. The present bit of track is very old, and the change to a new, first-class track and roadbed will be much appreciated. The street is to be widened fourteen feet, and as soon as the Elevated is through with its work, the Street Department will proceed with the construction of the street.

Congress street from Atlantic avenue to the bridge is being repaved with granite blocks on concrete base. This has been one of the worst pieces of pavement in Boston, and probably the most heavily travelled, and the teamsters have all expressed much pleasure at the improvement.

Atlantic avenue will be taken in hand as soon as the piers of the Boston Elevated are in place. There is also considerable work to be done at Dewey square as soon as the Boston Elevated work is completed. Signs have been ordered which will be of great assistance to strangers, as they will indicate the various streets and most prominent places.

Devonshire street, between Milk and Water streets, in front of the Post Office, is being repaved with asphalt. If the pavement is successful here, another season it will undoubtedly be extended to State street.

Harrison avenue, between Kneeland and Bennett streets, is being repaved, with asphalt in part, and granite blocks.

Talbot avenue, Dorchester, is well on the way to completion. The Boston Elevated tracks are laid, and the portion of the street to the railroad bridge completed. This will be one of the greatest improvements which has been effected in the Dorchester district for years, connecting as it does one section of Dorchester with the entire park system and the city proper over park roads.

Work on Commonwealth avenue has made considerable progress, although it has appeared slow, owing to the immense amount of rock-cutting, which has delayed not only the work of the Street Department, but has made it slow work for the sewer, water and gas. The Boston Elevated tracks will be laid this fall, and the avenue brought as nearly to completion as is possible.

The Street Department will soon enter upon the section of Blue Hill avenue, from Walk Hill street to Mattapan; but, owing to the failure of the commissioners appointed

to arrange for the abolition of the grade crossing of the New England Railroad tracks to act in the matter, it will not be possible to undertake the work except in part. This is a disappointment, as it had been planned to complete Blue Hill avenue this season to the Milton line.

Federal street, throughout its whole length, has been repaved in the best possible manner; and, leading as it does directly from the Terminal Station to the Post Office, and carrying a great amount of teaming and carriage travel, the value of a smooth, well-paved street, as compared with the old pavement on this street, is already very apparent in the increase of traffic and the better time made by teams and carriages.

Blackstone street, between North and Hanover streets, the great Saturday night market place, has been repaved to the great satisfaction of the merchants and shoppers of that locality.

Leverett street, from the bridge to Causeway street, where the paving was in a bad condition, has been entirely repaved.

A considerable stretch of Charles street has been asphalted at the request of the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Eye and Ear Infirmary, both of which abut on this heretofore noisy street.

The portion of Endicott street, from Cooper street across Thatcher street, is being re-asphalted. There is no appropriation for this street, but the condition was absolutely dangerous, the asphalt being very old and full of holes. This is only one of the many cases where conditions are such that the Department must rebuild the street or close it; and the money thus taken from the maintenance appropriation makes it difficult to keep within the amount allowed for that purpose, and shortens up the work on maintenance lines.

Another piece of work which comes under the same head, for which no appropriation was made, but which could not be allowed to go without doing, was the laying of block paving on the South Boston side of Congress street, between A and C streets. The Commonwealth having constructed a new street from L street to C and Congress streets, the intervening strip connecting with the pavement this side of A street, being nothing but an unbuilt mud street, could not be left in that condition for the winter, as it would have been impassable to the heavy teaming which will use this thoroughfare.

One of the largest jobs of the season has been the widening and building of Charlestown street and the approaches to the Charlestown bridge. This is built under a special appropriation. One side is complete to the bridge, and the entire neighborhood will be greatly improved. In connection with this work, a considerable portion of Causeway street was repaved.

Under an act passed by the Legislature last year, the Street Commissioners were authorized to lay out, and the Superintendent of Streets to construct, such private alleys as it might be desirable for the city to control, both for sanitary and public reasons. Under this act, many of the Back Bay alleys have been made public, thoroughly reconstructed, and will now be cleaned by the Department and the city ordinances will be enforced as in case of public streets. The alleys between Irvington street and Massachusetts avenue, parallel to Huntington avenue, have all been

asphalted, and several alleys in the South End and city proper have also received attention.

Owing to the fact that the paving appropriation for general construction work throughout the city was so entirely inadequate this year — being but \$75,000 as against the usual appropriation of \$625,000, or, in other words, averaging only \$3,000 to a ward instead of \$25,000 — it has not been possible to do the usual amount of work in the various sections of the city, and certain conditions which should receive attention must be allowed to go unless money is made available for their correction. It has been hoped that the \$125,000 which stands on the books for the purpose of purchasing a rifle range might be transferred to the Street Department. If the City Council would make this transfer the requests which have come in from almost every ward in the city, that the most pressing cases be cared for, could receive attention; otherwise they must go on file.

It will be remembered that the passage of the Malden bridge act tied up \$200,000 of money which ordinarily would be available for street work; and in addition the sum set aside for the widening of Rutherford avenue amounted to \$200,000.

HOUSES VACATED AND DEMOLISHED DURING SEPTEMBER.

The following is a list of the houses ordered vacated by the Board of Health during the month of September, 1899:

42 Howard street.
24 Oneida street.
36 Athens street.
38 Athens street.
Rear of 16 Salem street.
24 Piedmont street.
Keith's alley, first and second houses right.
First rear of 40 Pitts street.
Second rear of 40 Pitts street.
Third rear of 40 Pitts street.
100 Shawmut avenue.
6 Foster street.
2 Barnard place.
13 Codman park
792 Washington street.
794 Washington street.
796 Washington street.
798 Washington street.
800 Washington street.
362 Tremont street.
292 C street.
58 East Dedham street.
5 Percival place.
100 Pembroke street.
Rear of 111 Everett street.
211 West Springfield street.
280 Bolton street.
17 Wesley street.
10 Gray street.
First rear of 245 Sumner street.

Following is a list of the buildings ordered demolished by the Board of Health during September, 1899:

Northerly side of Keith's alley; property of Millerick.
794-796 Washington street
Rear of 16 Salem street.
24 Piedmont street.
184 London street.

CITY OF BOSTON PAYMENTS.

City Treasurer Turner will make the following payments for the City of Boston during the month of October, 1899, beginning the second, on the Mayor's draft:

City debt maturing October 1, 1899	\$1,037,000 00	
Monthly general draft	371,635 82	
		\$1,408,635 82
Interest on all classes of debt		919,123 50
Department pay-rolls	\$800,000	
Mayor's special drafts	500,000	
		1,300,000 00
County of Suffolk: Monthly draft	\$89,757 86	
County debt becoming due	17,000 00	
		106,757 86
Total		\$3,734,517 18

Mr. Turner has remitted Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co., limited, London, England, for the payment of interest becoming due there October 1, 1899, on the sterling Water Loan, £10,037 8s. 9d.

Owing to the heavy payments on Monday, October 2, there were no payments of the sewerage charges by the City Treasurer on that day, but payment of the same were resumed on Tuesday afternoon, October 3, 1899, between the hours of 3 and 6 o'clock.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS CONFERENCE

The regular quarterly meeting of the Public Institutions Conference was held at 3 P.M., on Wednesday, September 27, 1899, in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall.

Present: His Honor Mayor Quincy; Prof. William T. Sedgwick, Acting Institutions Registrar and Chairman of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, Mrs. Alice N. Lincoln and Miss Frances R. Morse, also of the Pauper Institutions Trustees; Dr. Henry C. Baldwin, of the Insane Hospital Trustees; Mr. Horatio A. Lamb and Mr. John A. Bruen, of the Children's Institutions Trustees; Mr. William P. Fowler and Mr. Thomas Sproules, of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, and Mr. Thomas Francis Hunt, Acting Penal Institutions Commissioner.

His Honor the Mayor being unable to be present at the beginning of the meeting, on a motion of Professor Sedgwick, it was

Voted, That Mr. Fowler act as temporary Chairman.

Mr. Hunt, on a motion of Professor Sedgwick, was requested to read the records of the last meeting. His Honor the Mayor having arrived meanwhile and taken the chair, and there being no objection raised to the records, the same were declared approved.

Mr. Lamb submitted, on behalf of the Trustees for Children, the following report:

On September 1, there were, under the care of the Trustees for Children, 925 children of the dependent and neglected classes.

They are divided as follows:

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Boarding out	246	177	423
Indentures	179	138	317
In other institutions, including Massachusetts School for Feeble Minded, hospitals, etc. (Of these 185 we pay board for 107),	96	89	185
Total	521	404	925

The health of the children during the past year has been unusually good. This is partly owing to the great care exercised in the location of the homes.

The number of admissions has decreased largely from that of former years, owing, in the main, to the greater care used in investigating applications for admission.

From January 1, 1899, to September 1, 1899, we have had 204 applications having a Boston settlement, mostly of the dependent class. On investigation only eighty-six of these have been accepted. Formerly the Marcella-street Home would have taken most of the 204. This shows the advantage of thorough investigation.

On January 1, 1899, there were 851 children boarded out and indentured. On September 1, 1899, there were 740. The decrease is accounted for as follows:

Number of dependent and neglected children boarded out and indentured January 1, 1899	851
Admissions, January 1 to September 1, 1899	86
	937
Number discharged January 1 to September 1, having been discharged to parents or guardians, arrived at age, or on account of change of settlement	191
Number died	6
	197
Number in charge September 1, 1899,	740

At the Parental School on September 18, 1899, there were 192 boys. The number of boys at this school has increased steadily since the first of the year. Our lack of buildings for rooms and dormitories has made it very difficult for us to take care of this increase as we would like to.

The largest number of boys at the school during January was 176. The largest number during June was 214; an increase of over 21 per cent.

It is not possible for the Trustees to refuse to take a boy sent by the courts. Therefore, we have purchased two tents for use during the summer months, and are now building two temporary wooden school-houses. There is great need of additional land and proper buildings for this school.

The health of the boys has been unusually good during the year. The schools have opened for the year with a decided improvement in the interest of the boys in their work.

On September 18, 1899, there were under our care 324 boys, who have been committed to the House of Reformation for minority; 151 of these boys were on proba-

tion with their families or friends, and visited by two male agents from the office force; forty-six boys were at Deer Island, under the care of the Penal Institutions Department, owing to lack of accommodation at Rainsford Island on account of the fire; nineteen boys were at the Point Cottage at Rainsford Island. These are the younger boys, who are kept apart from the others, having their schools and meals at the Point Cottage. Fifty-eight boys were in the main building; eighteen boys were at large, eight of these having escaped at the time of the fire. Two of these have been arrested since September 18.

On August 19 certain boys of the institution set the main building on fire. These boys are now under arrest and awaiting trial. At the time, our Superintendent was confined to his room, in consequence of an accident which occurred shortly before. One of the Trustees, Mr. John A. Bruen, passing the summer at Hull, fortunately was able to go to the Island immediately, and every means to preserve order was taken at once.

By the courtesy of the Commissioner of Penal Institutions forty-six boys were transferred to Deer Island, and are now under his care, three members of our force—a male teacher and two care-takers—having been placed there by us. These boys we expect to take back to Rainsford Island before long.

On August 28 Mr. Anthony, by the advice of his physician, resigned his position as Superintendent, his health being such that he could no longer remain in charge of the institution.

On September 12 Mr. Russell R. Walton, formerly teacher of the shoemaking department, was placed in charge of the institution, pending the selection of a new Superintendent. Under him there are fifteen men and six women, including four teachers, an instructor in sloyd and an instructor in printing, a force quite sufficient to manage the institution for the present.

The resignation of Mrs. Maud Gates Everett, principal teacher, was accepted on September 25, to take effect September 29. Miss Kate L. Eddy, teacher, returns to her class on September 30. Alfred L. Leighton returned to his former position on September 19. Mrs. Hattie Shaw, baker, is expected to return shortly.

Dr. Baldwin, representing the Insane Hospital Trustees, submitted the following report:

The ordinary routine work of the Insane Hospital has gone on in a satisfactory way since the last conference. The capacity of the hospital to-day is 500 patients.

Sufficient attention has not as a rule been given to the importance of the proper care of the acute curable cases of insanity. I have been impressed, in conversation with hospital superintendents and others, with the fact that the per capita cost of patients seemed as important as the per cent. of patients cured.

Now every insane pauper costs the city approximately \$200 per year. The average duration of life of these patients is beyond the usual limit for sane people because of the care taken of them and the regularity of their life, and is from fifteen to twenty years. Every patient who becomes a chronic case costs the city, on an average, from \$3,000 to \$4,000 in their lifetime. In other words, it would not be an extravagant sum

if the city were to pay \$60 to \$80 a week for one year for every pauper insane person whose cure could be accomplished by such means. There is no question among medical men that the care an acute case receives determines whether that person becomes a wage-earner in the community or does not recover and becomes a pauper, this result often throwing the support of others upon the community.

It seems, therefore, that in the interests of humanity and economy there should be a hospital building for the treatment of the acute cases of insanity. Such a building should be planned so that each patient should have such individual treatment as is necessary, and should be equipped with baths and modern conveniences. The best nurses, the best food, and the best medical care should be given to these patients until they have recovered, or until it is evident that their recovery is hopeless.

The following report was submitted for the Pauper Institutions Trustees by Miss Morse:

During the last three months the contracts for the new power-house on Long Island have been awarded and work was begun early in July. The Committee on Buildings and Grounds have watched the construction carefully, to make sure that the contracts were fulfilled. The new power-house will enable us to fully use the system of ventilation in the Hospital, for which hitherto, there has never been adequate power, and it will enable us also to ventilate the men's building, which has had no other system of ventilation hitherto than perforated slides in the windows. We shall be able to adequately heat the women's building by new steam coils, for which hitherto there has not been enough power and in which there has been suffering from cold each winter.

The salt water fire system, for which there was a special appropriation, is nearly completed and will be worked by power from the new power-house.

Those acres of the farm devoted to vegetables have been more satisfactorily cultivated this summer than in 1897 or 1898, and the Superintendent and Deputy arranged to have many of the lighter vegetables picked by the women, and it has been a refreshment and change both for the women and for the matron in charge of them. A great many fresh vegetables have been eaten and enjoyed.

We think it much to be desired that there should be some receiving-room on the wharf of the "J. Putnam Bradlee" for shelter of persons and care of goods, and we hope shortly to appoint a committee for conference with the Penal Commissioner relative to some simple system of receipt for goods sent to Long Island by the "Bradlee." The Penal Commissioner concurs with us in thinking it desirable to have a matron on the "Bradlee" who should have charge of all women and sick persons.

William T. Sedgwick, Acting Institutions Registrar, reported as follows:

On the part of the settlement division, the chief, Mr. John E. Gilman, at my request, has paid personal and particular attention to that class of applicants for admission to the almshouses, known as "Rounders." In dealing with these cases, this Department has acted as agent for the Pauper Institu-

tions Trustees and has refused admission to certain confirmed vagrants, who, in the opinion of that Board, should not be admitted to the almshouses, but sent either to the State workhouse at Bridgewater or to the reformatory at Concord. The result has thus far been gratifying, the vagrants in question, without exception, having withdrawn their applications for admission to the Almshouses when told of the policy adopted by the Pauper Institutions Trustees.

The chief of the settlement division has also called attention to the peculiar status of the so-called observation cases now sent to the hospital on Deer Island, and recommends that if a detention hospital should be established it should be under the care of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, inasmuch as its inmates would be, in the first instance, paupers rather than insane or criminals.

On the part of the statistical division, the chief, Mr. Koren, reports that he has devoted the greater part of the summer to devising a system whereby as accurate and complete histories as possible, governing the social and institutional life of the cities' wards can be obtained. This system must provide that the Department shall be the repository of all data relating to dependents and delinquents, a bureau of information for all departments and institutions. He points out that the purpose of the Registration Department is to serve the other departments and the institutions and become a connecting link between all of them.

In the establishment of the Institutions Registration Department, Boston again leads the way.

So far as can be learned, no city here or abroad has such a department, though the need of one has been felt in many places. Already inquiries are coming in regarding our methods and ultimate purpose.

The detailed plans of registration which Mr. Koren has worked out, with the co-operation of the heads of departments concerned, will soon be ready for their more careful consideration.

For the Overseers of the Poor, Mr. Fowler reported as follows:

NUMBER OF FAMILIES AIDED.

	1898.	1899.
May	1,180	1,088
June	1,165	1,056
July	1,177	1,049
August	1,140	1,040

CASH GRANTS.

	1898.	1899.
May	\$1,929 22	\$1,839 25
June	1,865 21	1,735 20
July	1,960 02	1,843 28
August	1,752 27	1,605 00

GROCERIES DELIVERED FROM STORE.

	1898.	1899.
May	\$2,780	\$2,600
June	2,553	2,439
July	2,495	2,441
August	2,817	2,265

INMATES OF TEMPORARY HOME.

	1898.		1899.	
	Women.	Children.	Women.	Children.
May	161	57	92	47
June	145	84	89	69
July	145	95	86	66
August	124	84	92	58

INMATES OF WAYFARERS' LODGE.

	1898.	1899.
May	2,154	1,147
June	1,722	678
July	1,583	850
August	1,228	935

For the Penal Institutions Department, Mr. Hunt reported general progress, saying that the lighting of the east wing of the cell-house at the South Boston House of Correction had been improved by the installation of Welsbach burners in the place of the less modern lights. Mr. Hunt also reported that since the last meeting the new cemetery Resthaven, at Deer Island had been completed and dedicated by Mr. Marshall, and that work had been begun, and was being pushed along, on the Deer Island Hospital annex.

The several reports were accepted. Professor Sedgwick expressed pleasure with the report of Dr. Baldwin, and said he agreed with Miss Morse that a matron should be employed on the steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee." In this connection Mrs. Lincoln said that it always seemed to her that this idea of a matron was not only a good one so far as the care of women paupers was concerned, but that the women prisoners sent to Deer Island should also be cared for by such a matron.

With regard to the suggestion for a detention hospital for so-called observation cases, Dr. Baldwin said he did not approve of it. Mr. Bruen suggested closer co-operation between the public and regularly incorporated aid societies with a view to gathering as complete statistics as possible.

His Honor the Mayor then brought up the question of the transfer of the steamer "John Howard" from the Penal Institutions to the Pauper Institutions Department, saying that before Mr. Marshall went away he had talked with that official and that Mr. Marshall had assented to the transfer. His Honor accordingly announced that he would confer with Mr. Hunt for the purpose of arranging for the early transfer of the steamer "John Howard," and that the said steamer would be at the service of the Penal and Children's Institutions. Trustees the same as formerly, but that it would be under the charge of the Pauper Institutions Trustees.

Adjourned at 4.40 P. M.

THOMAS FRANCIS HUNT,
Secretary pro tempore.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S VISIT.

While in Washington attending the banquet and reception to Admiral Dewey, Governor Wolcott secured the Admiral's promise to visit Boston on October 13 and 14.

Details of the Admiral's entertainment have not yet been arranged. The State troops will be mobilized on the fourteenth instead of the ninth, and the flagship "Olympia" will undoubtedly be in port.

The Committee on Entertainment, representing the Governor, the Mayor, the Chamber of Commerce and the Home Market Club, will begin immediately to arrange the programme for the Admiral's reception.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at 7.30 P.M., on Tuesday, September 26, 1899, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Bowdlear, Fleischer and Strange.

The confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting were approved.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the message from His Honor the Mayor with regard to the heating and ventilating contract for the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, received at the last meeting, was placed on file.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and successively passed:

(1.) That there be paid to Francis G. Sager the sum of \$8,500, as payment for his estate at the corner of Bartlett and School streets, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899, upon said Sager giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Fagan, for addition to and alteration of the Mechanic Arts High School-house in the sum of \$103.40 for refacing with brick portion of corridor, plastering and furring part of janitor's room, and setting and extending partitions in sanitariums.

(3.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Mack & Moore for alteration and addition to the West Roxbury High School building in the sum of \$848.10 for changes and improvements in fittings of laboratories.

(4.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of F. G. Coburn & Co., for erecting a high school building at Dorchester, in the sum of \$350, for water-proofing of underground air-ducts.

The Chair read the following:

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

September 18, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to establish a kindergarten school at Savin Hill.

Passed.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

The Superintendent of Schools presented the resignations of sixteen teachers which were accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

(1.) The appointments of twenty special assistants, which were approved under suspension of the rules.

(2.) The appointments of ten temporary teachers, which were placed on file.

(3.) The appointments of twenty-four teachers on probation, which were approved under suspension of the rules.

(4.) The confirmations of seven teachers, which were approved under suspension of the rules.

(5.) The transfers of five teachers, which were laid over under the rules.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted to ten teachers.

Under a suspension of the regulations, the appointments of two temporary teachers were approved by the Board.

Under a suspension of the rules, the appointments of four teachers on probation presented by the Superintendent in pursuance of orders passed authorizing the employment of such instructors, were approved by the Board.

It was ordered, under suspension of the rules:

(1.) That an additional sub-master be allowed in the Brimmer District.

(2.) That an additional assistant be allowed in the grammar school, Tileston District.

(3.) That one additional ungraded class be allowed in the Phillips District, making five in all.

(4.) That a special teacher of drawing be allowed in the English High School, until otherwise ordered, the same to be in place of one junior-master to which the school is entitled under the rules.

(5.) That a special teacher of drawing be allowed in the Dorchester High School.

The reports of Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, as follows, were accepted:

(1.) That Trinity Baptist Church had been taken in order to provide temporary accommodations in the Chapman District, and that the following contracts had been authorized for necessary changes and fittings in that building:

Carpentry, Dingwell Brothers . . .	\$3,625 00
Carpentry, Sidney Peterson & Co. . .	648 28
Heating, William J. Carlin . . .	747 00
Plumbing, H. Carruthers & Co. . .	628 00

(2.) That in order to provide additional accommodations in the Martin District, the leasing of accommodations at No. 775 Huntington avenue, at a rental of \$660 per annum, which amount includes heat and janitor service, had been authorized.

(3.) That in order to provide accommodations for pupils in the Bennett District during the construction of the new Winship Primary School-house, the old Winship building had been moved to the rear of the school lot, and the following contracts had been made in connection with the matter:

Carpentry, A. E. Ellis	\$1,200
Excavating and masonry work, S. W. Brown	600
Moving, A. M. Richards	383
Heating, Finley & Harris	220
Plumbing, Finley & Harris	90

(4.) That in order to furnish extra accommodations for two classes in the Gaston District, for the school year 1899-1900, accommodations have been engaged at No. 732 Broadway, at a rental of \$1,500 per annum, which amount includes heat and janitor service.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that the estimated cost of the building for the Quincy and Perth streets School when the plans were approved by the Board last November was \$105,000, in-

cluding the architect's commission. The total available appropriation was but \$81,255, therefore the general contract was entered into last year, leaving the plastering, plumbing and heating contracts to be met from the amount to be expended this year for new school-houses. Largely in consequence of the recent rise in building materials, the cost of this school-house will somewhat exceed the original estimate, but your committee are confident that the total cost will not much exceed \$116,000, which in their judgment is very reasonable for a modern grammar school-house containing fifteen rooms and a hall.

Accepted.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that at the last meeting of the Board an order was passed authorizing the execution of a contract with F. G. Coburn & Co., in the sum of \$85,900 for erecting the Chapman Grammar School building in East Boston, said firm being the lowest bidder. Subsequently your committee were informed by F. G. Coburn & Co. that a clerical error had been made by them in making up the figures upon which their bid was based, in that the sum of \$1,100 was entered in a certain item, when \$11,000 was clearly the amount intended to be used. The original figures have been examined by your committee, and they are satisfied that the mistake was wholly unintentional, and that the larger sum was a fair one for the item in question.

The contractors are perfectly willing to forfeit the \$1,500 deposited by them as security for signing the contract, but decline to go further, as to do so would involve a loss to them far in excess of the \$1,500, but have agreed to undertake the contract for the sum of \$93,683, which is \$7,783 in excess of their original bid. This amount is \$3,550 less than the proposal submitted by the next lowest bidder, and, in the judgment of the committee, it would be better for the interests of the city to accept the proposal than to readvertise for new bids, which course they are confident would not result in any saving of expense, to say nothing of the delay that would thereby result. In consideration of the facts herein set forth, and after consultation with the Corporation Counsel, and with the consent of the Mayor in writing, your committee recommend the rescinding of the order passed by the Board at its last meeting, and the passage of the following order in place thereof:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with F. G. Coburn & Co. in the sum of \$93,683 for erecting the Chapman Grammar School building in East Boston; and on the execution of said contract by said Coburn & Co., \$1,500 deposited by them as security for signing another contract to be returned to them.

The report was accepted, the order passed by the Board at its last meeting, authorizing the execution of a contract with F. G. Coburn & Co., in the sum of \$85,900 for erecting the Chapman Grammar School building, in East Boston was rescinded, and the order appended to the report of the committee was passed under a suspension of the rules.

It was ordered, under a suspension of the rules, that the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Connors Brothers, in the sum

of \$84,400 for erecting the Bigelow Grammar School Building in South Boston, the said firm being the lowest bidder.

Mr. Berridge, for the Committee on School-houses, reported that the Board at its meeting of August 15, authorized the execution of a contract with John P. Conlon for plumbing work at the Frothingham School, in the sum of \$1,775. Subsequently this bid was withdrawn, and the committee, being unwilling to delay the completion of the work, and with the consent of His Honor the Mayor, awarded the contract to Huey Brothers, the next lowest bidder, in the sum of \$2,637.

The report was accepted; that part of the order passed August 15, authorizing the execution of a contract with John P. Conlon, in the sum of \$1,775, for plumbing the Frothingham School-house, Charlestown, was rescinded, and the action of the Committee on School-houses, in awarding the aforesaid contract to Huey Brothers, as set forth in the preceding report, was approved and confirmed.

Under a suspension of the rules, it was ordered:

(1.) That the Committee on School-houses are hereby authorized to donate to the public school system of Porto Rico such old school furniture as will not be required for further use in the schools of this city; provided, that no expense for transportation is thereby incurred by this Board.

(2.) That a special teacher of penmanship be allowed in the Evening High School, and that the salary of said instructor be fixed at the rate of \$2 per evening of actual service, to date from October 2, 1899.

(3.) That Herbert L. Swan, having been approved by the Superintendent, be appointed special teacher of the school on Spectacle Island, on probation, from September 1, 1899; and that his salary be at the rate of \$400 per year, payable quarterly, said sum to be in full for all expenses connected with the school, except for books.

The Committee on the Paris Exposition, reported that "it is inexpedient for this Board to rescind such action as it has already taken with regard to the Paris Exposition."

The report was accepted.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Salaries, the following orders were passed under suspension of the rules:

(1.) That there be paid to B. Cortisoz, the sum of \$62 for services rendered as temporary janitor of the Bigelow school from July 1 to September 1, 1899, inclusive.

(2.) That there be paid to Charles D. Gallagher, the sum of \$68 for services rendered as temporary janitor of the Wells school during the month of June, 1899.

(3.) That the salary of J. Fred. Sayer, jr., messenger, be fixed at the rate of \$1,200 per annum, to date from September 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(4.) That the salary of the janitor of the ward-room in the George Putnam District, rented for school purposes, be fixed at the rate of \$180 per annum, to date from September 6, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

The following statement, presented by the Committee on Accounts, was received and placed on file:

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriation available for the present financial year and the expenditures incurred from January 1 to October 1,

1899, the same being nine months' payment of the financial year, exclusive of the cost of repairs and the expenditures incurred for new school-houses.

APPROPRIATION.	Estimate for year.	Expenses for nine months.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries instructors,	\$2,085,000 00	\$1,513,811 03	\$571,188 97
Salaries officers . .	71,000 00	51,672 33	19,327 67
Salaries janitors . .	156,000 00	112,022 79	43,977 21
Fuel, gas and water,	106,000 00	90,056 22	15,943 78
Supplies and incidental expenses,	162,913 68	108,527 44	54,386 24
	\$2,580,913 68	\$1,876,089 81	\$704,823 87

As compared with the corresponding nine months of last year:

Salaries of instructors increased .	\$75,316 75
Salaries of janitors increased . .	1,935 30
	\$77,252 05

Salaries of officers decreased	\$1,444 67
Fuel, gas and water decreased	3,813 54
Supplies and incidentals decreased	9,068 11
	14,326 32

Increase for the year \$62,925 73

Should the expenditures continue to increase in the same ratio during the remaining three months of the financial year the total expenses for the year, exclusive of repairs and new buildings, will amount to \$2,506,847.70. Deducting this estimated expenditure from the appropriation for 1899-1900, it leaves a balance of \$74,065.98 as the amount to be carried forward and added to the appropriation for the next financial year. This balance may be needed to maintain the present schedule of salaries for the financial year 1900-1901.

Mr. Anderson, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, reported that from the evidence adduced before the committee, it appears that the majority of the entertainments for children provided by the City Government on the Fourth of July consist of low variety shows, containing, in many instances, features obscene, vulgar and immoral, and that this Board should refuse to grant the use of school buildings to the City Government for such purposes; and your committee further recommend that this report be transmitted to the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Anderson, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That pending the completion of the new Bigelow Grammar School-house the master be authorized, in his discretion, to dispense with the morning recess for certain of his classes, for which there are no facilities for recess, and to dismiss them at 11.45 o'clock A.M.

The order being amended, so as to include the Gaston District within its scope, was passed.

It was ordered, under a suspension of the rules, that the use of school halls for a series

of free chamber concerts during the fall and winter months be granted the Music Commissioners the same as last year, provided the same will not interfere with the regular work of the schools and involves no expense to this Board.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending September 23, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week 20.2
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898, 21.5

Number of deaths:

Males 108
Females 103

Total 211

Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898 219

Decrease 8

Of the 211 decedents, 206 were white and 5 colored; 143 were born in the United States, 67 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 46 were of American parentage, 141 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 24 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	65	10
Scarlatina	30	-
Typhoid fever	34	4
Measles	-	-
Totals	129	14

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	17
Pneumonia	16
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	11
Bronchitis	9
Marasmus	15
Violent causes	13

Total from principal causes 83

Total from infectious diseases 14

Total from other causes 114

Total from all causes 211

Deaths of children under 1 year 53

Deaths of children under 5 years 81

Deaths of persons over 60 years 42

Deaths in public institutions 55

The Boston, Cape Cod and New York Canal Company, incorporated under Chapter 448 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1899, has deposited with the State Treasurer the \$200,000 forfeit called for by the act of incorporation.

The proposed canal is to begin in Buzzard's bay and run through the towns of Bourne and Sandwich to Barnstable bay. Its depth is to be twenty-five feet at low water and it is to have a width of not less than 100 feet at the bottom and 200 feet at the top.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved September 25:

Leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

L. Wallace, sign at 115 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Michael Angelo, drum sign at 115 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Samuel Katz, three signs at 19 Tremont row, Ward 6.

A. Rotman, illuminated sign at 228 Hanover street, Ward 6.

A. Fellner, illuminated sign at 131 Federal street, Ward 7.

Gross & Strauss Company, two illuminated signs at 14 Bedford street, Ward 7.

Joseph P. Lomasney, campaign transparency at corner Lowell and Causeway streets, Ward 8.

Shepard & Wiseman, two signs at 123 Cambridge street, Ward 8.

T. Winfield McCabe, sign at 47 Warren Street, Ward 18.

Joseph E. Livingston, sign at 379 Warren street, Ward 21.

Leave to the American Bell Telephone Company to excavate the basement of building 11 and 13 Oliver street, and 117-119 Milk street, Ward 7, to grade 10.40.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates and along the following-named streets, said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestones, the owners to furnish the said materials, viz.:

Shapleigh Coffee Company, artificial stone, 36 Broad street, Ward 6.

A. S. Bigelow, artificial stone, corner Commonwealth avenue and Fairfield street, Ward 11.

Henry G. Allbright, artificial stone, 570-572 Columbia road, Ward 16.

William B. Blakemore, artificial stone, 357-367 Heath street, Ward 19.

James W. Woodward, artificial stone, 41-45 Mt. Pleasant avenue, Ward 17.

Lucy F. Copley, brick, 302-308 Bowdoin street, Ward 20.

William Spoth, brick, 188-194 Highland street, Ward 22.

Giovanni Bellizia, brick, 210-212 Maverick street, Ward 2.

D. H. Sullivan, brick, 51 Calumet street, Ward 19.

Wilfred Bolster, brick, 137 Ruthven street, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be requested to close against travel by vehicles, excepting fire department apparatus, ambulances and United States mail wagons and cars, the following-named streets on Monday, October 9, next, between the hours of 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.: Commonwealth avenue,

Arlington, Beacon and Charles streets, and between the hours of 1 and 3 P.M., Boylston, Washington, Summer, High, Congress, Milk, Broad, State, (Court, Tremont or Washington and School) and Beacon streets, on account of the mobilization of the State militia.

Ordered, That the City Messenger be, and hereby is, authorized to cause the roping off of said streets, squares and avenues that may be required at the principal points of said route, under the direction of the Board of Police; the expenses that may be incurred for said roping to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

The following were approved September 26:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks in Atlantic avenue, beginning in Dewey square and connecting with tracks there located, thence on said avenue to a point near Foster's wharf, with necessary curves, switches, cross-overs and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated September 1, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the right heretofore granted the Union Freight Railroad Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use a single track in Atlantic avenue, from Dewey square to a point near Foster's wharf, in place of existing track in said street; the expense of such change of location to be borne by the Boston Elevated Railway Company; said tracks being shown by green lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated September 1, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said Union Freight Railroad Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void. The whole work of laying the said tracks

to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before December 31, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Alice H. Burrage, to construct, maintain and use areas with granite and iron covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estates 325-327 Newbury street, as shown on a plan dated September 23, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

Walworth Manufacturing Company, to construct, maintain and use an area with one coal-hole opening, iron cover, of rough upper surface, under and in Leather square, at rear of 130 Federal street, as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

Heirs of Samuel Guild, to lay, maintain and use a one and one-quarter inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 18 Derne street, Ward 8.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, to construct, maintain and use areas with granite and iron covers under and along the sidewalk in front of estate on the corner of Main and Alford streets, Ward 4, viz., three on Main street, eighteen feet by four feet each; one on Alford street, eighteen feet by four feet.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser and C. H. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:

Western avenue, Ward 25, one pole; forty feet by fifteen inches; sidewalk, ten feet wide; plan dated June 4, 1896. H street, Ward 15, two poles, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches; sidewalk, eight feet; plan dated September 7, 1891. Farrington street, Ward 25, two poles, thirty-five feet by twelve inches; sidewalk, seven feet; plan dated December 29, 1898. Warren street, Ward 21, two poles, forty-five feet by fifteen inches; sidewalk, nine feet; plan dated November, 1889. Bennington street, Ward 1, one pole, forty-five feet by fifteen inches; sidewalk, eight feet; plan dated November, 1889.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Western avenue two poles; from H street, two poles; from Farrington street, two poles; from Warren street, one pole, and from Bennington street, one pole; severally shown by red dots on the above plans.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent

of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Beech street, Ward 23, ten poles, thirty-five feet by thirteen inches; sidewalk, five feet wide; plan dated September 6, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission invites attention to the examinations which will be held at various places throughout the United States this fall for the position of hospital steward, marine hospital service.

The Commission has been unable to supply the demand for eligibles qualified for this position in the past.

For full and specific information relative to the date and places, and the general scope of the examinations, attention is invited to Sections 9 and 128 of the Manual revised to July 1, 1899.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill the position of hospital steward, marine hospital service, at a salary of \$600 per annum.

The Commission also announces that on November 7, 1899, an examination may be taken at any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners for the position of interpreter in the immigration service, Treasury Department.

• From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill the position of interpreter of the Arabic, Greek and Armenian languages in the immigration service, New York, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. All such citizens are invited to apply. They will be examined, graded and certified with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown by the grade attained in the examination.

Persons who desire to compete should apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., or to Mr. E. E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office, Boston, Mass., for a copy of the Manual and application (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at least ten days prior to the date of the examination.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following general orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

September 22, 1899.

General Order No. 627.

Patrolman Jesse G. Courser, of Division 16, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for seven years; being an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion; and having requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898, it is, therefore, hereby ordered that the said Patrolman Jesse G. Courser be retired from active service in the Police Department and placed upon the pension roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement; said retirement to take effect at roll-call today at 5.45 P.M.

September 23, 1899.

General Order No. 628.

Patrolman Charles C. Woodman, of Division 14, having been commended by his captain for courage displayed in arresting a man armed with a loaded revolver on Wednesday, the twentieth instant, and for general efficiency as an officer, he is hereby commended in General Orders and allowed four days' additional vacation.

September 28, 1899.

General Order No. 629.

In the matter of the complaint made by Patrick J. Crowley against Patrolman Gustave Rosenfeld, of Division 10, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: By assaulting the complainant, the Board finds the said Patrolman Rosenfeld guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of ten days' pay.

September 29, 1899.

General Order No. 630.

Patrolman John J. Reilly, of Division 6, having been commended by his captain for courageous and prompt action in stopping a runaway horse on West Fourth street, on the nineteenth instant, he is hereby commended in General Orders and granted two days' additional vacation.

The sailors of the cruiser "Boston," which participated in the battle of Manila Bay, have presented to His Honor Mayor Quincy a flag, pennant and jack, which were purchased by the crew of the ship and used on the trip from Manila to San Francisco.

Under the new charter of the City of Somerville, which was ratified by a vote of 1,332 to 601, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, there will be but two boards elected by the people, viz., a Board of Aldermen, numbering twenty-one, three from each ward, and a Board of School Committee, numbering fourteen, two from each ward.

Award of Contract.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building a temporary pile bridge around the draw of the Chelsea bridge, north, were opened at the office of the City Engineer on Tuesday, September 26, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
William J. Lawler	\$20,029 25
George Hayes	21,102 50
W. L. Miller and W. H. Ellis	22,002 00

The contract was awarded to William J. Lawler.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending September 30, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898	24.4
Number of deaths:	
Males	108
Females	95
Total	203
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	248
Decrease	45

Of the 203 decedents, 195 were white and 8 colored; 142 were born in the United States, 56 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 5 was unknown; 46 were of American parentage, 130 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 27 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	67	9
Scarlatina	22	1
Typhoid fever	30	6
Measles	4	—
Totals	123	16

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	18
Pneumonia	13
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	15
Bronchitis	1
Marasmus	22
Violent causes	10
Total from principal causes	81
Total from infectious diseases	16
Total from other causes	106
Total from all causes	203

Deaths of children under 1 year	56
Deaths of children under 5 years	81
Deaths of persons over 60 years	28
Deaths in public institutions	52

There were received at United States ports direct from the Philippine Islands during 1898, 356,449 bales of hemp and 27,997 tons of sugar,

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 1899.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	302	43	345	159	147	39	175	42	56	345	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	67	—	67	26	35	6	16	10	40	67	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	255	39	294	124	150	20	99	75	106	290	4
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	19	4	23	19	2	2	8	1	18	23	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	4	—	4	1	3	—	1	3	—	4	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	36	11	47	24	18	5	27	5	3	47	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	25	33	58	19	39	—	29	6	7	58	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,601	338	2,939	203	2,680	56	1,448	1,064	262	2,685	254
Totals	3,309	468	3,777	575	3,074	128	1,803	1,206	492	3,519	258

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	—	—	14	1	32	2	56	4	65	9	33	11	44	11	19	2	17	1	5	2	5	—	7	—
No. 2.	—	—	19	—	17	—	14	—	8	—	2	—	4	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3.	2	—	54	1	41	2	31	8	34	10	22	7	23	3	28	4	9	1	2	2	4	—	5	1
No. 4.	1	—	5	—	11	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
No. 6.	—	—	—	—	2	—	6	—	3	2	4	1	8	3	5	—	3	4	3	1	2	—	—	—
No. 7.	—	—	—	—	2	3	4	14	6	9	3	1	4	4	2	—	3	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
No. 8.	10	3	65	5	139	10	350	35	443	57	388	64	382	54	305	50	199	26	146	17	74	7	100	10
Totals	13	3	157	7	244	17	463	61	560	87	457	85	466	76	361	57	232	35	157	22	86	7	113	11

NOTE. — "M," male, includes boys; "F," female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	36	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	15	Males	9
Missing persons reported	32	Females	—
Missing persons found	13	Americans	4
Lost children restored	161	Foreigners	5
Sick and injured persons assisted	315	Non-residents	7

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,974	4	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,747	9
British Provinces	302	—	Finland	6	—
Ireland	917	3	Denmark	4	—
England	122	—	Holland	2	—
France	9	1	Wales	1	—
Germany	34	—	East Indies	—	—
Italy	90	—	West Indies	2	—
Russia	76	—	Turkey	—	—
China	82	—	South America	1	—
Greece	35	—	Switzerland	1	—
Sweden	38	1	Belgium	5	—
Scotland	39	—	Africa	1	—
Spain	1	—	Hungary	—	—
Norway	14	—	Arabia	2	—
Poland	10	—	Mexico	—	—
Austria	2	—	Australia	—	—
Portugal	2	—	Armenia	5	—
Roumania	—	—	Syria	—	—
<i>Carried forward</i>	3,747	9	Totals	3,777	9

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

August 16, 1899.

The regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of the Hospital was held at the office of the President, at 12.30 P.M., the President in the chair.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Burnham and Sprague.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Sprague was elected Secretary pro tempore.

The regular monthly bills were approved, and it was voted that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Auditor for the amount thereof, \$17,748.56.

Voted, To approve the regular monthly draft on account of Hospital buildings, improvements, amounting to \$658.50, and to authorize the President to draw upon the City Auditor for the amount thereof.

Voted, That the regular monthly draft on account of screen fund, amounting to \$824.35, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Auditor for the amount thereof.

Voted, To allow and pay to the Western Electric Company the sum of \$200.01 in full settlement of their contract of June 29, 1895, for electric work at the City Hospital; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent as follows:

(1.) Showing the receipts from paying patients for the month of July 1 to July 31, inclusive, to the amount of \$2,919.43.

Placed on file.

(2.) Reporting upon the expenditures for screens from the screen fund.

Placed on file.

(3.) Reporting that according to the terms of the advertisement, proposals for erecting and completing a connecting corridor and approach to the Ann White Vose building were publicly opened at the Hospital at 12 M., August 11.

Voted, That all bids for erecting the connecting corridor be rejected, inasmuch as the amount of the lowest bid exceeded the balance of the appropriation for that purpose. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 33, page 587.)

The President presented a statement in regard to the maintenance appropriation of the Hospital, and after full consideration it was voted that the President be requested again to address a communication to His Honor Mayor Quincy relative to the facts and urging upon him the increased necessity for additional appropriation for the maintenance of the Hospital Department during the remaining months of the fiscal year.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE,

Secretary pro tempore.

Library Department.

Wednesday, July 19, 1899.

An adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustee's room at 2.30 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Bowditch and Dwight.

Received: The Acting Librarian's report.

Purchases authorized: Miscellaneous articles to the amount of \$1,372.24.

Voted, That when this Board adjourns it adjourn to Friday, September 15, at 4.15 P.M.

Friday, September 15, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting was postponed by order of the Vice-President to Tuesday, September 19.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, September 18, 1899.

The fifty-ninth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square, on Monday, September 18, at 10 A.M.

Present: Mr. Sedgwick, Miss Morse, Mr. Hunnewell, Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Rutan, Dr. Grainger and Mr. Dobbins.

The following appointments were confirmed:

Margaret J. Chisholm, head nurse, \$25 per month; Annie Flynn, cook, Superintendent's house, \$25 per month; Alice M. Brown, probationer, \$10 per month; Mabel Caldwell, probationer, \$10 per month; Margaret A. Learson, probationer, \$10 per month; Nellie Coffey, probationer, \$10 per month.

The Superintendent of Long Island being present, the following matters were discussed:

(1.) The need of an additional dressing-room for patients in the Long Island Hospital. Referred to the Hospital Committee.

(2.) The question of trespassers digging for bait on Long Island. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Service.

(3.) The crowded condition of the men's wards in the Hospital. The Superintendent reported a suggestion of one member of the visiting medical staff that there should be a platform in the court-yard of the Hospital for the benefit of phthisical patients.

The question of golf links for the recreation of officers was referred to the Committee on Rules and Service.

At 12 M. bids for coal for use at Long Island were opened. There were three bids received and the matter was taken under advisement by the Board.

Voted, That the Board take under consideration the desirability of acquiring the land adjacent to the Charlestown Almshouse.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for further information.

A letter from Mr. Howard was read, stating that the total cost, as estimated, for ventilating the men's building at Long Island would amount to \$2,394. The amount is made up as follows:

Bid of Cleghorn-Egglee Company . . .	\$1,544
Estimated cost of work to be done by	
Repairs Division	350
Estimate from Electrical Construction Division (approximately)	500
Total	\$2,394

Voted, That the bid of Cleghorn-Egglee Company of \$1,544 be accepted, and that the Chairman be given authority to secure the

services of the Repair Division and Electrical Construction Division, in accordance with a letter from Mr. Howard, under date of September 11.

A letter from Mr. Wrightington was read, admitting liability of the State to care for certain cases, and expressing its willingness to assume the charge of one doubtful case, reimbursement for these cases from June 21, 1899, not to exceed \$1 per week per person.

Voted, That the question of using hard or soft coal at Long Island be referred to the Finance Committee with power.

Voted, That the Chairman be given authority to sign contract with O'Rourke & Nelson for building wall, well, etc., in connection with fire-pump at Long Island, amounting to \$1,516.

Voted, That the Chairman have power to sign contract with Cleghorn-Egglee Company for laying steam-pipe to power-house, amounting to \$912.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse reported that the ice-chest in the almshouse, owing to its construction, consumes too much ice.

About \$20 will be allowed to the credit of the almshouse because of the injury to vegetables and crops on the land taken for the construction of the new Malden bridge.

The question of providing additional daily newspapers for the benefit of inmates at Long Island was referred to the Committee on Rules and Service.

The census for Long Island on September 18, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	71	136	207
Children	7	7	14
Dormitory	—	193	193
Institution	181	—	181
Totals	259	336	595
September 4, 1899	249	338	587

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Thursday, September 7.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Darling street, and an order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to relocate Chambers street.

Saturday, September 9.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Sparhawk and Autumn streets, and in Woodward avenue, Stratford street and Torrey street were ordered to be laid out.

It was voted to pay A. P. Wheelock \$37,000 for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of Columbia road; and to pay to Margaret E. Frazer \$365 for damages occasioned her estate by the relocation of Amory street.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Kenwood road and of Pomfret street.

Monday, September 11.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Seaborn and Aberdeen streets; and an order was passed laying out Nottingham street.

Tuesday, September 12.

It was voted to pay \$1,000 to Jacob Schefreen for damages occasioned by a taking made for a sewer; to pay Albert L. Bowen \$500 for damages occasioned by the relocation of Stony Brook; to pay Francis T. McGillen and others \$1,615 for damages occasioned their estate by the laying out of Norway street; and to pay Francis T. McGillen and others \$5,827 for damages occasioned their estate by the laying out of Turner street.

Friday, September 15.

Public hearings were given in the matters of widening Hamilton street, relocating Sigourney street, relocating Walnut avenue, and laying out an extension of Leonard street.

An award of \$300 was made to F. W. Dyer, trustee, for damages occasioned his estate by a taking made for a sewer; and an award of \$400 was made to the German Methodist Episcopal Church of Boston for damages occasioned by the relocation of Amory street.

Monday, September 18.

Thomas J. Lee, of the Department, was appointed secretary pro tempore.

Annabel street was ordered to be laid out.

Monday, September 25.

Public hearings were given in the matters of laying out Aberdeen and Seaborn streets, and relocating Chambers street.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in a passageway between Albemarle and Blackwood streets, in Vinson street and in Burrell street; and for sewers in Savin Hill avenue and in Gainsborough street.

Sewers were ordered to be built in E street, Downer court, passageway between Peterborough and Queensberry streets, and a catch-basin in Norfolk avenue. Rowe and Rockford streets were ordered laid out, and Perkins and Corinth streets were ordered relocated.

It was voted to pay F. O. Downes \$593 for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of Columbia road.

Tuesday, September 26.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Burrell street. Petitions were received for catch-basins in Hancock, Norfolk and Everton streets.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Hamblen, Dunford, Cardington streets and Bird-street extension.

Wednesday, September 27.

It was voted to pay Lillian M. Harvey \$125 for damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Callender street.

A petition was received for changes in the Board of Survey lines in Plat 5, X 19.

Custer and Fowler streets were ordered to be laid out.

T. J. LEE, Secretary pro tempore.

PORTO RICAN RELIEF FUND.

The Porto Rican Relief Fund, at the present writing, October 5, amounts to about \$27,000, there being no material increase over last week.

Department Communications.

Bath Department.

The following table shows the number of baths taken daily at the East Boston Gymnasium during August, 1899:

AUGUST.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1	-	45	-	65	110
2	161	-	228	-	389
3	-	41	-	74	115
4	219	-	-	-	219
5	204	-	220	-	424
6	120	-	40	-	160
7	199	-	-	-	199
8	-	39	-	50	89
9	140	-	161	-	301
10	-	29	-	52	81
11	194	-	-	-	194
12	200	-	230	-	430
13	130	-	60	-	190
14	179	-	-	-	179
15	-	40	-	68	108
16	199	-	247	-	446
17	-	45	-	87	132
18	216	-	-	-	216
19	200	-	219	-	419
20	165	-	50	-	215
21	204	-	-	-	204
22	-	29	-	50	79
23	129	-	240	-	369
24	-	40	-	68	108
25	210	-	-	-	210
26	130	-	60	-	190
27	179	-	60	-	239
28	217	-	-	-	217
29	-	60	-	80	140
30	200	-	92	-	292
31	-	60	-	50	110
Totals	3,795	428	1,907	644	6,774

NOTE.—At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, September 12, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending September 9, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	77
Number of discharges of mortgages	14
Number of assignments of mortgages	1
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of bills of sale	2
Number of assignments of wages	25
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of ship liens	2
Number of married women's certificates,	5

City Hall, September 18, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office during the week ending September 16, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	106
Number of discharges of mortgages	25
Number of assignments of mortgages	5

Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of wages	40
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1
Number of married women's certificates,	5

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Building Department.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending August 19, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	1
2...	2	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	4
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
4...	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	2	4
5...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1
6...	1	3	-	-	-	3	3	1	1	26
7...	-	8	-	-	-	8	3	12	25	5
8...	-	3	-	-	4	3	-	6	5	6
9...	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	2	6	6
10...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	4	6	6
11...	-	5	-	-	5	-	3	3	12	24
12...	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2
13...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
14...	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	3
15...	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	10
16...	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	6	4
17...	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	3
18...	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	8	4
19...	4	1	-	-	3	3	-	-	6	2
20...	7	3	-	-	-	13	1	2	10	21
21...	8	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	9
22...	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	7	2
23...	1	4	-	-	-	3	1	2	8	9
24...	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	11	12
25...	1	4	-	-	-	12	3	2	4	3
T'ls..	29	48	—	1	12	54	29	17	122	188

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Health Department.

The following articles of food have been condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the month of September, 1899:

Apples, two barrels; beans, one barrel; corn, three boxes; grapes, one box; limes, eighteen barrels; pears, three barrels; poultry, 113 pounds; tomatoes, two barrels; immature veal, 279 pounds.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending September 30:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	22	8	30
Negative	35	40	75
No growth	-	-	-
Total	57	48	105

Typhoid diagnoses: Twenty-five cases; twelve cases positive, seven negative and six atypical.

The following is a summary statement of the work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during the month of August, 1899:

Number of samples of milk examined:	
From wagons	731
From stores	444
Brought in by citizens	37
	1,212
Number of samples of vinegar examined,	72
Number of samples of butter and oleomargarine examined	13
Total samples	1,297
Cases pending August 1	31
Number of complaints entered:	
For milk not of good standard quality,	2
For milk containing formalin matter . .	1
For sale of yellow oleomargarine . . .	1
Total complaints	35
Number of convictions	26
Number of acquittals	3
Number of cases pending September 1 .	6
Total cases	35

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, August 28, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending August 26, 1899:

Cases pending	—
Number of applications	72
	72
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	30
Long Island Almshouse	11
Observation Hospital,	
Deer Island	4
Boston Insane Hospital	7
Danvers Insane Hospital,	3
Foxboro' Asylum	4
Epileptic Hospital	1
Bridgewater Asylum	1
	61
Number of applications refused	5
Number of applications withdrawn	6
Cases pending	—
	72
Settlements investigated	116
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	10

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, September 25, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending September 23, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	181	12
Females	32	—
Totals	213	12
Offences:		
Against the person	14	5
Against property	12	7
Against public order and decency	189	3
Totals	215	15

Discharges:		
Males	169	13
Females	33	4
Totals	202	17
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence, Permit of Commissioner	167	12
Payment of fine	8	2
	27	3
Totals	202	17
Population:		
September 16, 1899	1,261	454
Committed since September 16, 1899	213	12
Totals	1,474	466
Discharged since September 16, 1899	202	17
September 23, 1899	1,272	449

32 Tremont Street, October 2, 1899.
Statistics for the week ending September 30, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	145	13
Females	39	9
Total	184	22
Offences:		
Against the person	5	3
Against property	12	7
Against public order and decency	169	12
Total	186	22
Discharges:		
Males	149	4
Females	15	3
Total	164	7
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	146	4
Permit of Commissioner,	7	—
Payment of fine	11	—
Died	—	1
Transferred to Concord Reformatory	—	1
Transferred to Deer Island	—	1
Total	164	7
Population:		
September 23, 1899	1,272	449
Committed since September 23, 1899	184	22
Total	1,456	471
Discharged since September 23, 1899	164	7
September 30, 1899	1,292	464

THOMAS FRANCIS HUNT,
Acting Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, August 15, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending August 12, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.	
Inspections	567
Defects reported	87

Defects corrected	56
Notices of new work received	40
Feet of dead wire removed	13,600
Feet of dead wire retained	350
Poles set	22
Poles removed	4
Fixtures removed	38

The Department employees responded to a second alarm of fire from Box 523, at 710 and 714 Centre street, Jamaica Plain, and a second alarm of fire from Box 136, at East First street, South Boston.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	440
Notices of new work received	150

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	2
Building connections	27
Post connections	4
Lamp connections	1
Repairs	2
Cable drawings	15

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	27
Building connections	23
Lamp connections	1
Repairs	3

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	6,575
Feet of duct laid	41,752
Feet of cable drawn in	48,911
Manholes built	18
Service connections made	39

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN SEPTEMBER.

The following is a summary statement showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of September, 1899, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 590; total number of mortgages, 634; total amount of mortgages, \$3,289,078.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	107
South Boston	47
East Boston	64
Roxbury	85
Dorchester	160
West Roxbury	57
Brighton	44
Charlestown	26
Total	590

The nineteenth annual session of the National Farmers' Congress opened on October 3 at Faneuil Hall. Addresses of welcome were made by Mayor Quincy on behalf of the city and by Secretary Preston on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Ex-Governor Hoard, of Wisconsin, President of the Congress, responded. The Congress will continue its meetings through the week.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 3, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Freeport street, at Dorchester, be widened at its junction with Neponset avenue, and that said widening of said Freeport street be constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventeenth day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE.

The Boston Transit Commission will receive until 12 M., October 26, 1899, at its office, 20 Beacon street, Boston, offers for the purchase of the following described real estate:

A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Boston, and bounded—

Westerly on Court street, twenty-two feet; northerly on Brattle street, thirty-two feet; easterly on land now or formerly of Uriah Cotting by a line running through the middle of the partition wall eighteen feet, and southerly on land now or formerly of David Greenough by a line running through the middle of the partition wall, thirty-two feet, with a privilege, so far as the same now exists, in the passage of the adjoining store for the purpose of passing and repassing to the chambers of the store on said premises with all other privileges as set forth in the deed from David Greenough to John Lemist, dated January 9, 1818, and recorded in Suffolk Deeds in Lib. 257, Fol. 249, so far as now in force.

The property will be sold reserving to the grantor and its successors and assigns all of said premises below the street floor, and also such portion of the ground or street floor to the level of the second floor, including the walls as is now used by the Boston Elevated Railway Company under a lease from the City of Boston to the West End Street Railway Company, dated December 7, 1896, and subject also to such further reservations and restrictions as may be deemed necessary to secure to the grantor and its assigns the safe and convenient use of the portion so reserved. The grantee is to have the right to build upon the present walls to such height and in such manner as may be required for a building of the first class under the building laws applicable to the City of Boston.

Plans can be seen at this office.

All offers will be treated as confidential, and will be returned to the makers if not accepted, and the Commission reserves the right to reject any and all offers or to accept that one which shall seem for the best interests of the City of Boston.

GEORGE G. CROCKER,
CHARLES H. DALTON,
THOMAS J. GARGAN,
GEORGE F. SWAIN,
HORACE G. ALLEN,
Boston Transit Commission.
B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 28, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Pomfret street, be laid out as a highway, at West Roxbury, from Maple street to Corey street, and constructed, by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the twelfth day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: T. J. LEE, Secretary pro tempore.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.—SEWER DIVISION.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Boston, October 4, 1899.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, Room 47, City Hall, Boston, until Friday, October 13, 1899, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing and delivering in the bins of the Main Drainage Works, Calf Pasture, Dorchester District, 1,500 tons, more or less, of Georges Creek Cumberland coal, or its equivalent; 500 tons to be delivered on or before October 31, 1899, the balance on or before November 15, 1899. Proposals will state the particular kind and price per ton of 2,240 pounds, delivered as above, including all costs and expenses of weighing by a weigher appointed by the City of Boston, and stevedoring the same to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets. Said proposals must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$500, made payable to the City of Boston, said check to be forfeited to the city in case of failure to appear and sign the contract within five days from the date of award; a bond, with sureties or a deposit of money or other security satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract; the Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, should he deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, September 29, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 of the Old Court House, at 11 o'clock A.M., of Friday, October 6, 1899, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plan numbered X 19, made by the Board of Survey, and filed January 3, 1894, in the office of the City Surveyor, in City Hall; said territory is in that part of Boston formerly Dorchester, and is bounded, approximately, by Geneva avenue, Waldeck, Linsey, Greenbrier and Westville streets.

JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
Street Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 28, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Hancock street, at Dorchester, be relocated as a highway, from Columbia road to Winter street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twelfth day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: T. J. LEE, Secretary pro tempore.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 29, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Carlow street be laid out as a highway, at Roxbury, from Albany street to Chadwick street, over and including Chadwick place, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the sixteenth day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: T. J. LEE, Secretary pro tempore.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ELECTION DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO VOTERS.

Old Court House, October 5, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the lists of qualified male voters are now being posted in the several precincts, and copies of the same may also be examined at this office. The central office, Old Court House, Court square, is open daily, Sundays excepted, from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M., and evening sessions will be held at the following places every week day from 6 to 10 P.M. for the registration of voters (men and women), from October 5 to October 18, inclusive, for the ensuing State election, and the correction of any errors that may appear upon the lists.

The payment of a tax as a prerequisite for voting is not now required, but men not already assessed must present a tax bill for the current year, or certificate from the assessors before they can be registered.

Ward 1—Tappen School-house, Lexington street.
Ward 2—Armory building, Maverick street.
Ward 3—Old Winthrop School-house, Bunker Hill street.
Ward 4—Bunker Hill Grammar School-house, Baldwin street.
Ward 5—City Hall, City square, Charlestown.
Ward 6—Ward Room, North Bennet street.
Ward 7—Pierpont School-house, Hudson street.
Ward 8—Wells School-house, Blossom street.
Ward 9—Old Franklin School-house, Washington street.
Ward 10—Rice School-house, Appleton street.
Ward 11—Prince School-house, Exeter street.
Ward 12—School-house, West Concord street.
Ward 13—Spelman Hall, West Broadway.
Ward 14—700 East Fourth street.
Ward 15—Court Room, Dorchester and West Fourth streets.
Ward 16—Winthrop Hall, Upham's Corner.
Ward 17—Vine Street Chapel, corner Dudley street.
Ward 18—Old Bath-house, Cabot street.
Ward 19—Old Pumping Station, Elmwood street.
Ward 20—Ward Room building, Meeting House Hill.
Ward 21—Dudley Street Opera House, Dudley street.
Ward 22—Tomfohrde Hall, Boylston Station.
Ward 23—Minton Hall (Ward Room), Hyde Park avenue.
Ward 24—Dorchester Hall, Fields Corner.
Ward 25—Old Town Hall, Washington street, Brighton.

Registration will close on Wednesday, October 18, at 10 o'clock P.M.

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOSEPH J. CORBETT,
Board of Election Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

September 25, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Templeton street be laid out as a highway, at Dorchester, from Dorchester avenue, to Adams street and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the ninth day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: T. J. LEE, Secretary pro tempore.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT.

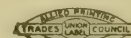
City Hall, October 3, 1899.

The Joint Standing Committee on Market Department will give a public hearing in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, October 6, 1899, at 7 o'clock P.M., to persons in favor of the proposed taking for a public market of the land and buildings at Park square formerly occupied by the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

Remonstrants will be heard at a later hearing.

By order of the Committee,

JOHN F. DEVER, Clerk of Committees.



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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting on Monday, the ninth instant, voted to confirm the appointment by His Honor the Mayor, of Thomas O'Connor to be a Constable for the term ending April 30, 1900, in connection with his duties in the Building Department.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

The committee of the city government on the reception to Admiral Dewey on the thirteenth and fourteenth instant consists of Aldermen Barry, Berwin, Colby, Dixon, McDonald, O'Toole and Presheo, and Councilmen Kiley, Emery, Donahoe, Battis, O'Brien, Miller, Horrigan and Lorey.

Sub-committees have been appointed as follows:

Reception at North station — Aldermen Barry and Presheo; Councilmen Kiley and Emery.

Presentation at City Hall — Aldermen McDonald, Colby and Berwin; Councilmen Donahoe, O'Brien, Miller and Lorey.

Fireworks — Aldermen Colby, O'Toole and Dixon; Councilmen Horrigan, Battis, Donahoe and Miller.

Entertainment of crew of "Olympia" — Aldermen Dixon, O'Toole, Berwin and Presheo; Councilmen Emery, O'Brien, Lorey, Horrigan and Battis.

NOTICE TO CORPORATIONS AND CONTRACTORS.

Superintendent of Streets Wells has issued the following notice to corporations and contractors regarding street openings on the occasion of Admiral Dewey's visit to Boston:

City Hall, October 9, 1899.

GENTLEMEN: I hereby request that all openings in streets in the city proper and Back Bay be closed before Friday, October 13, so as not to inconvenience the crowds that will attend the Dewey celebration on the thirteenth and fourteenth.

This request applies to all streets as far as possible; but there may be special instances where it is not within reason to make the closing. Please notify this office of such cases.

You will of course understand that there must be no openings of any kind on the route laid out for the procession of the fourteenth.

Yours very truly,

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

CONGESTION OF TRAFFIC AT DEWEY SQUARE.

In reply to the question what is being done to solve the problem of caring for foot and team traffic in Dewey square, Superintendent Wells of the Street Department, on October 10, 1899, stated that no action can very well be taken until the relocation of the surface tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway. As soon as the special work, which has been ordered, arrives, these tracks will be put in place, and the square repaved.

In the re-arrangement of crossings, Superintendent Wells will confer with the Board of Police, in order to get the results of the observations by the officers stationed on this

square, who have had the handling of the foot travel on the crossings, and also with a view to making some arrangement whereby the lines of team travel will be kept in certain channels, and not allowed, as now, to strike across the square in all directions, thus blocking the way and confusing the situation. Thus, with properly arranged crossings and properly directed team travel, the conditions can be improved very greatly.

The Street Department and the Board of Police have this matter in mind, but can take no action that would really relieve the situation until the laying of new tracks is accomplished.

In the matter of subways, and other plans which have been proposed to facilitate travel across the square, it is not likely that anything will be done in the immediate future, and therefore the problem must be looked at, for the present, from an entirely surface point of view.

PARK SQUARE PUBLIC MARKET.

In accordance with the order of the Board of Aldermen, passed August 14, the Joint Standing Committee on Market of the City Council gave a public hearing Friday evening, October 6, to interested persons in favor of the City of Boston acquiring the land and buildings at Park square, recently vacated by the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for the purpose of establishing a public market similar to Quincy Market.

His Honor, Mayor Quincy was present and Alderman Barry, Chairman of the Committee, presided.

Hon. Thomas J. Gargan, representing the Park Square Improvement Association, spoke in favor of the proposed new market, giving a concise history of the market system of Boston and citing Quincy Market, established in 1823, as having been a profitable investment for the city.

Other remarks were made by Messrs. George Nowell, Wallace Lindell, M. F. Cunniff, J. J. McCormick, M. A. Sullivan and John J. Collins.

The hearing adjourned to meet Monday evening, October 16.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission calls particular attention to the examination which will be held on October 17, at prominent points throughout the country, for the position of assistant examiner in the patent office.

The entrance salary to this position is \$1,200 per annum, with good opportunity of promotion through the different grades, to upwards of \$2,500.

The probability for those who pass the examination of being reached for certification is unusually good, as during the last spring series of examinations only six eligibles were secured, and the Commission frequently receives requisitions for eligibles to this position.

In view of the great need of eligibles, the Commission will arrange to examine any one who will indicate his desire to be examined, by wire or otherwise, in time to permit of the shipment of papers to the place of examination, giving him sufficient time after the examination to file formal application. Upon receipt of request, copy of the Manual of Examinations, giving the full scope of the examination and sample questions will be forwarded.

All persons who desire to compete should at once write to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or to Mr. E. E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office, Boston, Mass., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D.C.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, October 6, 1899.

The fifty-first meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Friday, October 6, 1899, at 3 P.M.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last three meetings were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Barry.

A communication was received from the City Treasurer requesting an additional maintenance appropriation of \$1,000, to cover the expense of the repayment of sewer assessments.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and City Treasurer Alfred T. Turner was heard.

A communication was received from the City Collector, requesting an additional appropriation of \$5,500 to meet the general expenses of the Department, outside of salaries.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and City Collector Nathaniel H. Taylor was heard.

On motion of Mr. Barry, the order (placed on file April 27) passed by the City Council requesting a loan appropriation of \$32,000 for the widening of Battery street, from

Commercial street to the ferry, was taken from the files.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Alderman Frederick W. Day was heard.

The order was again placed on file.

The following communications were received from the Superintendent of Streets:

(1.) Communication requesting authority to construct a new ferryboat, the expense to be met out of the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

(2.) Communication requesting an additional appropriation of \$47,698.31 for street watering, under the provisions of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1897.

A hearing was given in regard to the communications, and Superintendent of Streets Benjamin W. Wells was heard.

The following communications were received from the Board of Park Commissioners:

(1.) Communication requesting an appropriation of \$2,000 for drainage work at Rogers Park.

(2.) Communication urging that previous requests for appropriations for improving the Columbus avenue and Ashmont playgrounds be granted.

On motion of Mr. Dore, past assignments 1 and 2 were also taken up, namely:

(1.) Communication from the Park Commissioners requesting an appropriation of \$900 for putting the new playground at Ashmont in order.

(2.) Communication from the Park Commissioners requesting an appropriation of \$500 for putting the new playground near Columbus avenue in order.

A hearing was given in regard to the above communications, and Mr. Charles E. Stratton, Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, was heard.

A communication was received from the Trustees for Children requesting that the appropriation previously made for "Parental School, drainage of land" be transferred to an appropriation for the reconstruction of buildings at Rainsford Island, that an additional appropriation of \$5,000 be appropriated for said purpose, and that an additional appropriation of \$2,000 be provided for refurnishing the burned buildings; also that an appropriation of \$600 be provided for fire protection at the Parental School.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Mr. Horatio A. Lamb, and Mr. John A. Bruen, of the Trustees for Children, and Mr. Sumner D. Seavey, Superintendent of the House of Reformation at Rainsford Island, were heard in regard to the matter.

A communication was received from the Insane Hospital Trustees, requesting an appropriation of \$2,000 for the purchase of additional land.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Dr. Henry C. Baldwin, Chairman of the Insane Hospital Trustees, Dr. Philip Coombs Knapp, Secretary, Superintendent Edward B. Lane and Corporation Counsel Andrew J. Bailey were heard.

The following were received:

(1.) Communication (referred by the Superintendent of Streets) from Mr. J. J. Eddy, President of the National Bank of the Commonwealth, requesting that the asphalt pavement being laid on Devonshire street, from Milk to Water streets, be extended by their building on Devonshire street.

(2.) Communication from the Superintendent of Streets enclosing a petition, signed by owners and tenants of property on Devonshire street, requesting that the asphalt pavement now being laid on Devonshire street, from Milk to Water streets, be extended from Water street to State street.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Messrs. J. J. Eddy, Richard Heard and E. W. Hodgson were heard.

A communication was received from the Bath Trustees requesting an additional maintenance appropriation of \$6,842.44 to meet the expenses of maintaining the South Boston, Ward 9 and Ward 19 gymnasium, and the convenience station on Boston Common.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Mr. Thomas J. Lane, Chairman of the Bath Trustees, was heard.

The Board then went into executive session.

The Board took up the communication from the Trustees for Children requesting appropriations for reconstructing and refurnishing the buildings at Rainsford Island, concerning which a hearing was given earlier in the meeting.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make appropriations for reconstructing and refurnishing buildings at Rainsford Island.

Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following orders:

Ordered, That so much of the order passed by this Board on February 27, 1899, as appropriated the sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars for "Children's Institutions Department, Parental School, drainage of land," be and hereby is, rescinded, and that the said sum be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children, for reconstructing and refurnishing buildings at Rainsford Island.

Ordered, That the additional sum of seven thousand (7,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children for reconstructing and refurnishing buildings at Rainsford Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The orders were passed separately—yeas, 5.

Yeas—Messrs. Dore, Barry, Kiley, Minot and Mayor Quincy—5.

Each of the orders was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying that the appropriation made thereby is not to meet a current expense.

An order (passed by the City Council) was received, requesting the Board "to appropriate a sum sufficient for the purpose of extending the hospitalities of the City of Boston to Admiral Dewey."

The order was placed on file.

A communication was received from the Mayor, transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$5,000 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor, said sum to be used in meeting the expense of a gift and reception to Admiral Dewey.

The communications were placed on file, and, on motion of Mr. Barry, it was

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of the sum of five thousand

(5,000) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Mayor, said sum to be used in meeting the expenses of a gift and reception to Admiral Dewey.

The vote was signed by all the members of the Board.

The following were received:

(1.) Communication from the City Auditor, giving notice of a deficit of \$216.66 in the appropriation for "Gold-street bridge," due to the payment of an execution of court.

(2.) Communication from the Trustees of the City Hospital, extending the thanks of the Trustees to the Board for the additional maintenance appropriation of \$25,000 granted by it.

(3.) Communication from the Boston Transit Commission, stating that it had voted on September 20, 1899, to build a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Travers street, and that the work will begin as soon as plans are ready.

Severally placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Barry, the following papers, pending as unfinished business, were placed on file:

(1.) Communication (a) from the Trustees for Children stating the number of boys at the Parental School has been increased to 192, which number is greater than the accommodations available will provide for, and requesting that the appropriation of \$5,000, heretofore made for the drainage of land at the Parental School, West Roxbury, be transferred to an appropriation for the erection of temporary wooden buildings, and that an additional sum of \$10,000 be appropriated for said buildings; Communication (b) from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make an appropriation for additional buildings at the Parental School; Order (c) rescinding appropriation (made February 27) of \$5,000 for "Drainage of Land at Parental School," appropriating the said sum for additional buildings, and making an additional loan appropriation of \$5,000 for additional buildings.

(2.) Communication from Mayor Quincy transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$4,000 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, said sum to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Buildings in providing the necessary facilities for transportation and target practice during the present year for the troops of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia stationed in Boston.

(3.) Order (referred by the City Council) requesting the Board to provide the sum of \$5,000 for a celebration in honor of Admiral Dewey on his visit to Boston.

(4.) Communication from the Corporation Counsel giving opinion as to the authority of the Boston Transit Commission to construct a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the line of Travers street.

On motion of Mr. Barry, the following past assignments were also placed on file:

(1.) Communication from the Water Commissioner requesting a special loan appropriation of \$5,000 for the further installation of cold water fountains.

(2.) Order (passed by the City Council) requesting the Board "to provide the sum of \$500 to be expended by the Bath

Department for the completion only of the Public Landing, Dorchester Bay."

(3.) Communication from the City Engineer stating that the estimated cost of building a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Travers street is \$15,000.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 5.24 P.M., to meet on Thursday, October 12, 1899, at 3 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION

City Hall, October 4, 1889.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, on Wednesday, October 4, 1899, at 3.30 P.M., all of the members being present.

The records of the last meeting were approved.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin the following order, giving notice of the intention of the Commission to take a certain parcel of land on the north-east corner of First and Main streets, in Cambridge, was passed by the Commission and signed by all its members:

IN BOARD OF CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, October 4, 1899.

Resolved, in accordance with, and as authorized by, the provisions of Chapter 467 of the Acts of 1898, that in the opinion of this Board the public necessity and convenience require, and it is deemed necessary for carrying out the provisions of said act, to take a certain piece or parcel of land west of the easterly line of the westerly abutment of the proposed Cambridge bridge, said abutment being shown on a plan marked: "Plan of Proposed Relocation of Pier and Bulkhead Lines at the Boston and Cambridge Ends of Cambridge Bridge," dated April, 1899, and signed by William Jackson, Chief Engineer, said parcel of land being bounded as follows, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Main street at its intersection with the easterly line of First street in the City of Cambridge; thence running northerly along said line of First street one hundred and fifty and thirty-eight hundredths (150.38) feet to its intersection with the southerly line of Broad canal; thence easterly along said southerly line seventy-four and seventy-two hundredths (74.72) feet to its intersection with the pier and bulkhead line of Charles river; thence south-westerly along said pier and bulkhead line one hundred and seventy-two and sixty-three hundredths (172.63) feet to its intersection with the northerly line of Main street at the point of beginning; containing fifty-six hundred and four (5,604) square feet.

The above described parcel of land is shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Charles River Parkway—Section A," drawn by L. M. Hastings, City Engineer of the City of Cambridge, dated August 23, 1899, and on file in the office of the City Engineer, Cambridge, Massachusetts; a copy of a portion of said plan showing the above-described

taking to be filed at the Middlesex, South District, Registry of Deeds.

It is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given to the owners of land abutting on said north-east corner of First and Main streets, in the City of Cambridge, between the points before stated, and all other persons interested, in the manner prescribed by law, and by publication in a newspaper called the Cambridge Chronicle, that this Board intends to take the before-mentioned parcel of land, under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and that Tuesday, the seventeenth day of October, 1899, at 8 o'clock P.M., and the office of the Mayor of the City of Cambridge, are assigned as the time and place for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN.

E. D. LEAVITT,

Cambridge Bridge Commission.

The following were received and placed on file:

(1.) Communication from the West End Street Railway Company accepting the location on the temporary bridge granted by the order passed by the Commission on August 17, 1899.

(2.) Communication from the Park Commissioners of Cambridge granting permission to the Commission to construct a temporary approach from the new temporary highway bridge to Main street over lands of the Cambridge park system.

Commissioner Champlin reported that, in accordance with the vote passed on August 17, he had settled with the Park Commissioners of the City of Cambridge for the portion of the esplanade taken by the Commission by the vote passed on July 1, 1899, as an approach to the new Cambridge bridge on the Cambridge side, for the sum of \$3,782.83, and stated that their receipt for this amount would be submitted later.

Adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, October 17, 1899, at 8 P.M., in the Mayor's office, Cambridge.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS ON COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

At the meeting of the Common Council, held on the fifth instant, President Kiley announced the following appointments to committees:

William G. Roemer, of Ward 22, to Joint Standing Committee on Claims, in place of John Bordman, jr., resigned; William H. Cuddy, of Ward 8, to Joint Standing Committee on Library Department, in place of John Bordman, jr., resigned.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its meeting on Monday, the ninth instant, the Board of Aldermen voted to adjourn till Monday, October 16, 1899, at 3 P.M.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, October 9, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Veto—Wooden Building.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 2, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my signature an order authorizing the Building Commissioner to issue a permit to D. Whiting & Sons to build a wooden building in the rear of 472 Rutherford avenue, Ward 4, in excess of range allowed and without the construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances. I withhold my signature from this order for the reason that I am informed that petitioners now intend to erect a brick building, instead of the wooden building permitted by this order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the permit was granted was reconsidered, and the Board refused to grant the permit over the veto.

Reconstruction of Buildings, Rainsford Island.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 9, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting last Friday, making an additional appropriation of \$7,000 for reconstructing and refurnishing buildings at Rainsford Island.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

October 6, 1899.

Ordered, That the additional sum of \$7,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children, for reconstructing and refurnishing buildings at Rainsford Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

JOHN P. DORE,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was transmitted to the Common Council, without alteration.

Improvements at Rainsford Island.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 9, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting last Friday, transferring the \$5,000 formerly appropriated for "Parental School, drainage of land," to an appropriation for reconstruction and refurnishing buildings at Rainsford Island.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

October 6, 1899.

Ordered, That so much of the order passed by this Board on February 27, 1899, as appropriated the sum of \$5,000 for "Children's Institutions Department, Parental School, drainage of land," be, and hereby is, rescinded, and that the said sum be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children, for reconstructing and refurnishing buildings at Rainsford Island.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

JOHN P. DORE,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Passed. Sent down.

Work on East Boston Tunnel.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 9, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Boston Transit Commission in reply to your order requesting me to inquire of the Commission whether the work on the East Boston Tunnel is proceeding as vigorously as possible.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION,

20 Beacon Street, October 4, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The Boston Transit Commission respectfully makes reply to your request for information for the Board of Aldermen as to the progress of work upon East Boston Tunnel.

As soon as the Supreme Court rendered its opinion of July 3, the Commission rescinded its votes looking to a surface connection between the subway and the proposed tunnel to East Boston, and August 3 voted to proceed with the construction of the tunnel, as required by Chapter 500, Statutes of

1897, and as interpreted by the Supreme Judicial Court in Browne et al. vs. Turner et al.

The engineering force thereupon recommenced making plans, studies and estimates of cost, a material change from former plans in the method of construction being made necessary by the great increase of late in the cost of steel and cast-iron. An immediate investigation was instituted to learn as to what extent concrete masonry can be safely substituted for metal.

Additional borings have been made, some requiring the use of the diamond drill, and a small section of tunnel has been constructed in East Boston to serve for a practical test of the strength of the method of construction now proposed.

Early in September notice was received of an application by ten citizens again asking for an injunction to restrain the Commission from building the tunnel. In this proceeding the constitutionality of the act will undoubtedly be passed upon by the court. By advice of counsel, active work on the tunnel has again been suspended pending the decision of the court. The counsel of the Commission has been instructed to hasten the matter to an early hearing.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE G. CROCKER, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Down Town Relief Hospital.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 9, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Trustees of the City Hospital, which explains itself. The opportunity thus presented of securing a downtown relief station without expense to the city, and merely by the transfer to the Hospital Department of a parcel of land now vacant and held for municipal uses, should certainly be embraced, and I earnestly recommend the speedy passage of the accompanying order to enable the city to take advantage of the gift now offered. The Trustees of the City Hospital have for several years strongly urged the need of a relief station of the character proposed, and have endeavored, with my support, to obtain appropriations for that purpose.

Through taking advantage of the offer now made the city can obtain this much needed institution without the expenditure of public money for its construction. There can be no question that the location proposed would be a very appropriate and convenient one for the purpose, and that such a station would meet an existing public want in that section of the city, and would receive many patients.

I trust that the action required to secure to the city the benefit of such an institution in connection with its Hospital Department will be promptly embraced.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL.

October 5, 1899.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND THE
HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN: The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, seconded by requests from the visiting staff of the Hospital and petitions from prominent citizens, have, for a considerable period, as you are aware, urged the importance of establishing a Relief and Ambulance Station in the more congested portion of the city, in order that the Hospital may more completely and satisfactorily render the service which a municipal hospital is called upon to perform.

Speedy aid to the injured and quick relief in sudden sickness, are recognized duties of a City Hospital, which it should exercise, not only for the saving of lives, but for the alleviation of suffering and the shortening of periods of disease and disability.

The Trustees, some time ago, considered with your Honor the desirability of taking for the purpose of such a station a portion of the land formerly occupied by the Boston and Maine Railroad as a passenger station in Haymarket square which has been surrendered to the city by the Transit Commission.

The urgency of extending this relief and ambulance work of the Hospital is so great that the Trustees have determined to divert for the construction of a building for these purposes a fund out of a private bequest which has recently been given them for the benefit of the Hospital, and which they had proposed to devote to meet pressing demands within the grounds of the Hospital proper, provided the plan shall meet the approval of your Honor and the Honorable Council, and also provided the city will furnish the land, as the sum in question would not be sufficient to include the purchase of the land.

They believe that a suitable site can be found by taking a portion of the tract referred to, beginning on Haymarket square and extending about one hundred and twenty feet on Canal street.

The site is peculiarly well located, inasmuch as it supplies the important requisite of light and air on three sides, is situated on the northerly part of the city, in close connection with Charlestown and East Boston, is readily accessible to the congested portions of Boston by the great thoroughfares which extend out from Haymarket square, is near the great railroad and steamship docks where the larger number of accidents occur, and supplements for emergency needs the main Hospital, which is situated in the southerly portion of the city.

The Trustees hope that inasmuch as the subject is of so great importance to the people of Boston, the matter may have a speedy and favorable consideration.

The transfer of this land to the Hospital Department can be made without any expense on the part of the city, and if placed in possession of the site, the Trustees will be able to erect upon it a proper building every way adapted to the desired object.

I have the honor to be on behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Yours respectfully,

A. SHUMAN, President.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 9, 1899.

Ordered, That so much as may be needed of the parcel of land transferred to the City of Boston by the Boston Transit Commission, under the provisions of Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1897, and bounded by Haverhill street, Haymarket square, Canal street and Travers street, extended, be placed under the charge of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, to be used for the erection thereon of a relief and ambulance station, the boundaries of the lot of land to be used for such purpose to be subsequently approved by the City Council.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, October 5, 1899, President Kiley in the chair, and a quorum present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Thetford Avenue School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 2, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order asking that improvements be made on the yard and walks of the Thetford avenue School in Dorchester.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

September 26, 1899.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, June 13, a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that the necessary improvements be made on the yard and walks of the Thetford avenue School in Dorchester, and also that the sanitary condition be improved, report that the yards and walks of this school have been improved during the past summer, but your committee are not aware of any defects in the sanitary arrangements of the building. Should they become aware of such conditions, the matter will receive their attention. Your committee recommend that this report be transmitted to the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

For the Committee,

THOMAS. W. BERRIDGE,

Acting Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Sent up.

Idaho Street Construction.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 2, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting a report as to the cause of the delay in completing the construction of Idaho street, Ward 24.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, September 29, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In reply to the inquiry of the Common Council as to what is the cause of the delay in completing the construction of Idaho street, Ward 24, I would respectfully report as follows:

The sewer work was completed on March 1, 1899, and the contract for surfacing the street was signed on April 27, the work on the water and gas-pipes being then unfinished. The work on the water-pipes was completed on May 9, and on gas-pipes July 24. The delay in this case was caused by the failure of the gas company to do the work until after a long period.

Since then the work of construction has been in progress, some delay being occasioned by the failure of the Street Department to furnish the stock required, said failure being caused by the delay of the parties supplying the goods.

The street will be completed within a very few days.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

Condition of Mather School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 2, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting that immediate steps be taken to improve the sanitary condition of the Mather School-house, South Boston.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

September 26, 1899.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, February 14, a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that immediate steps be taken to improve the sanitary condition of the Mather School-house in Ward 13, South Boston, report that they have investigated the matter, and do not find that cause for complaint exists with regard to the sanitation and ventilation of the building in question. The sanitaries in the yard are not of the most approved style, but are well cared for, and the expense of installing new accommodations of this character, including enlargement of the present building, plumbing, slate work, closets and ventilation,

would be greater, in the judgment of the committee, than the necessities of the case demand. Your committee therefore recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that it is inexpedient to take further action with regard to this matter at the present time.

For the Committee,
THOMAS W. BERRIDGE,
Acting Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

The communication was sent up.

Condition of Frothingham School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, October 2, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order, referred to me on March 30, asking that necessary steps be taken to put the Frothingham School-house, Charlestown, in proper sanitary condition.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

September 26, 1899.

The Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, April 11, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that the necessary steps be taken to put the Frothingham School-house, Charlestown, in proper sanitary condition, report that the matter has received their attention, and they recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that extensive alterations and improvements in the sanitation of this building are now in progress, and will be completed at an early date.

For the Committee,
THOMAS W. BERRIDGE,
Acting Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Condition of Dudley School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, October 2, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order, referred to me on March 30, requesting that improvements be made in the sanitary condition of the Dudley Grammar School-house, Roxbury.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

September 26, 1899.

The Committee on School-houses, who were requested, March 28, to investigate the sanitary condition of the Dudley Grammar School-house, and to take such measures as may be necessary to improve the same, and to whom was referred, April 11, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, relating to the same subject, report that alterations and improvements in the sanitary arrangements of this school-house were made a year ago, and that subsequent complaints made were on account of defects in ventilation which have now been remedied. Your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the Dudley School-house is now in good condition for school occupancy.

For the Committee,
THOMAS W. BERRIDGE,
Acting Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

His Honor the Mayor has issued the following circular to heads of departments:

Circular No. 65.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
City Hall, October 12, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: The city offices will be closed on Saturday, October 14, in honor of the visit of Admiral Dewey. Please allow a holiday on that day, without loss of pay, to all employees of the city whose services can be dispensed with. Please also allow all army and navy veterans, whose services can be dispensed with, and who desire to participate in the parade on Friday evening, an opportunity to leave their work in season to do so.

Entrance to City Hall on Saturday, October 14, will only be allowed through the rear door. At 10.30 A.M. the gift of the city will be presented to Admiral Dewey from a stand in front of City Hall; the space in the enclosure between City Hall and School street will be reserved exclusively for members of the city government and city officials. Officials will be admitted at the rear door only, upon identification or upon presentation of an admission card giving their names and signed by the head of the department under which they serve.

Heads of departments occupying offices in City Hall will be allowed to introduce into their offices a reasonable number of guests, including ladies, to look on at the exercises from the windows of such offices, but such guests will not be allowed to enter the enclosure in front of City Hall, which is to be reserved exclusively for city officials; such guests must be restricted to a reasonable number, and will be admitted only in company with heads of departments, or upon orders signed by them, and naming persons to be so admitted.

Special seats will be reserved for heads of departments only in front of City Hall Saturday morning. Heads of departments present will please occupy these seats so that they can identify, as officials of their respective departments, any persons entitled in that capacity to pass out through the front door of City Hall into the reserved space in front.

Orders admitting officials through the rear door of City Hall must be written upon official paper in order to be sure of being honored.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building bridges on Boston street and Dorchester avenue were opened at the office of the City Engineer on October 4, 1899, as follows:

BIDDERS.	Boston Street.	Dorchester Avenue.	Total Amount.
Toledo Bridge Co.	\$9,935	\$13,475	\$23,410
Boston Bridge Co.	11,000	14,000	25,000
Berlin Iron Bridge Co. . . .	11,125	14,355	25,480
Pennsylvania Steel Co. . . .	11,550	14,327	25,827
A. & P. Roberts Co.	11,720	14,640	26,360
New England Structural Co. .	11,600	15,644	27,244
Elmira Bridge Co.	12,700	15,800	28,500

The contract was awarded to the Toledo Bridge Company.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Pauper Institutions Department.

Proposals for furnishing 2,000 tons of soft coal to the Pauper Institutions of the City of Boston were opened at the office of the Pauper Institutions Department on Monday, October 2, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids, per ton.
Edward B. Townsend	\$4 00
Thomas A. Jepson	3 98
International Coal Mining Company . .	3 92
Henry T. Woods	3 37

The contract was awarded to Henry T. Woods.

W. T. SEDGWICK, Chairman.

School Committee.

Proposals for plastering the Quincy and Perth streets School-house were received by the Committee on New Buildings on September 25, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Gallagher & Munro	\$10,600 \$400
Crowley & Grady	9,887 337
D. F. Donovan & Co.	9,875 340
Ottway Brown	9,630 300
J. H. Townsend	9,485 230

NOTE.—The second column is the additional allowance for King's Winsor cement.

The contract was awarded to J. H. Townsend.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Board Meetings.

Children's Institutions Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the recent meetings of the Children's Institutions Trustees:

At the Parental School two temporary wooden buildings, costing about \$1,500 each, to be used as school-rooms, are nearly completed. This will make it possible to diminish the overcrowding in the dormitories by letting the boys sleep in the rooms now used for school-rooms. The new rooms are to be heated by steam from the plant already in use.

On September 30, 1899, Mr. Sumner D. Seavey was chosen Superintendent of the House of Reformation and on October 2, 1899, he took charge of it. Mr. Seavey has been an officer at the State Prison at Charlestown for over twenty-eight years. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 40, page 649.)

Some of the boys have been returned from Deer Island to Rainsford Island.

On October 6, 1899, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriated for the repair of the building burned at Rainsford's Island \$7,000, and also transferred an appropriation for drainage of land at the Parental School to the House of Reformation for the same purpose. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 678.)

Mrs. Seavey, wife of the Superintendent will enter on the duties of matron of the Institution on or before November 1. She brings to this work the best possible qualifications.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

August 25, 1899.

A special meeting, called by the President, was held at the office of the President on August 25, at 12.45 P.M., the President in the chair.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Burnham, Keany and Sprague.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Sprague was elected Secretary pro tempore.

A communication was received from Mr. John P. Dore, Secretary pro tempore of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, notifying the Trustees of a transfer of \$25,000 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Hospital Department. Said communication was accompanied by a vote of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, signed by Messrs. Barry, Dore and Hon. Josiah Quincy, and also a letter from Mr. James H. Dodge, City Auditor, to His Honor the Mayor, notifying him to the same effect and approved by him; and likewise the original letter of His Honor the Mayor, transmitting the communication of the City Auditor to the Board of Apportionment. Said communication was accepted and ordered to be placed on file, and the President was requested to acknowledge the same with thanks.

Circular letter No. 64 was received from His Honor the Mayor in regard to leave of absence of Grand Army men to attend the National Encampment.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, stating that proposals for supplying the Hospital with 3,000 tons of hard white ash pea coal were publicly opened at the Hospital on Friday, August 18, at 12 M.

The Superintendent offered several protests from bidders, claiming that the coal offered by the lowest bidder was not according to the terms of the advertisement, which asked for proposals on hard white ash coal. After full consideration, it was voted that the proposal of the Metropolitan Coal Company for supplying Wilkesbarre pea coal for \$2.65 per ton was not in accordance with the terms of the advertisement. It was also voted that said contract for coal be awarded to E. B. Townsend for supplying the Hospital with 3,000 tons of Jeddo Lehigh pea size coal at \$2.70 per ton, and that the President be authorized to sign the same. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 35, page 611.)

A communication was received from the Superintendent, stating that bids for the alterations and additions to the Hospital kitchen were publicly opened at the Hospital on August 24, at 12 M.

It was voted that the contract be awarded to George G. Baker, for \$16,675, and the President was authorized to sign the same. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 35, page 611.)

A communication was received through the Superintendent, making certain nominations, endorsed by the Superintendent. In accordance with the recommendations of Dr. McCollom, it was voted that diplomas be issued to the following-named house officers: Dr. Timothy George Herrick and Dr. Charles Norman Fiske.

Voted, To promote (1) Mr. Charles Edward Williams from the position of senior house officer to that of house physician; (2) Mr. Norman Thomas McLean from the position of senior house officer to that of house physician; (3) Mr. Philip Challis Bartlet from the position of junior house officer to that of senior house officer; and (4) Mr. Walter Maynard Lippincott from the position of junior house officer to that of senior house officer; all for the term of service beginning the first Monday in September.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE,

Secretary pro tempore.

September 20, 1899.

A special meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held upon the call of the President, at the office of the President, at 3.15 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman and Burnham, the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Burnham was elected Secretary pro tempore.

Voted, To approve the regular monthly bills, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Auditor for the amount thereof, \$17,748.56.

Voted, To approve the regular monthly draft on account of new buildings, hospital buildings improvements, Hospital Department, amounting to \$439.63, the same to be charged to the appropriation for hospital buildings, improvements.

Voted, To approve the regular monthly draft on account of Ann White Vose building, amounting to \$41.40, the same to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

Voted, To allow and pay to Pierce & Cox the sum of \$1,656.05, on account of their contract of November 29, 1898, for plumbing the Ann White Vose building, according to certificates of Wheelwright & Haven, Nos. 1,027 and 1,043, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

Voted, To allow and pay to Craig, Donovan & Co. the sum of \$1,000, on account of their contract of May 16, 1899, for furnishing and installing belting, shafting, etc. in the laundry building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, new laundry building, Hospital Department.

LAMONT G. BURNHAM.

Secretary pro tempore.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Boston, October 9, 1899.

The undersigned respectfully petitions for permission to project a permanent awning at the Columbia Theatre, Washington street, Ward 9, from first story of building, and of the following description and dimensions: Material of which composed, iron and glass; height over street, 10½ feet, projecting from building; width of sidewalk, 9½ feet; length, 15½ feet; width, 9½ feet; purpose for which to be used, protection of patrons entering and leaving theatre.

PIERCE J. GRACE,

181 Tremont street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 9, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-third day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Boston Globe, Evening Record and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, October 9, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track on Atlantic avenue and Commercial street from and connecting with the company's tracks on said avenue at or near Foster's wharf; thence extending on said Atlantic avenue and Commercial street to and connecting with the company's tracks at or near Hull street; all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated October 7, 1899, to be filed herewith, the same to take the place of existing tracks of the company there situate.

West End Street Railway Company,

By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 9, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the thirtieth day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Boston Traveler and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, September 28, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Western avenue, from the dividing line between the town of Watertown and the City of Boston, to and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on said Western avenue and also on Market street, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated September 28, 1899, and filed herewith.

Also for consent and permission to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said tracks herein petitioned for, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the poles, wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 9, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the thirtieth day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Brighton Item and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 10, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Oakview terrace, from Centre street, about 860 feet south-easterly, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Wednesday, October 18, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 3, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that South street, at Brighton, be relocated as a highway, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventh day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 10, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Alexander street, between Alexander and Oleander streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Wednesday, October 18, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

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BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 10, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Congreve street, between Centre and South streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Wednesday, October 18, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, October 7, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track on Adams street, beginning at Neponset avenue and connecting with the petitioner's tracks there situate, and thence extending on said Adams street to a point at or near its junction with Minot street, there connecting with other tracks asked for by your said petitioner; all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated October 6, 1899, and filed herewith.

Also for leave to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars upon said tracks herein petitioned for, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the poles, wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 9, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will on Monday, the thirtieth day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 5, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the passageway leading west from Massachusetts avenue, between Marlborough street and Commonwealth avenue, and to Marlborough street, be laid out as a public alley designated as Public Alley 905, in District number 10, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said public alley in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the nineteenth day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 5, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Kilton street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Harvard street to Talbot avenue, and constructed by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the nineteenth day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

The Boston Transit Commission will receive until 12 M., October 26, 1899, at its office, 20 Beacon street, Boston, offers for the purchase of the following described real estate:

A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Boston, and bounded—

Westerly on Court street, twenty-two feet; northerly on Brattle street, thirty-two feet; easterly on land now or formerly of Uriah Cotting by a line running through the middle of the partition wall eighteen feet, and southerly on land now or formerly of David Greenough by a line running through the middle of the partition wall, thirty-two feet, with a privilege, so far as the same now exists, in the passage of the adjoining store for the purpose of passing and repassing to the chambers of the store on said premises with all other privileges as set forth in the deed from David Greenough to John Lemist, dated January 9, 1818, and recorded in Suffolk Deeds in Lib. 257, Fol. 249, so far as now in force.

The property will be sold reserving to the grantor and its successors and assigns all of said premises below the street floor, and also such portion of the ground or street floor to the level of the second floor, including the walls as is now used by the Boston Elevated Railway Company under a lease from the City of Boston to the West End Street Railway Company, dated December 7, 1896, and subject also to such further reservations and restrictions as may be deemed necessary to secure to the grantor and its assigns the safe and convenient use of the portion so reserved. The grantee is to have the right to build upon the present walls to such height and in such manner as may be required for a building of the first class under the building laws applicable to the City of Boston.

Plans can be seen at this office.

All offers will be treated as confidential, and will be returned to the makers if not accepted, and the Commission reserves the right to reject any and all offers or to accept that one which shall seem for the best interests of the City of Boston.

GEORGE G. CROCKER,
CHARLES H. DALTON,
THOMAS J. GARGAN,
GEORGE F. SWAIN,
HORACE G. ALLEN,
Boston Transit Commission.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

PRESENTATION OF CITY'S GIFT TO ADMIRAL DEWEY.

Following is the address of His Honor Mayor Quincy, made in front of City Hall Saturday morning, October 14, 1899, presenting Admiral Dewey, in honor of his visit to Boston, with the gift of the city, and the Admiral's reply:

ADMIRAL DEWEY: You come back to your fellow-countrymen from a brilliant and successful service in war and in peace, in a far-distant region of the earth—a service unique in modern times in its momentous results and in its appeal to the imagination of mankind. Your return has been fittingly signalized by the great national reception extended to you at the metropolis of the country, by the greeting of the Federal capital, and by the welcome home of kindred, friends and neighbors in your native State and city. It is proper that next to these the City of Boston, the metropolis of New England, should have an opportunity to do honor to the most distinguished living example of those personal qualities, characteristic of our section of the country, which have made the influence of its sons felt so strongly, from the earliest times to the present day, in the development and expansion of the nation. We may almost

greet you as a fellow-citizen of long standing, for your ancestor, Thomas Dewey, landed here in 1633, and your family never got further away from us than Vermont, until you selected the harbor of Manila as a more desirable place of residence, and, in order that you might occupy it, annexed to your country a domain imperial in extent and resources. To-day we welcome you to Boston—a name as familiar to you in the Philippines as at home—and we offer you, in the fullest and largest sense, with honor for your achievements, with respect for your character, with affection for your personality, the full freedom of no mean city. In the presence of the city government and in the name of all the people of Boston, I bid you thrice welcome.

You left us a bureau officer of the navy, thoroughly trained and skilled in your high profession, respected and esteemed by your official associates—a type of the strong men who have from the beginning of our national life made America respected upon the seas; you return a full admiral, the third in all our history to wear that high title, the successor of Farragut in fame, as in rank. You set out for the Asiatic station less than two years ago, known to but few of your countrymen—a modest officer in their naval service; you return, still with the unimpaired modesty of true greatness, the commander in the greatest naval battle since Trafalgar, bearing a name famous through all the world, and holding a place forever upon the pages of history. You have gained the thanks of Congress, official reward, and promotion to the highest rank; you are now receiving—and may we not believe this is even more precious to you?—the personal and spontaneous thanks of your fellow-countrymen, the indications of their sincere affection for you, the evidences of their confidence in you, of their desire to look up to you and be led by you. The people of America are not ungrateful; they would gladly bestow upon you any honor, even the highest in their gift.

The instinct which guides great masses of men, which leads them at intervals to elevate some individual far above his fellows, and to see in him the rare qualities of true greatness, is not apt to be mistaken; individuals may be wrong, but when the universal judgment declares itself, it must be right. The American people see in your record the qualities that make up a strong and great man—courage, patience, firmness, discretion, devotion, simplicity. They would, indeed, honor and reward you merely for the victory at Manila—however it might have come, or whatever might have followed it; but they are no blind worshippers of the mere warrior. They give you their homage because by one hard and

daring blow, delivered eight thousand miles from an American port, you destroyed the foundation of the Asiatic power of Spain and thus earned the right to be called a peacemaker by greatly hastening the close of the war.

But I believe that it is far more the qualities you afterwards displayed, in the year of arduous and delicate service which followed—a service unexampled in its character in our own history, and with few parallels in all history—which have won for you such unique manifestations of the respect and affection of seventy-five million people. It is not alone the daring commodore who took his fleet by the forts and the torpedoes in the early morning light of that memorable first of May, and annihilated a fleet without the loss of a man, who excites their admiration; it is even more, the public servant whose intelligent foresight and careful preparation won the battle of Manila, as you have yourself expressed it, in the harbor of Hong Kong—whose diplomacy managed the Philippines and held their good-will—whose firmness at all times controlled a most difficult situation—whose judgment never erred—whose sense of duty kept him continuously at his post in an exhausting climate—whose administrative ability gave to the world the proof that America had at least some sons conspicuously fitted to deal with the problems of distant possessions inhabited by alien peoples. Our people love you as an example of great devotion to high duty; they believe that as that has been your guiding star in the past, so it will be in the future—that whatever may be the work to which you are called, whether in war or in peace, whether naval or civil, you will not be found unmindful of any obligations which the confidence reposed in you by your fellow-countrymen may still lay upon you. In our national perplexities, arising out of the strange and trying situation which confronts us in the Philippines, we turn to you, who know the conditions so well, for counsel, for guidance, for still further service.

You are again upon your native soil; but your fame was won at Manila, and there it should be secured and perpetuated. The work which your fleet began was a work of liberation, not of conquest—of civilization, not of enslavement. However dark may be the present situation in those now distracted islands of the Eastern seas, the true intentions of the American people must in the end make themselves felt and recognized, alike at Washington and in Luzon; when peace is restored, when the wise and statesmanlike counsels associated with your own name again assert themselves, we may be sure that the Philippines—who accepted you as their

friend and have never learned to regard you as their enemy — will be given the fullest liberty which they are capable of enjoying. When that happy time shall come, when the American flag shall mean in those far-off islands, as it means at home, peace, order, education, prosperity, then will be realized the promise of greater security and larger liberty which the echo of your guns carried on that May morning to the listening ears of oppressed millions; then will come the time when the statue of George Dewey shall be erected in the chief square of Manila, and when the natives themselves shall write beneath his name a single title — the proudest that can be borne by mortal man — Liberator.

The city government of Boston now desires to present to you, Admiral Dewey, a gift which you may take away as a slight token of our gratitude for your services to the country, of the special pride which we feel in you as a son of New England, and as a memento of this memorable visit.

The suggestion of a watch as a suitable present came from one of your former shipmates, and this form of gift has the merit of enabling us to utilize a distinctive product of the mechanical skill which lies at the foundation of New England's prosperity, to express our appreciation of those qualities in you — may we not also say distinctive of the sturdy New England character — which have shed additional lustre upon the mountains and valleys of your native State, and have illumined the whole country with new glory. We offer it to you upon a silver tray which will hand down to your descendants, in a more enduring form than parchment, the inscription formally extending to you the freedom of the City of Boston. May the time which this watch shall mark deal gently with you, and may you be long spared to serve your country, in whatever station she may most use you.

Admiral Dewey replied as follows:

MR. MAYOR: I wish to thank you for your kind and complimentary remarks. I wish also to thank you, and through you, the citizens of this city, for this present, for its freedom, and for this grand ovation, the like of which no living man has ever seen, I think. That ovation which was given me last night, I believe, has never been equalled within the lifetime of any of us — at all events, I never saw the equal of it. I thank you very much indeed.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY'S GIFT TO ADMIRAL DEWEY.

The watch presented to Admiral Dewey by the City of Boston contains a 16-size nickel movement, with twenty-one diamond and ruby jewels, two pairs of diamond caps, plate jewels and raised gold settings, gold train, double-roller escapement, exposed pallets, patent micrometer regulator, and is adjusted to heat, cold and position.

It has a special dial of the finest enamel, with Arabic figures made of rubies, emeralds and other precious stones, with a jewel over each hour figure. Between the centre and the figure 12 is a fine painting of an American eagle, holding in its talons an

American flag painted in colors, and carrying also a scroll, on which are inscribed Admiral Dewey's memorable words: "Gridley, you may fire when ready."

The case is a heavy, 18-carat, open-face gold one, with the monogram "G.D." in diamonds on the back. On the inside of the case is engraved the city seal, and on the inner case are engraved the Dewey coat of arms, and the words "Presented to Admiral George Dewey, U.S.N., by the City of Boston, October 14, 1899." With the watch was presented an 18-carat, double waistcoat chain, a plain gold charm, with the Admiral's flag engraved on one side and a fouled anchor on the other, a heavy gold pencil and a long neck chain.

In order that Admiral Dewey might have a lasting memento of his visit to Boston, the watch, chains, etc., were presented on a silver salver inscribed with the seal of the city and the following words:

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TO
ADMIRAL GEORGE DEWEY, U.S.N.
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
BOSTON,
IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF HIS
DISTINGUISHED SERVICES
TO THE COUNTRY,
AND IN HONOR OF HIS HIGH CHARACTER
AS A MAN,
EXTEND THE
FREEDOM OF THE CITY,
OCTOBER 14, 1899.
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RESIGNATION OF WATER COMMISSIONER MURPHY.

The following correspondence and statement concerning the resignation of Hon. John R. Murphy as Water Commissioner of the City of Boston are self-explanatory:

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER.

City Hall, October 10, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with my intention, of which I verbally acquainted you some time since, I hereby respectfully tender my resignation as Water Commissioner, to take effect Monday, October 16, 1899.

I inclose herewith a statement of the financial condition of the Water Department on the first day of the current month.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN R. MURPHY,

Water Commissioner.

The statement of the financial condition of the Water Department on October 1, 1899, above referred to, is as follows:

The balance of appropriation available from all sources on October 1, 1899, is over \$365,000, made up as follows:

Balance, October 1, 1899, according to City Auditor's report	\$317,368 83
Due from corporations, October 1, 1899	20,241 17
Bills paid (pertaining to State taking) under authority of an order of the City Council, approved by the Mayor February 8, 1896	8,245 00
Claims paid, executions, etc.	7,326 98
Paid by corporations this year, up to October 1, on account of work done last year, and which should be credited back to the appropriation for 1899 (approximately)	12,000 00

Unless some unforeseen emergency occurs at the end of the financial year, January 31, 1900, there would be left to carry over for the ensuing year a balance of at least \$60,000, which will be more than sufficient to complete the work contemplated in the order of the City Council, approved by the Mayor November 22, 1898, with a view to the further extension of the high-service system in the Dorchester Lower Mills and Jamaica Plain districts, and the order of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, dated June 22, 1899, with a view to improved fire protection.

The work in the Jamaica Plain and Roxbury districts is sufficiently advanced to turn on the high service water at a day's notice as soon as the permission of the Metropolitan Water Board is obtained. In a portion of the Dorchester Lower Mills district the high service water has already been turned on, and in the balance of the district we are ready to commence the work the moment the permission of the Metropolitan Water Board is obtained.

Mayor Quincy has sent the following letter to Water Commissioner Murphy, accepting his resignation as Water Commissioner:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 16, 1899.

HON. JOHN R. MURPHY, Water Commissioner.

DEAR SIR: I have received this afternoon your written resignation, under date of October 10, in accordance with your verbal tender of the same on that date. In compliance with your desire to retire at once from the position of Water Commissioner, I hereby accept the resignation, to take effect at noon to-morrow; under the ordinances I have designated Superintendent Wells of the Street Department to act temporarily as Water Commissioner until a permanent appointment is made, and I will therefore ask you to introduce him to the officials of the Department as your successor at that time.

While I cannot but feel, as I have told you verbally, that from the standpoint of your own personal interests, the step which you are now taking in severing your long official connection with the service of the city, whatever your plans for the future may be, is a wise one, I desire none the less to express my regret at the severance of official relations which have always been harmonious and satisfactory, and to express my appreciation of your services under the present administration.

With assurances of personal regard, I am,

Yours very truly,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

In relation to the selection of Superintendent Wells to act temporarily as the successor of Water Commissioner Murphy, His Honor Mayor Quincy makes the following statement:

Under the present ordinances I cannot designate anyone but a head of another department to fill a vacancy temporarily, as the appointment of any other person would have to be a full one. As I am not ready to make a permanent appointment to the Water Commissionership at the present time, and may not do so before going out of office, it was necessary for me to select some head of a department to fill the vacancy temporarily. I have hesitated to impose this additional labor and responsibility upon the Superintendent of Streets, on the ground that his authority and responsibility is already so large, but in going through the list of departments I was forced to the conclusion that the work of the Water Department was far more analogous to that of the Street Department than any other, and I consider Superintendent Wells the best fitted of any head of a department, by training and experience, to take up the duties of Water Commissioner; and the Street Department is now so thoroughly organized that I think he can do so without neglecting his regular duties. The fact that the work of the Water Department now lies practically wholly in the streets of the city, and that it therefore comes in contact at many points with the work of the Street Department, may make it desirable to try the experiment temporarily of having these two departments carried on under a common administrative head.

LEGALITY OF STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT.

The following communication from the Corporation Counsel was received at the meeting of the Common Council held on Thursday evening, October 12, 1899, and assigned to the next meeting:

LAW DEPARTMENT.

73 Tremont Street, October 12, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN: In reply to your communication asking my opinion "as to the legality of the contract for street lighting entered into by the City of Boston and the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, and submit a statement of all laws and ordinances relating to the subject," I have the honor to reply that by Acts of 1825, Chapter 3, Section 1, "The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, for the time being, may cause to be set up and affixed such and so many lamps in the streets and other places in said city for the purpose of lighting the same as they may determine to be convenient and necessary, and said Mayor and Aldermen are hereby empowered to make all necessary contracts, rules, orders, and regulations respecting said lamps and the lighting of the same as they may deem most for the benefit of the city."

Acts of 1885, Chapter 266, Section 10, provides that all orders, resolutions or votes of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston which involve the exercise of any of the powers conferred by law upon the Mayor and Aldermen or the Board of Aldermen as

a separate board, shall be subject to the veto power of the Mayor, and by Section 3, of the same act, the executive powers of the city and all the executive powers vested in the Board of Aldermen as such, as surveyors of highways, county commissioners or otherwise, are vested in the Mayor, to be exercised through the several officers and boards of the city and the respective departments of the city under his general direction and supervision.

Under these statutes, therefore, the Board of Aldermen, subject to the approval of the Mayor, has power to provide that lamps shall be placed in certain places as they shall determine to be necessary, and to determine whether they shall be lamps to burn gas, oil, naphtha or other material, but the executive power, the power of carrying out these orders, is vested in the Mayor to be exercised through some department of the city.

I find on enquiry that the Board of Aldermen has passed orders providing that certain lamps in the city shall be gas lamps and certain lamps shall be naphtha lamps. The naphtha lamps have for several years been lighted under a contract for furnishing the burners and the material to be burned and the care thereof by a company on substantially the same terms as the contract referred to in your order, and the Mayor, acting through the Lamp Department, has now, by the contract referred to, adopted the same system for the gas lamps. The rights of the Board of Aldermen are preserved in the contract by providing that the company shall light with gas or with naphtha only such lamps as now exist or that shall hereafter be ordered by the Superintendent of Lamps, subject to the Superintendent's withdrawal of lamps from being lighted, and I assume, of course, that the Superintendent will act in such matters only in accordance with the orders of the Board of Aldermen in relation to them.

I see, therefore, no illegality in the contract.

I do not deem it necessary to cite Chapter 23, of the Ordinance of 1898, relating to the Lamp Department, because those provisions are simply re-enactments, in the form of an ordinance, of the provisions of said Chapter 3, of the Acts of the year 1825.

Respectfully,

ANDREW J. BAILEY,

Corporation Counsel.

PARK SQUARE PUBLIC MARKET.

A continued hearing was given Monday evening, October 16, 1899, by the Joint Standing Committee on Market Department to persons in favor of the city acquiring the property at Park square for a public market. Alderman Adams presided.

Hon. Thomas J. Gargan, counsel for the Park Square Improvement Association, read a letter from Mr. Edward Atkinson favoring the establishment of another public market. Representative Clerke and Councilman Tobin spoke in favor of the proposition and remarks were also made by representatives of the Central Labor Union, the Pattern Makers' Association, the Building Trades' Council, the Grocery and Provision Clerk's Association and other interested persons.

DEATH OF DR. CARTER.

The death of Dr. Theron H. Carter, Assistant Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital, occurred early Sunday morning, October 15, 1899.

Dr. Carter was born in Charlton, Mass., and was thirty-eight years of age. He was graduated from Brown University in the class of '86 and from the Harvard Medical School in 1893. Shortly after he was appointed a house physician at the City Hospital, in which position he served for a year and a half. In 1896 he was appointed one of the Superintendent's assistants and in March, 1899, he was promoted to be Assistant Superintendent.

DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE DUMOND.

Representative John B. Dumond was accidentally shot and killed by being taken for a deer by his guide on Thursday, October 12, 1899, about twenty-five miles from Grindstone station, Me., on the line of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad. Mr. Dumond was one of a party of three who went to the Maine woods on a hunting expedition early in last week.

Mr. Dumond was born in New York, December 25, 1862. For a number of years he was connected with the Hartford Steam Boiler Company as consulting engineer. Mr. Dumond was prominently identified with the Republican party of the city. In 1897 he represented Ward 12 in the Common Council. In 1898 he was elected Representative to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and was re-elected in 1899. He had but recently been renominated as Representative of his district for 1900. During his service in the House he was a member of several important committees, and was active in promoting the bill relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors and the new aldermanic law for Boston.

VISIT OF THE LORD MAYOR OF DUBLIN.

In view of the expected visit to Boston of The Rt. Hon. Daniel Tallon, Lord Mayor of Dublin, and of John E. Redmond, M.P., for Waterford, Ireland, the Board of Aldermen at its meeting on the sixteenth instant authorized the appointment of a committee of five, with such as the Common Council may join to act in conjunction with His Honor the Mayor in extending the hospitality of the city to the distinguished visitors.

The Chairman appointed the following-named Aldermen members of the committee: Messrs. Barry, Codman, Day, Berwin and O'Toole.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, October 12, 1899.

The fifty-second meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Thursday, October 12, 1899, at 3 P.M.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Barry.

A communication was received from the Chief of the Architect Division, requesting an appropriation of \$1,500 for folding-chairs for Faneuil Hall, and one of \$600 for renovating pictures and statuary and furnishing range for kitchen at Faneuil Hall.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Mr. Frank W. Howard, Chief of the Architect Division of the Engineering Department, was heard.

The Board then went into executive session.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make an additional appropriation for the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall, on the understanding that the additional appropriation is to be used for the purchase of folding-chairs, which were not included in the original estimates of cost.

The communications from Mayor Quincy and from the Chief of the Architect Division were placed on file, and Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the additional sum of fifteen hundred (1,500) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department in reconstructing Faneuil Hall; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed — yeas, 4; nays, 0 (Mr. Kiley not voting), viz.:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

The order was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

An order (passed by the City Council), requesting the appropriation of a sum sufficient to asphalt Gove street, from Meridian street to Chelsea street, and Paris street, from Meridian street to the gymnasium, was received.

Placed on file.

An order (passed by the City Council), requesting an appropriation sufficient to furnish a portrait of the late John H. Sullivan, to be hung in a suitable place in City Hall, was received.

The order was placed on file, and, on motion of Mr. Dore, it was

Voted, That Messrs. Barry and Kiley be appointed a committee to make arrangements for the execution, at an expense of not over \$100, to be met out of the appropriation for this Board, of a portrait of John H. Sullivan, late a member of this Board, the said portrait to be hung in a suitable place in City Hall.

The Board took up the following, pending as unfinished business:

Communication from the City Treasurer requesting an additional maintenance appropriation of \$1,000 to cover the expense of the repayment of sewer assessments.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$1,000 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Treasury Department.

The communications from the City Treasurer and from the Mayor were placed on file, and Mr. Dore moved the adoption of the following vote:

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Treasury Department.

The vote was passed — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Mrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The vote was signed by all the members of the Board.

The Board took up the following, pending as unfinished business:

Communication from the City Collector, requesting an additional appropriation of \$5,500 to meet the general expenses of the Department, outside of salaries.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$5,000 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Collecting Department.

The communications from the City Collector and from Mayor Quincy were placed on file, and Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of the sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Collecting Department.

The vote was passed — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Barry, Dore, Minot, Kiley and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The vote was signed by all the members of the Board.

The Board took up the following, pending as unfinished business:

(1.) Communication from the Park Commissioners urging that previous requests for appropriations for improving the Columbus avenue and Ashmont playgrounds be granted.

(2.) Communication from the Park Commissioners requesting an appropriation of \$900 for putting the new playground at Ashmont in order.

(3.) Communication from the Park Commissioners requesting an appropriation of \$500 for putting the new playground near Columbus avenue in order.

(4.) Communication from the Park Commissioners requesting an appropriation of \$2,000 for drainage work at Rogers Park, Brighton.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy, requesting the Board to make an appropriation for Rogers Park, drainage.

The several communications from the Park Commissioners and the communication from Mayor Quincy were placed on file, and Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of two thousand (2,000) dollars, to be expended by the Park Commissioners, be appropriated for Rogers Park, drainage; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Barry, Dore, Minot, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

The Board took up the following, pending as unfinished business:

Communication from the Insane Hospital Trustees requesting an appropriation of \$5,000 for the purchase of additional land.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That a sub-committee of three be appointed to obtain prices and terms from the owners of land included within the plan proposed by the Insane Hospital Trustees for the enlargement of the Insane Hospital plant.

Mayor Quincy appointed as said committee, Messrs. Dore, Barry and Kiley.

The Board took up the following, pending as unfinished business:

Communication from the Bath Trustees requesting an appropriation of \$6,842.44 to meet the expenses of maintaining the South Boston, Ward 9 and Ward 19 gymnasias and the convenience station on Boston Common.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$800 from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Bath Department, said sum to be used towards meeting the expense of maintaining the public convenience station on Boston Common.

The communications from the Bath Trustees and from Mayor Quincy were placed on file, and Mr. Dore moved the adoption of the following:

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor, of the sum of eight hundred (800) dollars from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Bath Department.

The vote was passed — yeas, 3; nay, 1 (Mr. Minot not voting):

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, and Mayor Quincy — 3.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

The vote was signed by the three members of the Board voting in the affirmative.

The Board took up the following, pending as unfinished business:

(1.) Communication (referred by the Superintendent of Streets) from Mr. J. J. Eddy, President of the National Bank of the Commonwealth, requesting that the asphalt pavement being laid on Devonshire street, from Milk to Water streets, be extended by their building on Devonshire street.

(2.) Communication from the Superintendent of Streets enclosing petition, signed by owners and tenants of property on Devonshire street, requesting that the asphalt pavement now being laid on Devonshire street, from Milk to Water streets, be extended from Water street to State street.

Severally placed on file, on motion of Mr. Barry.

The Board took up the following, pending as unfinished business:

Communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting authority to construct a new ferryboat, the expense to be met out of the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Kiley.

The Board took up the following, pending as unfinished business:

Communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting an additional appropriation of \$47,698.31 for street watering, under the provisions of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1897.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make an additional appropriation for street watering.

The communications from the Superintendent of Streets and from the Mayor were placed on file.

Mr. Barry moved that an additional appropriation of \$47,000 be granted by the Board.

Mr. Kiley moved to amend by making the amount \$25,000.

Mr. Kiley's amendment was adopted; Mr. Kiley moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That in addition to the sum of \$150,000, heretofore appropriated for the maintenance of the Street Watering Division of the Street Department, the additional sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated for said purpose, the sum to be met by assessments for watering streets.

The order was passed — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Kiley, Minot and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board.

The Board took up the following, pending as unfinished business:

Communication from the Insane Hospital Trustees requesting an appropriation of \$3,000 for remodelling the "A" building at the Boston Insane Hospital.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Minot.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy transmitting a letter from the City Auditor stating that, subject to the approval of the Board, he had transferred the sum of \$77 from the "Patriots' Day, April Nineteenth," division of the "Public Celebrations and Lectures" appropriation to the "July Fourth" division of the said appropriation.

The communication was placed on file, and Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of the sum of seventy-seven (77) dollars from the "Patriots' Day, April Nineteenth," division of the "Public Celebrations and Lectures" appropriation to the "July Fourth" division of the said appropriation.

The vote was passed — yeas, 4; nay, 1:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

The vote was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative.

Adjourned, at 4.33 P.M., on motion of Mr. Kiley, to meet on Thursday, October 19, 1899, at 3 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

MANAGERS OF FRANKLIN FUND.

A meeting of the Managers of the Franklin Fund was held on Monday, October 9, 1899, in City Hall.

The resignation of Mr. J. M. Galvin as Clerk was presented and accepted. Mr. John T. Priest, Assistant City Clerk, was elected Clerk pro tempore.

A meeting of the Board of Managers of the Franklin Fund was held at City Hall, on Tuesday, October 17, 1899, at 3 P.M.

All the members were present, except Alderman Doyle and Rev. Mr. Eels.

By invitation of the Board Mayor Quincy was present and expressed his ideas as to the proper expenditure of the Franklin Fund.

After considerable debate the following preamble, and order, submitted September 18, was taken up:

Whereas, The Managers of the Franklin Fund — the donation to the Town of Boston under the will of Benjamin Franklin — propose to lay out one-half of that part of said fund now in the hands of the City Treasurer and all accumulations thereof, to be used by the city for erecting a building, to be known as the Benjamin Franklin building, upon the lot of land owned by the city on Washington street, near the corner of Dover street, now partially occupied by the old Franklin School building, and upon other lands of the city adjoining said lot, so far as the same may be considered desirable therefor, said building to contain a branch of the Public Library with reading-rooms, also a ward-room, public hall, lecture-rooms and rooms for the use of the Grand Army posts now quartered in said old building; also a public convenience station in the basement; and to lay out the remainder of said part of said fund and its accumulations, to be used by the city for erecting buildings to contain baths for all-the-year-round use, combined with public gymnasias when deemed desirable; for building public convenience stations and for the purchase of suitable lots for such buildings.

Now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That, if said Managers lay out said fund as above specified, the City Engineer forthwith thereafter, shall acquire for the city any land desired for said Benjamin Franklin building, and suitable lots for said other buildings, when such lots are not already owned by the city, one at least in each of the following districts: East Boston, Wards 1 and 2; Charlestown, Wards 3, 4 and 5; North and West Ends, Wards 6, 7 and 8; South Boston, Wards 13, 14 and 15; Roxbury, Wards 17, 18, 19 and 21; Dorchester, Wards 16, 20 and 24; shall build at least two public convenience stations, one to be located in Post Office square and one in Park square, and shall employ architects and erect said buildings; said land, lots and the plans of said buildings to be approved by the Managers of said fund and the Mayor, and the expense attending the carrying out of this order to be paid from the proceeds of said fund as laid out for said purposes.

It was then voted that the above be submitted to the City Council for its action thereon, the vote being as follows, viz.:

Yeas — Aldermen Barry, Brick, Codman,

Colby, Day, Dixon, McDonald, O'Toole and Presheo, and the Rev. Messrs. Duane and McLennan — 11.

Nay — Alderman Adams — 1.

Aldermen Berwin, who would have voted no, was paired with Aldermen Doyle, absent, who would have voted yes.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Clerk pro tempore.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending October 7, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.8
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898	22.3
Number of deaths:	
Males	102
Females	104
Total	206
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	227
Decrease	21

Of the 206 decedents, 199 were white and 7 colored; 132 were born in the United States, 70 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 44 were of American parentage, 146 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 16 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	88	14
Scarlatina	20	—
Typhoid fever	43	7
Measles	7	—
Totals	158	21

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	18
Pneumonia	10
Heart disease	18
Bronchitis	6
Marasmus	7
Violent causes	17
Total from principal causes	76
Total from infectious diseases	21
Total from other causes	109
Total from all causes	206

Deaths of children under 1 year	39
Deaths of children under 5 years	57
Deaths of persons over 60 years	37
Deaths in public institutions	51

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following general order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

October 12, 1899.

General Order No. 631.

Reserve Officer Vinal W. Harmon, of Division 11, having been commended by his captain for courage and good judgment shown in arresting a house-breaker on the morning of the ninth instant, he is hereby commended in General Orders, appointed a patrolman in the police force, and assigned to duty in the same division. He will report at the clerk's office at 9.30 o'clock A.M., Friday, thirteenth instant, to be sworn.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason street, at 7.30 P.M., on October 10, 1899, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Bateman, Bowdlear and Brett.

The transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting were approved.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read, and successively passed:

(1.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with J. H. Townsend, in the sum of \$9,715 for plastering the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, the said firm being the lowest bidder. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 682.)

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of D. L. Billings & Co., for plumbing the Quincy and Perth streets Grammar School-house, in the sum of \$300 for carrying conductors to the roof of the building.

(3.) That the accompanying plans and specifications, prepared by Whitman & Hood, architects, for grading around the Frederick A. Whitney School-house, Webster avenue, Brighton, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board, and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with William Scollans in the sum of \$1,993.83 for grading around said school-house, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications, the said Scollans being the lowest bidder. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 694.)

Orders introduced by the Committee on Rules and Regulations at the last meeting of the Board were given a second reading and passed. The passage of these orders resulted in amendment of the rules as follows:

(1.) In Section 35, paragraph 2, to read:

"2. Shall, after conference with the other committees, annually prepare and present to the Board in print, on or before the second regular meeting of the Board in February, an itemized appropriation order to cover the expenses of the public schools for the next financial year; and this order, after passage by a two-thirds yeas and nays vote of the entire Board, shall be sent, when it shall have gone into effect, to the City Auditor."

Paragraph 3 to read:

"3. Shall report upon every proposal to change the annual appropriation order, or any item contained therein, before it is acted upon by the Board."

(2.) Section 36, paragraph 8, to read:

"8. Shall annually, in the month of December, after consultation with the School-house Agent, report to the Board what additional school-house accommodations have been provided during the year, with the cost thereof, both actual and prospective, so far as the same can be stated; with their opinion as to the condition and adequacy of existing school-house accommodations and recommendations as to future needs."

(3.) Section 2 to read:

"Section 2. At the meeting for organization each year the Board shall elect, by ballot, a Secretary, an Auditing Clerk, a School-house Agent, and a Messenger, each

of whom may be removed at the pleasure of the Board. The President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, standing committees, each consisting of five members, as follows: On Accounts; Courses of Study and Text-books; Hygiene and Physical Training; Legislative Matters; Rules and Regulations; Salaries; School-houses; New Buildings; Supplies; Evening Schools; High Schools; Normal School; Horace Mann School for the Deaf; Truant Officers; Music, Drawing, and Manual Training. The President shall be a member of two of the committees referred to in this section, but shall not be chairman of any of them."

(4.) The addition of three new Sections, viz., 33, 34, and 35, as follows:

Section 33. The Committee on Music shall have the general supervision of this branch of instruction in all the schools. They shall make a written report to the Board in September.

Section 34. The Committee on Drawing shall have the general supervision of this branch of instruction in all the schools. They shall make a written report to the Board in September.

Section 35. The Committee on Manual Training shall have the general supervision of the instruction in woodworking, sewing, cooking, and other branches of manual training in all the schools. They shall make a written report to the Board in September.

(5.) The renumbering of Sections 35-52. The Chair read the following:

(1.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, October 5, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

In accordance with the request contained in your order of July 31, 1899, the Board of Street Commissioners, on October 3, 1899, took, for school purposes, 30,000 square feet, more or less, of land on Norfolk street, at Dorchester, and their decree of such taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

(2.) IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 9, 1899.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to provide transportation for the teachers and scholars to and from Boston Common on Saturday, October 14, on the occasion of the review by Admiral Dewey.

Passed.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Superintendent of Schools presented the resignations of thirteen teachers which were accepted.

The Superintendent presented appointments, confirmations and transfers, certified by him to be made in accordance with the rules and regulations, as follows:

(1.) The appointments of thirty-one special assistants, which were laid over under the rule; (2) the appointments of ten temporary teachers, which were placed on file; (3) the appointments of sixteen teachers on probation, which were laid over under the rule; (4) the confirmations of thirteen teachers which were laid over under

the rule; (5) the transfer of one teacher, which was laid over under the rule.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

(1.) Of forty-seven assistants and special teachers in the Evening High School; (2) of one first assistant and twelve assistants in the Comins School; (3) of one first assistant and six assistants in the Dearborn School; (4) of two first assistants and twenty-one assistants in the Eliot School; (5) of two first assistants and seventeen assistants in the Franklin School; (6) of one first assistant and six assistants in the Lincoln School; (7) of seven assistants in the Lyman School; (8) of one first assistant and five assistants in the Mather School; (9) of one first assistant and twelve assistants in the Norcross School; (10) of one first assistant and six assistants in the Quincy School; (11) of one first assistant and eight assistants in the Warren School; (12) of one first assistant and seven assistants in the Washington Allston School; (13) of one first assistant and twenty-one assistants in the Wells School; (14) of two masters, three principals and twenty assistants in the Evening Drawing School—all of which appointments were laid over under the rule.

Leave of absence was granted to thirteen teachers.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and application for leave of absence, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

(1.) The appointments of six temporary teachers, whose employment was approved under a suspension of the rules; (2) the appointment of one teacher on probation, which was approved under a suspension of the rules; (3) the application of one teacher for leave of absence, which was granted under a suspension of the rules.

The appointments of three special teachers in high schools, presented by the Superintendent, were laid over under the rule.

The Superintendent presented the following:

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

October 10, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

In response to the order adopted by the School Board February 28, 1899, "That the Superintendent be requested to consider and report at an early date upon the advisability of revising the course of study for evening drawing schools," I respectfully report that a revised course of study for the evening drawing schools, having the approval of the master of those schools and that of the Director of Drawing, is now submitted to the School Board for such action as may be deemed best. I suggest that, pending final action of the Board, this proposed course of study be printed.

EDWIN P. SEAVER,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

The report was accepted and the course of study was ordered to be printed.

On the recommendation of the Committee on New Buildings it was ordered:

(1.) That the accompanying revised plans and specifications for fittings of the lecture-

room and chemical and physical laboratories in the West Roxbury High School-house, prepared by Andrews, Jaques & Rantoul, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved by this Board; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute orders of addition to contracts to cover cost of the necessary changes, as follows:

Mack & Moore, building . . . \$1,295 80
William Lumb & Co., heating . . . 640 00
Edward C. Kelley, plumbing . . . 1,700 00

Passed under suspension of the rules.

(2.) That the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, be named the Phillips Brooks School, in honor of the late Bishop Brooks.

Passed unanimously, by a rising vote.

The appointment by the Committee on School-houses of Mrs. Hanora Hanlan, as janitress of the Parkman School, Silver street, from September 13, 1899, was approved.

It was ordered:

(1.) That until otherwise ordered the use of the lot at the corner of Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown, be granted to the boys attending the Charlestown High School as a playground.

(2.) That the Committee on High Schools are hereby authorized to transmit to Sidney M. Ballou, who was graduated from the English High School in 1888, the Franklin Medal to which he is, in their opinion, justly entitled, and which he has never received.

(3.) That the Board authorize the establishment of a kindergarten in the Webb School-house, Lyman District.

Under suspension of the rules it was ordered:

(1.) That the sessions of the evening high and evening elementary schools be suspended on Friday evening, October 13, 1899, and that the salaries of the teachers in these schools be allowed and paid for said evening.

(2.) That a special teacher of phonography, typewriting, book-keeping, commercial geography, and commercial law be allowed in the Brighton High School.

(3.) That a special teacher of phonography, typewriting, book-keeping, commercial geography, and commercial law be allowed in the Dorchester High School.

(4.) That a special teacher of book-keeping, commercial geography and commercial law be allowed in the Charlestown High School.

(5.) That the appointment of an assistant to the teacher of physical culture in the Roxbury High School be authorized.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom was referred, June 29, the reappointments of instructors in the Lowell District, for the term ending August 31, 1900, as presented by the Superintendent; all of said reappointments to date from September 1, 1897, viz.: Annie Dooley, Susan H. Nugent, Mary V. Prendergast, Eleanor F. Somerby, assistants, grammar school (on probation), reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend that said reappointments be approved.

Under suspension of the rules it was ordered:

(1.) That an additional assistant, grammar school, be allowed in the Robert G. Shaw District, on account of the long distance between the schools.

(2.) That the morning session of the Winship School end at 11.45 o'clock A. M., and that the usual recess be dispensed with.

(3.) That there be paid to Michael J. Crowley the sum of \$43 per month for services rendered as janitor of the Wait School during the months of July, August and September, 1899.

(4.) That there be paid to Charles D. Gallagher the sum of \$68 per month for services rendered as temporary janitor of the Wells School during the months of July, August and September, 1899.

(5.) That the afternoon session of all the public schools be suspended on Friday, October 13, 1899, and that the morning session close at 12 o'clock noon.

(6.) That the Special Committee on the Reception to Admiral Dewey be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$3,000 in connection with the reception to be tendered Admiral Dewey by the public school children on Boston Common, Saturday, October 14, 1899; and that the amount to be so expended shall be charged to the appropriation for "Supplies and Incidentals."

It was ordered:

(1.) That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to allow the use of the second floor of the old Winthrop School-house, Charlestown, for school purposes.

(2.) That the offices of the School Committee, Mason street, be closed on Saturday, October 14, 1899.

(3.) That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay a brick sidewalk in front of the Wyman School-house, Ward 22. The sidewalk in front of said school being in a bad condition.

The Chair read the following:

Boston, October 3, 1899.

HENRY D. HUGGAN, Esq., President, Boston School Committee:

DEAR SIR: As I have recently become a resident of another city, I hereby respectfully tender my resignation as a member of the School Committee of Boston, to take immediate effect.

Yours very truly,

FRANK E. BATEMAN.

Placed on file.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committees, viz.:

Music—Elizabeth C. Keller, Chairman; Messrs. Gallivan, Berridge, Calderwood and Brett.

Drawing—James A. McDonald, Chairman; Messrs. Davison, Merritt, Kenny and Bennett.

Manual Training—Emily A. Fifield, Chairman; Messrs. Anderson, Coolidge, Burrill and McDonough.

The appointments were approved.

The Chair presented the following:

Boston, September 26, 1899.

MR. HENRY D. HUGGAN, President of the Boston School Committee:

DEAR SIR: I herewith present my resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Truant Officers.

Yours truly,

JAMES A. McDONALD.

Accepted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Nichols as Chairman of the Committee on Truant Officers.

Mr. Aldrich offered the following:

Ordered, That the term of probation of Annie Dooley, Susan H. Nugent, Mary V.

Prendergast, and Eleanor F. Somerby, teachers in the grammar school of the Lowell District, be extended one year from September 1, 1899.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that it is desired to establish an eligible register from which a selection may be made to fill a vacancy in the grade of wheelwright in the quartermaster's department at large, at Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., at a salary of \$60 per month.

No educational test will be given, but applicants will be graded upon their experience and character as workmen. It will not be necessary for applicants to appear at any place for examination.

The Commission also announces that it is desired to establish an eligible register from which a selection may be made to fill a vacancy in the grade of saddler in the quartermaster's department at large, at Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., at a salary of \$60 per month.

No educational test will be given, but applicants will be graded upon their experience and character as workmen. It will not be necessary for applicants to appear at any place for examination.

The Commission also announces that on November 7-8, 1899, an examination may be taken at any city in the United States, where the Commission has a board of examiners, for the grade of business teacher, Haskell Institute, Kansas Indian Service, (Department of the Interior). Two days will be allowed for the examination.

Applicants for this examination should be competent to teach stenography and typewriting, commercial law, commercial arithmetic, book-keeping, correspondence, English and penmanship.

From the female eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to the position of business teacher, at a salary of \$720 per annum, in the Haskell Institute, Kansas.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. All such citizens are invited to apply; but attention is invited to the fact that in making appointment to the last position mentioned above, preference may be given to those eligibles who are legal residents of Indian Service District No. 3, (which comprises California, south of the thirty-seventh parallel of latitude, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas). Subject to this preference applicants will be examined, graded and certified, with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown by the grade they attain in the examination.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, October 16, 1899, at 3 P.M., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

Messages from His Honor the Mayor were received as follows:

Removal and Appointment of Constable.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 16, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation I hereby appoint William H. Powers a Constable of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of Edward J. Holland, who has this day been removed from the position of Constable.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

Appointment of Constable.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 16, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation I hereby appoint James O'Connor a Constable of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1900, in connection with his duties in the Building Department of this city, in place of Thomas O'Connor, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

Veto—Projection of Sign.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 16, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board granting permission to Martin Sullivan & Co., to project a sign two feet from building at 732 Washington street, Ward 7, for the reason that this projection is further than is allowed by law.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the permit was granted was reconsidered and the question of granting the permit, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding, was assigned to the next meeting.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall,

on Thursday, October 5, 1899, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Appropriation for Faneuil Hall.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 12, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting to-day making an additional appropriation of \$1,500 for the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall. This order was passed by the Board with the understanding that this \$1,500 is to be used for the purchase of chairs and other necessary furniture for Faneuil Hall not included in former estimates of cost of construction.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

October 12, 1899.

Ordered, That the additional sum of fifteen hundred (1,500) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department in reconstructing Faneuil Hall; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

JOHN P. DORE,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The message was sent up and the order was assigned to the next meeting.

Appropriation for Street Watering.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 12, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting to-day making an additional appropriation of \$25,000 for street watering.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

Ordered, That in addition to the sum of \$150,000 heretofore appropriated for the maintenance of the Street Watering Division of the Street Department, the additional sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated for said pur-

pose, the same to be met by assessments for watering streets.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

JOHN P. DORE,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The message was sent up, and the order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Improvement of Rogers Park.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 12, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting to-day appropriating \$2,000 for the drainage of Rogers Park, Brighton.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

October 12, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of two thousand (2,000) dollars, to be expended by the Park Commissioners, be appropriated for Rogers Park, drainage; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

JOHN P. DORE,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The message was sent up, and the order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

INSTRUCTIONS TO UNDERTAKERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF CEMETERIES.

The following instructions have been issued to superintendents of cemeteries and undertakers by the Board of Health:

In disinterring the remains of persons who have died from any infectious disease, the following instructions must be followed:

After excavating the earth to within six inches of the coffin or box containing an infected body, the box and earth upon it must be saturated with a solution of fresh chloride of lime (one-half pound to a gallon of water) and when the box containing the body is raised or handled it must be thoroughly washed with the same solution. No such body shall be removed except in a tightly sealed and suitable box.

No person shall be allowed to disinter, or remove the remains of any person who has died of small-pox, without first having been vaccinated very recently, and to the satisfaction of the Board of Health.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved October 10, 1899:

Ordered, That the Board of Police be requested to close against travel by vehicles, excepting Fire Department apparatus, police wagons, ambulances and United States mail wagons and cars, such streets as may be necessary for the parade to be held on the evening of Friday, October 13, on the occasion of the arrival of Admiral Dewey; also the following named streets on Saturday, October 14, between the hours of 11 A.M. and 3 P.M., on account of the mobilization of the State militia, viz.: From Commonwealth avenue, through Beacon and Charles streets, Park square, Columbus avenue, Massachusetts avenue. Tremont, Winter, Summer, High, Congress, Milk, India, State, Washington, School and Beacon streets.

Ordered, That the City Messenger be, and hereby is, authorized to cause the roping off of such of said streets as may be necessary under the direction of the Board of Police, the expense incurred for said roping off to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

The following were approved October 11: Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Boston Elevated Railway Company, to erect, maintain and use two guy-posts in Corning street and one post in Porter street, with the necessary ropes attached thereto.

L. P. Soule & Son, to erect, maintain and use four guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Pemberton square, in the following locations:

One in front of No. 38, one in front of No. 56, one at police headquarters, east of driveway, one near the corner of Tremont row, north side.

L. P. Soule & Son, to erect, maintain and use guy-posts with the necessary ropes attached, in locations as follows:

One in front of No. 1 Beacon street; one in front of No. 11 Beacon street; one in front of No. 17 Beacon street; one in front of No. 23 Beacon street—for use in erecting building at Nos. 8 and 10 Beacon street.

John Sutherland, to erect, maintain and use guy-posts with ropes attached, as follows:

Four on Bow street, between Arrow and Mason streets; four on Arrow street; eight on Lynde street, between Second and Arrow streets—for use in constructing a retaining wall for the Boston and Maine Railroad.

John A. Rooney, to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in the following locations:

One on Corey street; two on Centre street, near Corey street, and to stretch three guy-ropes over and across said streets in Ward 23.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Quincy Club of Ward 1, two campaign transparencies at 262 Bennington street, Ward 1.

Baker & Buckler, V-shaped sign at 124 Dudley street, Ward 18.

Frank H. Cowin, campaign transparency at 384 Harrison avenue, Ward 9.

Frank H. Cowin, campaign transparencies, one over Washington street and one over Dover street, from building on corner of said streets, Ward 9.

I. H. Goldsmith, illuminated druggist's mortar at 1130 Washington street, Ward 9.

Ferrin & Fausnaught, druggist's mortar at 725 Tremont street, Ward 9.

John P. Conlan, sign at 25 Howard street, corner Stoddard street, Ward 6.

E. A. Laskey, two barber poles at 2532 Washington street.

John J. Douglass, campaign transparency at 19 Lewis street, Ward 2.

Suffolk Engraving Company, for a shelf for printing frames from sixth story of building 234 Congress street.

A. Lipkin, sign at 33 Green street, Ward 8.

Margaret Gordon, sign at 19 Tremont row, Ward 6.

L. Cohen, sign, 60 Merrimac street, Ward 8.

Antonio Zarella, three signs at 88 Charlestown street.

Isaac Pond, two barber poles at 47 Lowell street, Ward 8.

Di Luccio Pasquale, shoemaker's sign at 174 Dudley street, Ward 17.

Martin Sullivan & Co., sign at 732 Washington street, Ward 7.

T. F. Corey & Co., lantern at 84 Boylston street, Ward 7.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place sufficient lamps on Greenwood street, Ward 20, for the lighting of said street, expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That a license be granted to J. Otis McFadden to store and keep oils or fluids, composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 35 Portland street, Ward 6.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons to move a wooden building, pitch roof, thirty feet in length, by twenty-two feet in width, by fifteen feet in height, from location on Birch street, along Birch, Corinth and Florence streets and across private land to rear of No. 192 Poplar street, Ward 23, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. S. Angus to move a wooden building, pitch roof, forty-five feet in length, by twenty-two feet in width, by thirty-five feet in height, from 95 Chelsea street, through Chelsea and Gove street, to Orleans street, to lot rear of 106 Orleans street, Ward 2.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make brick sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Mrs. Annie Formanek, 151-153 Paris street, Ward 2, with granite edgestone.

Charles F. Hargrave, Havre street, side of estate 62 Porter street, Ward 1.

Michael Dolan, 53 Creighton street, Ward 22, with granite edgestone.

A. Diamond, 327-339 and 349-351 Heath street, Ward 19.

John R. Meins, West Third street, corner of 129 B street, Ward 13.

W. J. Smith, 9-11 Peters street, Ward 14, with granite edgestone.

James F. Kennedy, 18 Howell street, Ward 16, with granite edgestone.

Edward A. Bangs, 17 Vancouver street, Ward 19.

Thomas B. Noonan, 38 Eliot street, Ward 23, with granite edgestone.

Estate of Volney Wilder, 34 Elm street, Ward 22.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestone, owners to furnish material in front of the following estates:

Elroy W. Houghton, 10 Atherstone street, Ward 24.

W. B. Thomas, corner Beacon street and Massachusetts avenue, Ward 11.

James W. Tufts, 817-819 Beacon street, Ward 11.

Richard J. Gookin, corner Columbia road and Dorchester avenue, Ward 20.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the corner of Burrell and Batchelder streets, Ward 16, in front of the estate of Catherine Hanrahan; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost of said work.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the northerly side of Talbot avenue between Norfolk street and the railroad bridge, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost of said work.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the heads of the various departments to grant a holiday on Saturday, October 14, 1899 (Dewey Day), to all employees of the city whose services can be dispensed with, in part compensation for services rendered.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to discontinue the use of the Parkman School-house, South Boston; said building being in an unfit condition for school purposes.

Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested to make plans and grant a hearing on the advisability of laying out Puritan avenue, from Richfield street to Olney street, Ward 20.

Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners be requested through His Honor the Mayor, to have the following placed on the official ballot at the next Municipal Election in accordance with Chapter 344 of

the Acts of 1899: "Shall eight hours constitute a day's work for all laborers, workmen and mechanics now employed, or who may hereafter be employed by, or on behalf of the City of Boston."

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient to enable the City of Boston to offer its hospitalities to Admiral Dewey, as a recognition of the valuable and patriotic services which he rendered to this country during the recent war with Spain.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to provide transportation for the teachers and scholars to and from Boston Common on Saturday, October 14, on the occasion of the review by Admiral Dewey.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and hereby is, requested to communicate with the Mayor of Philadelphia, Penn., and ask that he, as custodian of the Liberty Bell, allow the same to be brought to Boston on the occasion of the celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1900.

Ordered, That the Law Department be requested to inform this Board what action has been taken on the petition of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, praying for the abolition of grade crossings in East Boston.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1899.

The following is a statement by the Health Department of deaths for the month of September, 1899, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	541,827
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	19.40
Death rate for corresponding month, 1898	22.35
Number of deaths:	
Males	447
Females	429
	876
Condition:	
Married	266
Single	489
Widows	88
Widowers	27
Unknown	6
Color:	
White	852
Colored	24
Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	228
Under 2 years	284
Under 5 years	326
Deaths by diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	36
Under 2 years	41
Under 5 years	42
All ages	57
Nativity:	
United States	597
Ireland	146
England	16
Scotland	8
Germany	8
British America	49
Italy	8
Russia	14
Other countries	19
Unknown	11

Parentage:	
American	190
Irish	284
English	18
Scotch	13
German	21
British American	50
Italian	35
Russian	36
Other countries	53
Mixed	80
Unknown	96
Still-births during the month	35

Causes of Death.

I. ZYMOTICS.	
Alcoholism	8
Croup	3
Cholera morbus	5
Cholera infantum	35
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	5
Diarrhoea	12
Dysentery	5
Diphtheria	26
Erysipelas	2
Puerperal fever	1
Pyæmia	4
Rheumatism	2
Scarlatina	4
Septicæmia	3
Typhoid fever	32
Whooping-cough	9
Other Zymotic diseases	1
	157
II. CONSTITUTIONAL.	
Cancer	28
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	13
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	49
Phthisis pulmonalis	72
Other Constitutional diseases	25
	187
III. LOCAL.	
Apoplexy	32
Bright's disease	5
Bronchitis	18
Heart disease	75
Meningitis	23
Nephritis	26
Pleurisy	1
Pneumonia	54
Other Local diseases	169
	403
IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.	
Inanition	15
Old age	15
Premature birth	28
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	3
Other Developmental diseases	14
	75
V. VIOLENT.	
Accidental	36
Homicidal	1
Suicidal	10
Other Violent causes	3
	50
Unknown causes	4

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its meeting held on Monday the sixteenth instant, the Board of Aldermen voted to adjourn to meet on Monday, October 23, 1899, at 3 P.M.

A new line of steamships has been established between Antwerp and Portland. The service will be fortnightly and the first sailing is fixed for November 15.

Awards of Contracts.

School Committee.

Proposals for grading the yard of the Webster-avenue School were received by the Committee on New Buildings on September 25, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Adelard Phaneup & Co.	\$2,971 00
John O'Brien	2,440 00
A. McMurtry & Sons	2,400 00
John H. Sullivan	2,133 00
William Scollans	1,993 33

The contract was awarded to William Scollans.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Metropolitan Sewerage Commission.

Proposals for building sections of the new high level sewer from the Charles and Neponset river valleys to the sea were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission on October 7, as follows:

Section 65, Hyde Park:

Bidders.	Bids.
Long & Little, Leominster	\$76,045 50
Jones & Meehan, Boston	50,645 50
Farrell & Hopper, New York	47,265 00
C. E. Trumbull & Co., Boston	47,140 00
Manufacturers' Contracting Company, Newark	46,938 00
H. P. Nawn, Boston	46,000 00
Bruno & Solomone, Boston	45,550 00
National Contracting Company, New York	45,438 50
Edward W. & John J. Everson, Providence	43,750 00
Frank L. Allen, Worcester	43,300 00
Samuel W. Frescolm, Reading	42,564 40
Metropolitan Contracting Company, Boston	42,320 00
J. L. Bryne & Co., Boston	41,945 00
Charles Linehan, Cambridge	39,360 00
John V. Quackenbush, Mohawk	38,610 00

NOTE.—The work consists of 900 lineal feet of earth excavation and refilling; 1,200 cubic yards of brick masonry; 700 cubic yards of concrete masonry; 3,500 cubic yards of rock excavation, and 10,000 feet of spruce lumber.

The contract was awarded to John V. Quackenbush.

Section 66, Hyde Park:

Farrell & Hopper, New York	\$398,400
Brodhead Contracting Company, Easton	383,550
H. P. Nawn, Boston	382,650
R. J. Malone & Co., Boston	359,875
Metropolitan Contracting Company, Boston	338,000
National Contracting Company, New York	320,325
Beckwith & Quackenbush, Mohawk	263,460
Jones & Meehan, Boston	243,645
Shailer & Schinglau Company, Chicago	240,150
Edward W. & John J. Everson, Providence	215,600

NOTE.—The work consists of 5,300 lineal feet of rock or earth excavation and refilling; 5,700 cubic yards of brick masonry and 3,500 cubic yards of concrete masonry.

The contract was awarded to Edward W. & John J. Everson.

Section 68, Hyde Park and West Roxbury:

Long & Little, Leominster . . .	\$115,095 00
National Contracting Company, New York . . .	101,987 50
Richard Falvey, Somerville . . .	98,575 00
C. E. Trumbull & Co., Boston . .	91,972 50
E. W. & John J. Everson, Providence . . .	89,837 50
Manufacturers' Contracting Company, Newark . . .	87,058 75
J. L. Bryne Company, Boston . . .	84,065 00
Jones & Meehan, Boston . . .	81,758 75
H. P. Nawn, Boston . . .	81,350 00
James Driscoll & Sons, Boston . .	80,902 50
Bruno & Solomone, Boston . . .	80,484 75
Farrell & Hopper, New York . . .	80,432 50
Metropolitan Contracting Company, Boston . . .	79,896 50
Frank L. Allen, Worcester . . .	79,775 00
Charles Linehan, Cambridge . . .	77,207 50
Beckwith & Quackenbush, Mohawk . . .	68,843 00

NOTE.—The work consists of 2,735 lineal feet of earth excavation and refilling; 3,100 cubic yards of brick masonry; 2,000 cubic yards of concrete masonry; 1,000 cubic yards of rock excavation and 10,000 feet of spruce lumber.

The contract was awarded to Beckwith & Quackenbush.

Section 69, West Roxbury:

National Contracting Company, New York . . .	\$119,912 50
H. P. Nawn, Boston . . .	113,900 00
Manufacturers' Contracting Company, Newark . . .	110,982 50
E. W. & John J. Everson, Providence . . .	92,700 00
Metropolitan Contracting Company, Boston . . .	91,672 00
Jones & Meehan, Boston . . .	90,425 00
Farrell & Hopper, New York . . .	88,175 00
Beckwith & Quackenbush, Mohawk . . .	86,125 00

NOTE.—The contract calls for 2,600 lineal feet of earth excavation and refilling; 3,000 cubic yards of brick masonry; 1,500 cubic yards of concrete masonry; 1,500 cubic yards of rock excavation, and 10,000 feet of spruce lumber.

The contract was awarded to Beckwith & Quackenbush.

W. M. BROWN, Chief Engineer.

Street Department.

Proposals for macadam roadway in the following named streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Thursday, October 12, 1899, viz.:

Cambridge street:

Bidders.	Bids.
J. L. Bryne & Co.	\$8,762 00
T. F. Bradley & Co.	10,003 00
Collins & Ham.	11,461 00
P. McGovern	11,533 00
P. Doherty	11,773 50
J. Doherty & Co.	11,805 50
F. R. Kimball	12,287 50
Neill McBride	12,466 00
C. H. Eglee Company	15,523 00
D. E. Lynch	(Informal.)

The contract was awarded to J. L. Bryne & Co.

Dresden street:

T. Minton	\$422 70
P. McGovern	561 90
William Finneran	589 90
T. A. Dolan	591 80
D. E. Lynch	603 80

The contract was awarded to T. Minton.

Hubbard street:

T. Minton	\$452 00
P. McGovern	642 00
T. A. Dolan	690 50
D. E. Lynch	801 50

The contract was awarded to T. Minton.

Proposals for furnishing and delivering in the bins of the main drainage works, Calf Pasture, Dorchester district, 1,500 tons of coal were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Friday, October 13, 1899, as follows:

	Per Ton.
H. T. Wood (Cambria coal)	\$3 53
Metropolitan Coal Company (Cumberland coal)	3 87
E. B. Townsend (Clearfield coal)	3 95
Garfield & Proctor Coal Company (Ocean Mine coal)	4 95

The contract was awarded to the Metropolitan Coal Company.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending October 14, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	17.8
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898, . .	20.6
Number of deaths:	
Males	84
Females	102
Total	186
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	210
Decrease	24

Of the 186 decedents, 183 were white and 3 colored; 108 were born in the United States, 77 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 35 were of American parentage, 133 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 18 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	86	10
Scarlatina	30	—
Typhoid fever	47	8
Measles	4	—
Totals	167	18

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	29
Pneumonia	23
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	13
Bronchitis	4
Marasmus	9
Violent causes	11
Total from principal causes	91
Total from infectious diseases	18
Total from other causes	77
Total from all causes	186
Deaths of children under 1 year	37
Deaths of children under 5 years	59
Deaths of persons over 60 years	88
Deaths in public institutions	43

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

September 27, 1899.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held on September 27, 1899, at the office of the President, at 12.45 o'clock P.M., the President in the chair.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Burnham and Keany.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Sprague was elected Secretary pro tempore.

It was voted that there be paid to John S. Jacobs & Son the sum of \$3,500, the same being the eleventh payment on account of their contract of November 23, 1897, for the erection of the Ann White Vose building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department, Ann White Vose building.

It was voted that there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$87.50, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$3,500, amount of eleventh payment to John S. Jacobs & Son on account of their contract on November 23, 1897, for the erection of the Ann White Vose building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department, Ann White Vose building.

It was voted that there be added to the contract of John S. Jacobs & Son, dated November 23, 1897, for erection of the Ann White Vose building, the sum of \$15.75 for difference between new slate cone and border in the kitchen, \$27, and saving in the quarry tile omitted in the easterly store-room, less marble border about the elevator pit, \$11.25, as per order of addition No. 433, by Wheelwright & Haven.

It was voted that there be added to the contract of John S. Jacobs & Son, dated November 23, 1897, for the erection of the Ann White Vose building, the sum of \$1,200, for painting the walls and ceilings as per estimate of August 28, 1898, as per order of addition No. 435, by Wheelwright & Haven.

It was voted that there be added to the contract of George G. Baker, dated August 30, 1899, for additions and alterations to the kitchen, the sum of \$170, for building new foundations under old wall as per estimate of September 13, and new pier with piles to take end of iron ham, as per order of addition No. 437 by Wheelwright & Haven.

It was voted that there be deducted from the contract of Pierce & Cox, dated November 29, 1898, for plumbing at Ann White Vose building, the sum of \$30, for omission of kitchen sink and setting of sink furnished by the Hospital, as per order of deduction No. 413 by Wheelwright & Haven.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

(1.) Concerning receipts from paying patients. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

(2.) In regard to columns and girders supporting the roof of the boiler-house needing repairs. The same was referred to the Committee on Power-house with full powers.

(3.) Concerning the disposal of old steam engines in the old laundry. The same was referred to Mr. Burnham.

(4.) Recommending that a third year cum laude diploma of the Training School for

Nurses be issued to Miss Annie Edna Irving. The same was referred to the Committee on Training School, who at once reported favorably, and the same was approved.

(5.) Concerning temporary grading and wooden fence about the Vose House for Nurses. This communication was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

(6.) Submitting a letter from the special agent of the United States Commission to the Paris Exposition of 1900, requesting that the Hospital make an exhibit to the section of hygiene and public charities.

It was voted that by reason of the state of the Hospital finances, the Trustees deem it inexpedient to incur any expenditure for this purpose.

(7.) In regard to connecting steam conduit from Ward F to the Vose House. The same was referred to the President for further consideration.

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Board of Health in regard to the offensive condition of the Roxbury canal, stating that the Board of Health had no means of abating the nuisance, but would report it to the City Council, from which alone relief could be obtained.

The same was ordered to be placed on file, and it was voted that the President should confer with the Mayor in regard to the matter.

It was voted that the matter of the disposition of the ashes from the boiler-house be referred to the Committee on Power-house with full powers.

The Superintendent submitted designs for a bronze tablet for the new Vose House for Nurses, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Training School, it was voted that Wheelwright & Haven be instructed to prepare working models for bronze tablets for the further consideration of the Trustees.

October 4, 1899.

A special meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held on the call of the President, at the office of the President, at 12.45 o'clock P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Burnham and Keany, the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Sprague was elected Secretary pro tempore.

A communication was received from the Assistant City Clerk, communicating the following vote from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Ordered, That so much of the order passed by this Board on February 27, 1899, as appropriated the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars for "Hospital Department, Ambulance Station and Equipment, South Boston," be and hereby is rescinded; and that the said sum be appropriated, to be expended by the Public Buildings Department for an ambulance station and equipment at South Boston.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from Wheelwright & Haven, architects for the laundry building, requesting the permission of the Trustees to begin upon the work of the alteration of the old part of laundry on the sixth of October

Voted, To authorize the architects to notify Kerrens Driscoll that he has their permission to begin work on October 6.

Voted, That Wheelwright & Haven, architects on the new laundry building, be instructed to issue a certificate to the amount of \$3,000, to be paid to Kerrens Driscoll on account of his contract for the new laundry building, dated August 14, 1897; provided, that Kerrens Driscoll shall give a receipt waiving all claims and demands upon the city for any delay in fulfilling his contract previous to October 6, 1899.

It was voted that the President, in the name of the Trustees, be requested to address a communication to His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable City Council, setting forth the urgent necessity for a down-town relief and ambulance station, and the determination of the Trustees to erect a building for the purpose, provided the city will give a tract of land on the corner of Haymarket square and Canal street, beginning on the Haymarket square end, and running 120 feet on Canal street. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 681.)

It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to address a letter to the senior staff, requesting them to send to the Trustees nominations of four members of the senior staff to fill the positions upon the advisory staff for the south department, according to Revised Rule 214.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE,

Secretary pro tempore.

October 11, 1899.

The regular meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on October 11, 1899, at 5 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Burnham, Rueter and Keany.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Burnham was elected President pro tempore.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and the President pro tempore was authorized to draw upon the City Auditor for the amount thereof, \$21,636.53.

It was voted that there be paid to the Harrisburg Foundry and Machine Company the sum of \$90, in full settlement of their contract of September 2, 1898, for furnishing and installing engine in the new laundry building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, new laundry building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$3,000, the same being tenth payment on account of his contract of August 14, 1897, for erecting laundry building, provided that said Kerrens Driscoll and his sureties shall sign an agreement that on condition of his receiving the tenth payment of \$3,000, he and they shall relieve the city from all obligations on account of any delay on the part of the city in carrying out his contract up to the date of said receipt, and that the same meets the approval of His Honor the Mayor and the Law Department; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, new laundry building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$75 the same being 2½ percent. commission on \$3,000 when paid, according to the foregoing vote, to Kerrens Driscoll on account of his contract of August 14, 1897, for erecting laundry building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, new laundry building, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

(1.) Showing receipts from paying patients for the month of September to the amount of \$2,919.71. The communication was placed on file.

(2.) Recommending diplomas for the following-named nurses, provided that on the dates opposite their respective names they shall have passed their examinations and fulfilled all the requirements necessary to receive such diplomas:

THIRD YEAR GRADUATES.

Miss Elizabeth Hentig, November 16, 1899; Miss Elizabeth Clara McInnis, January 2, 1900; Mrs. Annie Lee Ray, January 16, 1900.

SECOND YEAR GRADUATES.

Miss Florence Cecilia Dodge, November 4, 1899; Mrs. Frances Allen Worrall, November 10, 1899; Miss Mary Frances Eliza Munro, November 13, 1899; Miss Lura Maud Haigh, November 14, 1899; Miss Martha Whiteside, November 23, 1899; Miss Maria Carpenter, November 28, 1899; Miss Annie Josephine Sanders, November 30, 1899; Miss Gertrude Adeline Murray, December 1, 1899; Miss Julia Kirkwood Hughes, December 8, 1899; Miss Anna Caroline Burritt, December 9, 1899; Miss Susan Turner Greene, December 11, 1899; Miss Bessie May Sutherland, December 14, 1899; Miss Maria Sophia Kier, December 16, 1899; Miss Floribel Walls, December 17, 1899; Miss Grace Anna Wallace, December 20, 1899; Miss Alena May DeWitt, December 18, 1899; Miss Mary Isabelle Stevens, December 26, 1899; Miss Lucy Ann Williams, December 29, 1899; Miss Ann Cleophas Mullarky, December 30, 1899; Miss Berthiah Cheney, January 18, 1900; Miss Donna Rosetta Wyatt, January 21, 1900; Mrs. Annie Laurie Dewing, January 22, 1900; Miss Clara Emma Hess, January 24, 1900; Miss Jean Byron Johnstone, January 27, 1900.

The same was referred to the Committee on Training School, who at once reported favorably, and the recommendation was approved.

The Superintendent reported that under instructions from the Trustees he had obtained the following proposals for two old laundry engines and one fan, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Holmes & Blanchard Company	\$10
M. P. Coleman	26
Morrill Leather Company	50

It was voted that, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the two engines and rotary fan in the old laundry be sold to the Morrill Leather Company for the sum of \$50.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Library Department.

Tuesday, September 19, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation, postponed from September 15, was held in the Trustees' room at 3.45 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Bowditch, and Dwight.

The special committee authorized under date of July 14 to act in behalf of the Board, reported that it had authorized purchases as follows: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to

the amount of \$207.87; to trust funds, \$876.73; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$48.37; to Station "P," \$26.02; miscellaneous articles, \$1,682.02; and allowed the following bills: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$4,596.26; to building appropriation, \$2,450; to trust funds, \$631.05; to the special appropriation for Station "P," \$21.46; also that it had authorized a special draft in favor of the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division for the sum of \$2,450 included in the above bills. The report was accepted and the action of the Committee confirmed by the Board.

Received: Communications, from Board of Election Commissioners dated August 21; from Stockholders' Protective Committee of Boston and Albany Railroad, dated September 1; from Hon. H. N. Sheldon, dated September 15; the Acting Librarian's report; the Auditor's monthly exhibits for August and September.

Service changes—Resignations: Margaret Meffin, grade D, Dorchester branch, July 27; George H. Hosea, janitor, East Boston branch, October 4. Frank C. Porter, grade D, West End branch, died July 25.

Employed: Matthew Muckensturm, shelf department, temporarily, ten cents an hour, September 6; Edward Warren, Brighton branch, extra service, \$2.75 per week, September 22; Levinia E. Stewart, grade D, Dorchester branch, on probation, \$5 per week, September 22.

Salaries fixed as follows: James L. McGuinness, grade D, periodical room, \$6, July 22; M. Florence Dale, grade C, Brighton branch, \$7.50, August 17; Lucius P. Lane, grade B, special, statistical department, \$14, August 22; Annie L. Gorman, grade D, runner, issue department, \$5, September 1; Grace L. Cutting, grade C, special, statistical department, \$12, September 1; Frank J. Hannigan, grade D, Bates Hall, \$7, September 29; Agnes C. Doyle, grade B, special, Bates Hall, \$15.50, October 1.

It was ordered to increase the edition of the Monthly Bulletin from 4,000 to 5,000 copies; and to reprint in separate form the "Index of Illustrations of Library Buildings," published in the August Bulletin, in an edition of 1,000 copies.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$127.10; to trust funds, \$558.94; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$6.57; to Station "P," \$12.27; miscellaneous articles, \$1,004.49.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$7,108.94; to trust funds, \$369.88; to special appropriation for Station "P," \$20.72.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held October 4, 1899.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Messrs. Kerrigan, Mullen, Stuart, Pierce and Sproules, Mrs. Wolcott, Miss Rogers, Miss O'Brien and Mrs. Quinn.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel advising the Board to elect its officers as provided in Chapter 17 of the Acts of 1899, and the following office

were so elected for the year ending April 30, 1900:

Chairman, William P. Fowler; Secretary, Benjamin Pettee; Treasurer, Richard C. Humphreys.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasury for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending September 10, 1899, the same having been read in full.

Notice was received from the Superintendent of Public Buildings of contract made for coal for the quarter ending January 1, 1900.

A communication from Mrs. Edward Jones, sister of Dr. Isaac T. Campbell, acknowledging receipt of copy of resolutions passed by the Board at the time of her brother's death, was ordered to be recorded in connection with the resolutions.

The following resolutions presented by the Chairman were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Board highly appreciates the long and faithful service of Dr. Henry Shaw, as settlement clerk, recognizing his devotion to duty, his unflinching efforts to further the welfare of the city in his dealings with the officials of other cities and towns, the great financial saving which he has made for the city, his scrupulous care in investigation, and his able management of doubtful cases.

Resolved, That the Board regrets that it is to lose the help of so faithful a member of its staff on account of failing strength, and hopes that the future may still have in store for Dr. Shaw many happy years of well earned rest.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Board, and a copy sent to Dr. Shaw.

A communication was received from the Civil Service Commission certifying to the Board the names of three persons eligible to fill a vacancy in the position of visitor, viz.:

	Standing.
Sherman C. Kingsley, 4 Eleanor street	85.63
Charles A. Stoddard, 756 Parker street	79.16
Charles W. Twombly, 71 Hillside street	78.00

After considering the merits of the candidates, two informal ballots were taken, which resulted in no choice, and further action in the matter was postponed to Friday evening at 7.30 P.M., at which an adjourned meeting is to be held.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by Mrs. Wolcott. The same was accepted and placed on file.

The monthly report of the Lodge and Woodyard was read by the Chairman. The same was accepted and placed on file.

The Committee on Building reported that new boilers had been contracted for and are now being put in, the cost to be \$1,552. The action was approved.

The Medical Committee reported the saving for the past year on account of change in the manner of giving medical relief in Charlestown as \$500.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held Friday, October 6, 1899.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Messrs. Sproules, Stuart, Mullen, Kerrigan, Pierce

and Plummer, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Wolcott, Miss O'Brien and Mrs. Quinn.

After some discussion as to the qualifications of the candidates for the position of visitor, the Board proceeded to vote in accordance with Chapter 170 of the Acts of 1899, as a result of which, Mr. Charles A. Stoddard was elected as visitor for the probationary period of six months from October 9, 1899, at a salary of \$1,200 per year, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor.

A copy of the records of the Quarterly Conference of Public Institutions Officials was received and placed on file.

The Chairman stated that he expected to be absent in Europe for several months, and Mr. Sproules was elected to serve as Chairman pro tempore, during the absence of Mr. Fowler.

By request of the Committee on Building, authority was given it to make such changes of radiators as seem to be expedient.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Park Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners, held on September 18 and October 2:

September 18, 1899.

The Board passed an act taking for a playground a parcel of land and flats, belonging to the estate of William Worthington, bounded by the Old Colony Railroad, Springdale street, and low water in Dorchester Bay, containing 809,200 square feet.

October 2, 1899.

The Board passed an act taking the parcel of land No. 20 North Bennet street, containing 1,426 square feet for an addition to the North End Playground.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Thursday, September 28.

It was voted to give a hearing in the matter of change in Board of Survey lines on Plan X 19, Plat 5, Friday, October 6, 1899, at 11 o'clock A.M., in Room 25 of the old court house.

Catch-basins were ordered in Howe street, and Chambers street was ordered to be relocated.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Pomfret street and to relocate Hancock street.

Petitions were received for sewers in Bird street and in Iroquois street.

An order was passed taking land for an engine-house on Warren street.

Friday, September 29.

Public hearings were given in the matters of laying out Echo street and Railroad street.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Monson street and a catch-basin at the corner of Beacon and St. Mary's streets, and for the extension of St. Rose street to South street.

It was voted to pay R. C. Humphreys \$826 for damages occasioned his estate by the relocation of Boston street.

T. J. LEE, Secretary pro tempore.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, August 28, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending August 26, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	6	-
2...	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	4
3...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2
4...	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	5	-
5...	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
6...	1	11	-	1	-	-	4	1	12	28
7...	-	4	-	-	-	-	7	-	9	30
8...	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	10	7
9...	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	19
10...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	10
11...	4	8	-	1	-	-	5	3	12	29
12...	1	1	1	-	1	-	2	1	9	5
13...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	3
14...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3
16...	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	4
17...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	9	4
18...	-	3	-	-	-	1	4	1	3	9
19...	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	6	8
20...	5	3	-	-	-	4	2	2	13	21
21...	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	3	18
22...	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	6
23...	-	-	3	-	-	-	4	-	4	9
24...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	29
25...	-	3	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	9
T'ls.	15	47	6	4	1	11	47	15	133	264

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, September 25, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending September 23, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	91
Number of discharges of mortgages	14
Number of assignments of mortgages	5
Number of bills of sale	2
Number of assignments of wages	43
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1
Number of married women's certificates, 12	

The following accident notices have been filed:

September 19—John W. McBride, personal injuries, caused by unguarded fence on Columbia road. Fred McBride, personal injuries and injuries to horse and buggy, caused by unguarded fence on Columbia road. Lazarus Saunders, damage to merchandise in cellar of 21 Rochester street, caused by accumulation of rubbish in catch-basin.

September 20—Mark B. Elwell, personal injuries, caused by defective condition of sidewalk on Atlantic avenue, in front of new station.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, October 10, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the three weeks ending October 7, as follows:

Joseph A. Devlin has been appointed a call substitute for Engine Company 17 and Louis Zelinger for Engine Company 11.

David Kane has been transferred from the Street Department to the veterinary hospital of this Department as horseshoer.

John Galway, battery-man of the fire-alarm branch, has been promoted to the position of assistant operator.

Lieut. John F. Hines and Hoseman P. A. Grant, of Combination Company 7, have been granted a day off each for meritorious conduct in the arrest of a thief.

William H. Gill, of Engine Company 23, and Francis E. Fitzgerald, of Engine Company 7, have been granted a day off each for meritorious conduct in stopping runaway horses.

William N. Boudreau, of Ladder Company 5, has been dishonorably discharged for assigning his pay and scandalous abuse of credit.

The following fire-alarm boxes have been established:

Nos. 755, 758 and 759 in the South Union station; and Nos. 163 and 164 in the electric light station, corner of L and First streets, South Boston.

Hay and straw have been ordered for the month of October, as follows:

District 1—Carstensen Brothers, hay at \$14.50, straw at \$13 per ton.

Districts 2 to 9—Hosmer, Robinson & Co., hay at \$15.50, straw at \$10.50 per ton.

District 10—H. B. Robinson, hay at \$15, straw at \$13 per ton.

District 11—J. Loring & Co., hay at \$15, straw at \$14 per ton.

District 12—W. P. Whittemore, hay at \$15.50, straw at \$14 per ton.

One horse has been purchased of L. A. Brockaway at \$170.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, October 7, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Drivers' Union Ice Company, Halleck street, north-east corner of Ward street, Ward 19, ninety-six horses; hearing October 19, at 11 o'clock. Charles Bonanno, 958 Saratoga street, Ward 1, three horses; hearing October 19, at 11 o'clock. William Barrett, Langdon street, Ward 17, twenty horses; hearing October 12, at 11 o'clock. James B. Hayes, 190 Adams street, Ward 20, three horses; hearing October 26, at 11 o'clock.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the month ending September 30, 1899:

Steers	874
New England cows	559
New England bulls	73
Sheep	3,086
Calves	1,872

Total 6,464

During the month 5,626 pounds of diseased meat have been condemned.

The following is a summary statement of the work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during the month of September, 1899:

Number of samples of milk examined:	
From wagons	684
From stores	306
Brought in by citizens	15

1,005

Number of samples of vinegar examined, 52

Number of samples of butter examined, 23

Total samples 1,080

Number of appeals 11

Number of cases pending September 1 . . . 6

Number of complaints entered:

For milk of low standard 26

For milk containing formalin 2

For sale of adulterated vinegar 1

For sale of molasses vinegar as cider vinegar 3

Total complaints 38

Number of convictions 13

Number of acquittals 1

Number of cases not prossed 2

Number of warrants returned without service 2

Number of cases pending October 1 . . . 20

Total cases 38

Number of appeals 2

Amount paid in fines August \$430

Amount paid in fines in September . . . 772

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending October 7, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	29	15	44
Negative	51	29	80
No growth	—	1	1
Totals	80	45	125

Totals 80 45 125

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, September 4, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending September 2, 1899:

Cases pending	-
Number of applications	59

59

Number of Admissions:

To State Almshouse 15

Long Island Almshouse, 11

Charlestown Almshouse, 2

Observation Hospital,

Deer Island 5

Boston Insane Hospital, 2

Danvers Insane Hospital, 4

Foxboro' Asylum 1

— 40

Number of applications refused 5

Number of applications withdrawn 14

Cases pending -

— 59

Settlements investigated 80

Settlements reported to the

Trustees for Children 7

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Chairman.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, October 9, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending October 7,

1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	172	8
Females	33	4
Totals	205	12
Offences:		
Against the person . .	15	1
Against property . . .	10	2
Against public order and decency	183	9
Totals	*208	12
Discharges:		
Males	140	7
Females	27	2
Totals	167	9
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence,	135	8
Permit of Commis-		
sioner	11	—
Payment of fine	21	1
Totals	167	9
Population:		
September 30, 1899 . .	1,292	464
Committed since Sep-		
tember 30, 1899 . . .	205	12
Totals	1,497	476
Discharged since Sep-		
tember 30, 1899 . . .	167	9
October 7, 1899 . . .	1,330	467

* Three committed charged with two offences each.

THOMAS FRANCIS HUNT,
Acting Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, August 28, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending August 26, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	697
Defects reported	120
Defects corrected	52
Notices of new work received	83
Feet of dead wire removed	8,400
Feet of dead wire retained	440
Fixtures removed	33
Poles set	47
Poles removed	1

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	300
Notices of new work received	194

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	19
Building connections	13
Pole connections	6
Repairs	5
Lamp connections	2
Conduit construction	4

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	35
Building connections	31
Pole connections	8
Lamp connections	3

Cable drawings	32
Repairs	7
Underground transformer	1

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

RECEPTION TO ADMIRAL DEWEY.

On his arrival at the North Station at about 6 P.M., on Friday, the thirteenth instant, Admiral Dewey was met by His Honor the Mayor, who was accompanied by Aldermen Barry and Prescho, Councilmen Kiley and Emery, and Colonels Frye and Stevens of the staff of Governor Wolcott.

Under an escort made up of Grand Army Veterans, Kearsarge Naval Veterans, and Spanish War Veterans, commanded by John E. Gilman, Department Commander, G.A.R., Admiral Dewey proceeded to the Hotel Touraine, where he was entertained as the guest of the city and of the Commonwealth.

Later in the evening a brilliant display of fireworks was provided by the city on the Common in honor of the Admiral. The committee charged with arrangements for the fireworks consisted of Aldermen Colby, O'Toole and Dixon, and Councilmen Horrigan, Battis, Donahoe and Miller.

The massing of pupils of the public schools, to the number of twenty thousand or more, and their singing of patriotic songs, was a striking feature of the city's reception to Admiral Dewey on Saturday, the fourteenth instant. The preliminary arrangements relating to the selections of music and the mobilization of the pupils were in accordance with circulars issued by the Secretary of the School Committee, on behalf of the Special Committee in charge, on October 9, 10 and 11.

The transportation of the school children to and from the Common, and their marching to the places assigned them were smoothly and successfully carried out under the supervision of Mr. J. G. Bassett, Master of the Bigelow School, acting as Marshal, and his aides, who were assisted by the masters and teachers of the schools represented.

The selections sung by the pupils under the direction of Mr. J. M. McLaughlin, were: "America," first and last stanzas; "The Star Spangled Banner," first and fourth stanzas.

Admiral Dewey said of the singing of the school children:

"When I first heard of the idea of massing so many school children I did not think it feasible. It has been the most impressive sight I have seen, and the greeting the children have given me has been more enthusiastic than that given me by any people in any city."

The special committee, which represented the School Board, at the reception to Admiral Dewey and the arrangements preliminary thereto, was appointed on May 23, 1899, as follows:

Dr. William J. Gallivan, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Ignatius S. McDonough and Thomas J. Kenny.

President Huggan and Mrs. E. C. Keller, at the special invitation of the committee, were present with the committee on the Common and at City Hall, on Saturday.

The presentation to Admiral Dewey of a watch and salver in the name of the city by His Honor the Mayor took place at 10.30 A.M., Saturday, October 14, in front of City Hall in the presence of an assemblage of

heads of departments and other city officials, for whose benefit the yard of City Hall had been reserved.

The presentation took place on a stand placed opposite the main entrance of the hall in the centre of the yard. Following is a list of the persons who, in addition to Admiral Dewey and Mayor Quincy, occupied seats on the stand:

Captain Lamberton, of the "Olympia"; Captain Dyer, of the "Baltimore"; Capt. Mortimer L. Johnson, Acting Commandant of the Charlestown Navy Yard; Col. Charles R. Suter, of the United States Engineer Corps of this district; Colonel Woodruff, of Fort Warren; Colonel Riley, of the Watertown Arsenal; Commander A. V. Wadhams and wife, of Washington; Flag Lieutenant Brumby; Hon. W. Murray Crane, Lieutenant-governor of the Commonwealth; Hon. John L. Bates, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives; Hon. George E. Smith, President of the Massachusetts Senate; Mr. Wallace F. Robinson, President of the Chamber of Commerce; Hon. William B. Plunkett, President of the Home Market Club; Gen. James L. Carter, of the Governor's staff; Mr. Nat. G. Robinson, Mayor's Private Secretary; Mr. James A. McKibben, Mayor's Corresponding Secretary; Messrs. Huggan, Gallivan, Kenny, Courtney, McDonough, Mrs. Fifield and Mrs. Keller, of the School Committee; Aldermen Barry, Colby, Dixon, McDonald, Berwin, Prescho and O'Toole, and Councilmen Kiley, O'Brien, Emery, Donahoe, Miller, Lorey, Horrigan and Battis, of the Reception Committee of the city government.

After the Handel and Hadyn Society, Emil Mollenhauer, conductor, accompanied by a part of the Municipal Band, had sung "See, the Conquering Hero Comes," His Honor the Mayor made a presentation address to Admiral Dewey. The address of His Honor and the response of the Admiral (which are printed on page 685) concluded the formal reception of the City of Boston to Admiral Dewey, who, after leaving City Hall, became the guest of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whose militia he reviewed later in the day from the steps of the State House.

On Monday evening the crew of the "Olympia" were tendered a supper at the Irvington-street armory, after which, through the generosity of Mr. B. F. Keith, they were entertained at Keith's Theatre. The committee in charge of the entertainment of the crew consisted of Aldermen Dixon, O'Toole, Berwin and Prescho and Councilmen Emery, O'Brien, Lorey, Horrigan and Battis.

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IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 18, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Northwood street be laid out as a highway, at East Boston, from Leyden street to Gladstone street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 325 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the first day of November, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, October 14, 1899.

The undersigned respectfully requests the privilege of erecting an iron awning in front of 28 and 32 North street, Ward 6, Boston.

Eastern Cold Storage Company,
By A. C. F. SORELL, Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 16, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the thirtieth day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner, by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 3, 1899.

The undersigned request permission to project from building No. 35 Central square, corner Saratoga street, Ward 1, three bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories, one over Central square, corner Saratoga street, and two over Saratoga street. Dimensions: Each twenty feet high, eleven feet wide, and three feet over line of street.

FREEMAN NICKERSON and PETER MORRISON, Trustees,
By CHARLES F. HARGRAVE.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 9, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-third day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the East Boston Free Press and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 17, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Shepton street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Dorchester avenue to Florida street and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the thirty-first day of October, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest. J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

The Boston Transit Commission will receive until 12 M., October 26, 1899, at its office, 20 Beacon street, Boston, offers for the purchase of the following described real estate:

A certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Boston, and bounded—

Westerly on Court street, twenty-two feet; northerly on Brattle street, thirty-two feet; easterly on land now or formerly of Uriah Cotting by a line running through the middle of the partition wall eighteen feet, and southerly on land now or formerly of David Greenough by a line running through the middle of the partition wall, thirty-two feet, with a privilege, so far as the same now exists, in the passage of the adjoining store for the purpose of passing and repassing to the chambers of the store on said premises with all other privileges as set forth in the deed from David Greenough to John Lemist, dated January 9, 1818, and recorded in Suffolk Deeds in Lib. 257, fol. 249, so far as now in force.

The property will be sold reserving to the grantor and its successors and assigns all of said premises below the street floor, and also such portion of the ground or street floor to the level of the second floor, including the walls as is now used by the Boston Elevated Railway Company under a lease from the City of Boston to the West End Street Railway Company, dated December 7, 1896, and subject also to such further reservations and restrictions as may be deemed necessary to secure to the grantor and its assigns the safe and convenient use of the portion so reserved. The grantee is to have the right to build upon the present walls to such height and in such manner as may be required for a building of the first class under the building laws applicable to the City of Boston.

Plans can be seen at this office.

All offers will be treated as confidential, and will be returned to the makers if not accepted, and the Commission reserves the right to reject any and all offers or to accept that one which shall seem for the best interests of the City of Boston.

GEORGE G. CROCKER,
CHARLES H. DALTON,
THOMAS J. GARGAN,
GEORGE F. SWAIN,
HORACE G. ALLEN,

Boston Transit Commission.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 18, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for laying about 15,000 square feet of artificial stone sidewalks in Edwin street, between Dorchester avenue and Florida street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond of a surety company in the sum of \$1,000 for maintaining the work for a period of ten years after its completion, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Tuesday, October 24, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$100, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE.

Boston, October 16, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners, in accordance with Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and amendments thereto, having passed orders for the laying out and construction of the following highways:

WEST ROXBURY.

Custer street.
Rowe street.
Seymour street.

Notice is hereby given that the Street Department is about to do the work contemplated in said order, and that all work to be done in said highways by all persons or corporations having rights in the same to lay or repair either sewer, gas, water or other pipes must be done before Wednesday, November 15, 1899, as after that time no permits for openings will be granted until two years after said highways are completed.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for furnishing the school furniture for the Mechanic Arts High School, Belvidere street, Boston. A certified check for \$100, payable to the City of Boston, must be furnished, and will be held as security for the carrying out of the proposal. A satisfactory bond, in the sum of \$500, will also be required.

Specifications may be seen at the office of the School-house Agent, Room 30, Old Court House, Boston. The bidders must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign same, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, Boston, Mass., until 4.30 P.M. of October 25, 1899, at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city. The proposal and check should be enclosed in an envelope, indorsed "Proposals for school furniture, Mechanic Arts High School."

THOMAS F. STRANGE,

Chairman Committee on School-houses of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE.

Boston, October 16, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners, in accordance with Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and amendments thereto, having passed orders for the laying out and construction of the following highways:

DORCHESTER.

Annabel street.
Barry street.
Fowler street.
Nottingham street.
Rockford street.
Warner street.

Notice is hereby given that the Street Department is about to do the work contemplated in said order, and that all work to be done in said highways by all persons or corporations having rights in the same to lay or repair either sewer, gas, water or other pipes must be done before Wednesday, November 15, 1899, as after that time no permits for openings will be granted until two years after said highways are completed.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Boston, October 16, 1899.

The undersigned respectfully petitions for leave to project a permanent awning in front of premises Nos. 46 to 52 inclusive on Clinton street and No. 38 Commercial street, Ward 6. Said awning to be one hundred feet in length on Clinton street, and about sixteen feet on Commercial street and ten feet in width on said streets, and to be secured to the building by iron brackets, with roll duck awning.

Boston Auction Company,

W. M. SNOW, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

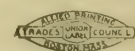
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Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale by the W. B. Clarke Company — Park Street Church stores A and B, Park and Tremont streets.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

At its meeting, held on the twenty-third instant, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the appointment by His Honor the Mayor of James O'Connor, to be a constable for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of Thomas O'Connor, resigned.

DEATH OF EX-ALDERMAN ANTHONY.

The death of Mr. Benjamin F. Anthony, ex-Alderman of Boston, occurred at his home, 42 Sherman street, Roxbury, on Wednesday, October 18, 1899.

Mr. Anthony was a native of Lowell, where he was born September 14, 1828. He was a member of the Common Council of Roxbury during the last year (1867) of the existence of that city before its annexation to Boston. In 1879 and 1880 Mr. Anthony was a member of the Common Council of Boston, and in 1882 and 1883 he was elected to the Board of Aldermen of the city.

DEATH OF SERGEANT COMEE.

Police Sergeant James P. Comee, of Station 14, Brighton, died at his house on Cambridge street, Brighton, Wednesday, October 18, 1899.

Mr. Comee was born in Dana, Mass., November 29, 1839. He was appointed a patrolman of the Boston police force in 1865, and in 1877 he was promoted to be a sergeant.

RESIGNATION OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER CORBETT.

Hon. Joseph J. Corbett has resigned as a member of the Board of Election Commissioners, and Mayor Quincy has designated Mr. John H. Donovan, of the Board of Assessors, to temporarily fill the vacancy. The following communications are self-explanatory:

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

October 24, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Board of Election Commissioners, and would be pleased to have the same accepted to-day.

Yours respectfully,

JOSEPH J. CORBETT.

Mayor Quincy, in accepting the resignation of Mr. Corbett, sent him the following letter:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 24, 1899.

HON. JOSEPH J. CORBETT, Election Commissioner.

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your resignation as a member of the Board of Election Commissioners, and in compliance with your own desire, I accept the same, to take effect at once, and I have designated Mr. John H. Donovan, a member of the Board of Assessors, to fill temporarily the vacancy thus created.

In accepting your resignation, I desire to express my hearty appreciation of the manner in which you have performed your duties as a member of this important Board. Your experience has rendered you peculiarly well qualified to fill this office, and I feel that the city has benefited by your services and that it now suffers a loss by your retirement.

With regret at the severance of our official relations, and with assurances of personal regard, I am yours very truly.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

To Mr. John H. Donovan, of the Board of Assessors, Mayor Quincy sent the following letter:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 2, 1899.

JOHN H. DONOVAN, Esq., Board of Assessors.

DEAR SIR: You are hereby designated to discharge temporarily the duties of a member of the Board of Election Commissioners, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Joseph J. Corbett. Please qualify at once to act in this capacity, and enter upon the discharge of the duties of Election Commissioner.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

FREE CHAMBER CONCERTS.

The Music Commissioners have arranged a series of free chamber concerts to be given in various school-halls of the city, following the plan established last winter. The programmes will be given by a string quartette, a pianist and a vocalist. The members of the quartette are Mr. Carl Peirce, first violin; Mr. Vincent Akeroyd, second violin; Mr. William Jennewein, viola; Mr. Leon Van Vliet, violincello, and Mr. James T. Whelan, accompanist.

Tickets will be distributed through local pastors and charitable organizations and various stores of the districts. Managers of local organizations can secure tickets through application to the Music Commissioners, 64 Pemberton square, and the dates of the concerts and places selected are as follows:

November 14 — Roxbury High School.

November 21 — Brighton High School.

December 5 — Hancock School, North End.

December 12 — Shurtleff School, South Boston.

December 19 — Harris School, Dorchester District.

January 2 — Lyman School, East Boston.

January 9 — Lowell School, Jamaica Plain.

January 16 — High School, Charlestown.

JUDGMENTS ON OVERFLOW OF EAST BOSTON SEWER.

The third batch of judgments has been entered in the Municipal Civil Court against the City of Boston, growing out of overflows of a sewer in the neighborhood of Bennington street, East Boston, in the fall of 1898. The following judgments, made on October 20, 1899, award these damages:

Plaintiffs.	Damages.
Charles A. Gillis	\$103 00
Mary Honlin	115 00
Graton R. Johnson	259 50
Patrick Kavanagh	80 00
John S. Kehan	138 00
Kate Lane	529 00
John Lewis	130 00
Daniel J. Mahoney et al.	75 00
John McCashion	78 50
Dana P. McGonigunicle et al.	767 00
John F. McKillop	346 05
Sarah A. McLaren	350 90
James McLaughlin	175 00
William McPhee	239 00
Axel Miller	106 00
Eliza J. Moynihan	134 00
John E. Nelson	33 80
John Oakleaf	115 00
Elizabeth O'Conner	246 00
Tomisina Powse et al.	226 00
Collins C. Simington et al.	225 20
Michael Sullivan	758 00
George A. Webster	267 00
Samuel Whiten	124 50
Alexine Zimmer	475 55
Mark Brillanstein	241 00
Anna Cox	247 00
Everett Earl	174 00
Daniel D. O'Flaherty	239 25
Louis Flot	72 00
Michael J. McGrath	55 00
James Rothwell	29 00
James P. Payne	301 50
Arthur Smith	280 00
Jane Starks	95 00
Ida Starks	157 00
Margaret Whittington	108 25
Leo Wise	190 79
Mary E. Maclauchlan	800 00
Jacob Shapiro & Co.	200 00
Catherine Sullivan	800 00
George A. Garratt	436 24
Mitchell Gallagher	158 75
James W. Forster	107 00
John D. Fitzgerald	894 75
Israel Fastosky	440 00
Martin Connolly	506 00
Thomas Casey et al.	236 15
Bridget Burkett	55 10
Swen Benson	74 50

GIFTS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Two notable gifts have recently been received by the Library, one on September 29, from a friend of the Library, the sum of \$137.74, for the purchase of ninety-five volumes of Catholic literature, selected from the list published in the "Library Journal" of June, 1899; and the other, on October 20, from Mr. Augustus Hemenway, the sum of \$200 for the purchase of forty-six permanent carbon photographs, illustrating the rise and progress of Greek and Roman art. These photographs are said to be the best yet published in Europe or in this country. The subjects were selected by Professor Tarbell, of the University of Chicago.

STATE ELECTION REGISTRATION LIST.

The following table shows by wards the total registration of persons in the City of Boston entitled to vote at the State election on November 7, 1899, as compared with the total registration for the State election in 1898:

WARDS.	1899.	1898.
1	4,116	4,188
2	4,128	3,880
3	3,275	3,075
4	2,696	2,724
5	3,001	2,833
6	4,366	4,121
7	2,659	2,492
8	3,711	3,645
9	3,865	3,713
10	3,808	3,952
11	3,794	3,925
12	3,687	3,437
13	3,906	3,920
14	4,482	4,491
15	3,793	3,733
16	4,040	3,945
17	4,261	4,217
18	4,014	3,818
19	4,524	4,482
20	5,799	5,337
21	4,852	4,418
22	4,813	4,492
23	4,282	4,113
24	5,023	4,745
25	3,618	3,542
Totals	100,513	97,238

VISIT OF DELEGATES FROM JAPAN.

The following delegates from Japan to the Philadelphia Commercial Museum arrived in Boston Tuesday morning, October 24, and called upon His Honor Mayor Quincy:

Mr. Kahi Otani, President of the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce; Mr. K. Yamamoto, President of the Kobe Chamber of Commerce; Mr. T. Kinnua, Secretary of the Kobe Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Kanashin Wani, Secretary to Chairman of the Central Board of Tea Traders, and Mr. Takenosuke Furuya, secretary and interpreter to the delegates.

The delegates were accompanied by Secretary Elwyn G. Preston, of the Chamber of Commerce.

SALE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS.

Thirty-five lots of land, of from 4,000 to 8,000 square feet each, in Dorchester, belonging to the Christopher Gibson School Fund, held in trust by the Board of Aldermen, will be sold at public auction on Saturday, November 11, 1899, at 11 A.M., by Messrs. Holbrook & Co., auctioneers. Immediately before the sale, any buildings on the land will be offered to the highest bidder.

Plans and particulars may be had of the auctioneers, 12 Post Office square, Boston.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on November 7, 1899, an examination may be taken for the position of assistant in biochemic division, bureau of animal industry, Department of Agriculture, in any city in the United States where the Commission has a Board of Examiners.

Announcement is also made that on November 7 and 8, 1899, an examination may be taken in any city in the United States, where the Commission has a Board of Examiners, for the grade of skilled laborer, with a knowledge of cabinet making and furniture drafting.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill the above-named position at a salary of \$720 per annum.

The Commission further announces that on November 14, 1899, an examination may be taken for the grade of nautical expert, Navy Department, hydrographic office.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill the position of nautical expert, hydrographic office, Navy Department, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum. There are at present three vacancies.

The Commission announces that on November 14 and 15, 1899, an examination may be taken for the position of inspector of heating and ventilating apparatus, in connection with public buildings, supervising architect's office, Treasury Department.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill the position of inspector of heating and ventilating apparatus, in connection with public buildings, office of supervising architect Treasury Department, at a salary of \$2,190 per annum.

The Commission further announces that on December 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1899, an examination may be taken for the grades of ship draftsman and assistant ship draftsman, bureau of construction and repair, Navy Department.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certifications will be made to fill the positions of ship draftsman, Newport News, Va.; ship draftsman, Portsmouth, N.H.; ship draftsman, Boston, Mass.; assistant ship draftsman, Boston, Mass., in the bureau of construction and repair, navy yard service, and at salaries of \$5, \$6, \$5.04 and \$4 per diem, respectively.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. All such citizens are invited to apply. They will be examined, graded, and certified, with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any

consideration save their ability as shown by the grade attained by them in examination.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., or to Mr. E. E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office, Boston, Mass., for application blank (Form 304), which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D.C.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, October 23, 1899.

The fifty-third meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Monday, October 23, 1899, at 12 M., all the members being present.

The records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Barry.

A communication was received from the City Auditor, stating that the best information that he can get at the State House shows that the amount which the city will receive this year on account of the general corporation and franchise taxes will exceed by the sum of \$100,000 the amount estimated by him at the beginning of the year, and that he therefore feels warranted in increasing said estimate by that amount.

A communication was also received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make an additional appropriation to the Reserve Fund.

The communications were placed on file, and Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That an additional appropriation of \$100,000 is hereby made to the Reserve Fund, the same to be met by the additional revenue estimated by the City Auditor under date of October 18 in excess of his previous estimate of revenue.

The order was passed—yeas, 4; nays, 0 (Mr. Kiley being absent):

Yeas—Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, and Mayor Quincy—4.

The order was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make an appropriation for a new ferryboat.

Placed on file.

The Board took up the following assignment:

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting authority to construct a new ferryboat, the expense to be met out of the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

The communication was placed on file, and Mr. Dore moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be directed to construct and equip a new ferryboat for the Ferry Division of the Street Department, the expense thereof to be charged to the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

The order was passed—yeas, 4; nays, 0 (Mr. Kiley being absent):

Yeas—Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, and Mayor Quincy—4.

The order was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

A communication was received from a committee of the South Boston Citizens' Association requesting a hearing in relation to a new fence around Independence square, South Boston.

The Board voted to grant a hearing in regard to the matter, and Maj. George F. H. Murray and Representative Michael J. Sullivan, a committee of the said association, appeared and were heard.

The Board then went into executive session.

Mr. Dore, for the sub-committee of three appointed to obtain prices upon the additional land desired by the Insane Hospital Trustees, reported progress, and said that the committee hoped to be able to report definitely at the next meeting.

The following were received and placed on file:

(1.) Order (referred by the City Council) requesting the Board "to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to hire or lease a suitable piece of land for a playground in Ward 15."

(2.) Order (passed by the City Council) requesting the Board "to provide an appropriation sufficient to enable the City of Boston to offer its hospitalities to Admiral Dewey, as a recognition of the valuable and patriotic services which he rendered to his country during the recent war with Spain."

An order (passed by the City Council) was received, requesting the Board "to provide an appropriation sufficient for the establishing of a branch of the Public Library at the North End."

The order went over, as unfinished business.

The Board took up the following, pending as unfinished business:

(1.) A communication from Vicksburg Command, No. 15, U.V.U., requesting an appropriation of \$100 to cover expenditures made on Memorial Day.

(2.) An oral request made by the Music Commission for an additional appropriation of \$1,000 to meet the expense of moving and repairing the Mechanics' Hall organ.

Severally placed on file.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Barry, at 12.55 P.M., to meet on Thursday, October 26, 1899, at 2.30 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Boston, October 10, 1899.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the office of Wheelwright & Haven, Tremont building, Boston, at 3.30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 10, 1899.

Present: All the members.

The Commission examined sketch drawings of the proposed new bridge prepared by Mr. E. M. Wheelwright.

Adjourned, to meet on Thursday, October 12, at 4 P.M., at the office of Wheelwright & Haven.

Boston, October 12, 1899.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the office of Wheelwright & Haven, Tremont building, Boston, Thursday, October 12, 1899, at 4 P.M.

Present: Commissioners Champlin and Leavitt.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, Commissioner Leavitt was elected Chairman pro tempore.

The Commission examined modified sketch drawings of the proposed new bridge, prepared by Mr. E. M. Wheelwright.

Adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 17, at 4 P.M., at the office of Wheelwright & Haven.

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On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the schedule of bills and payrolls, amounting to \$2,214.03, presented by the Chief Engineer of the Commission for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, be certified by the Commission for payment by the respective cities of Boston and Cambridge.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the Chief Engineer be authorized to open the temporary highway bridge across the Charles river to public travel on Wednesday, October 18, 1899, at 12 P.M., and to close the old West Boston bridge as soon thereafter as practicable; and that a notice to this effect be sent to the Boston Elevated Railway Company, the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, the Boston Electric Light Company, the Cambridge Electric Light Company and the Commissioners on Boston and Cambridge Bridges.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the claim of the Cambridge Park Commission amounting to \$3,782.83, for land taken by this Commission, by an order dated July 1, 1899, for the purpose of widening Main street in the City of Cambridge as an approach to the proposed new Cambridge bridge, be, and hereby is, approved; and that the same be, and hereby is, certified for payment by the City of Cambridge, as provided in Section 8, Chapter 467, of the Acts of 1898.

Adjourned, on motion of Commissioner Champlin, to meet at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Cambridge, this evening at 8 P.M.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending October 21, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	15.6
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	16.8
Number of deaths:	
Males	90
Females	73
Total	163
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	172
Decrease	9

Of the 163 decedents, 161 were white and 2 colored; 110 were born in the United States, 52 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 30 were of American parentage, 121 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 12 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	72	6
Scarlatina	24	1
Typhoid fever	29	8
Measles	2	—
Totals	127	15

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	18
Pneumonia	20
Heart disease	11
Bronchitis	4
Marasmus	8
Violent causes	4
Total from principal causes	65
Total from infectious diseases	15
Total from other causes	83
Total from all causes	163
Deaths of children under 1 year	34
Deaths of children under 5 years	48
Deaths of persons over 60 years	31
Deaths in public institutions	42

TREMONT STREET MALL.

His Honor Mayor Quincy has received from representatives of the Societies of Sons and Daughters of the Revolution and Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution a petition, dated October 13, 1899, requesting that the mall on Boston Common, commencing at the junction of Boylston and Tremont streets, and ending at the junction of Park and Tremont streets, be named "Lafayette Mall," in honor of the Marquis de Lafayette and to commemorate his reception in Boston in 1824.

At a meeting of the Executive Council, held October 25, 1899, Governor Wolcott's nominations of Capt. Joseph W. Collins, of Boston, and Mr. Edward A. Brackett, of Winchester, as members of the Fish and Game Commission, the latter being a re-appointment, were confirmed. Captain Collins will probably act as Chairman of the Commission.

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermen's Room, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, October 23, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Garbage Plant Nuisance.**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,**

City Hall, October 23, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Health in reply to your order requesting a report as to "what action the said Board proposes to take relative to the abating of the garbage plant nuisance existing at Cow Pasture."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

October 21, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In response to an order of the Board of Aldermen asking to be informed at its next meeting "what action the Board of Health proposes to take relative to the abating of the garbage plant nuisance now existing at Cow Pasture," we have to say that the matter referred to has been thoroughly investigated by the Board of Health and its conclusions were some time since communicated, through His Honor the Mayor, to the Superintendent of Streets, who, under the terms of the contract between the City of Boston and the New England Sanitary Product Company, is authorized and empowered to abate any nuisance shown to be prejudicial to the public health or comfort in the operation of the new garbage plant.

Very respectfully,

The Board of Health,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Addition to Reserve Fund.**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,**

City Hall, October 23, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting to-day, making an additional appropriation of \$100,000 to the Reserve Fund, the said appropriation to be met by additional revenue estimated by the City Auditor in excess of his estimate made at the first of this year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

October 23, 1899.

Ordered, That an additional appropriation of one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars is hereby made to the Reserve Fund, the same to be met by the additional revenue estimated by the City Auditor under date of October 18 in excess of his previous estimate of revenue.

JOHN P. DORE,

DAVID F. BARRY,

LAURENCE MINOT,

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

New Ferryboat Authorized.**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,**

City Hall, October 23, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting today, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to construct and equip a new ferryboat, the expense to be met from the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895. The City Council authorized the Superintendent of Streets to construct the "Noddle Island," the idea being to increase by one the number of ferryboats. This increase has been offset, however, by the taking of the "East Boston" by the United States government, and the need of a new boat is pressing.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

October 23, 1899.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be directed to construct and equip a new ferryboat for the Ferry Division of the Street Department, the expenses thereof to be charged to the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

JOHN P. DORE,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Sent to the Common Council without alteration.

Veto—Order Box on Sidewalk.**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,**

City Hall, October 23, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board granting permission to David J. Brett to place a small

order box on the sidewalk at 1278 Washington street, Ward 9, for the reason that, in the opinion of the Law Department, said vote is illegal.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby leave was granted to place an order box on the sidewalk was reconsidered, and the Board refused to grant the permit over the Mayor's veto, the vote being — yeas, 3; nays, 4.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., Thursday, October 19, 1899, President Kiley in the chair.

The following message from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Ambulance Station — South Boston.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 19, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In connection with the building of the ambulance station in South Boston, for which the sum of \$10,000 has been appropriated, it is important to arrange at once for a site. The appropriation was urged on the ground that an ambulance was very greatly needed in that section of the city, and particularly in connection with the work of Carney Hospital; and my understanding is that the appropriation was made by the Board of Apportionment and the City Council with the desire of making the ambulance station available for use in connection with this very worthy and useful institution. The appropriation is now in the hands of the Public Buildings Department for expenditure, and the building can be started as soon as the site is arranged for. It has seemed to me that the best course was for the city to lease from the Carney Hospital authorities the lot of land owned by them, which was suggested as offering the most suitable site for the ambulance station, and for the city then to lease the station, when completed, to Carney Hospital at a normal rental, for use in connection with that institution. As Carney Hospital now derives some revenue from the lot of land which it is proposed to use for this purpose, the authorities of the Hospital believe that the city should pay a ground rent of \$250 a year for the use of this site, and this seems to me a reasonable proposal, — particularly in view of the fact that the ambulance will thus be put into public service. A lease of this character should be authorized by the City Council, and I therefore recommend the passage of the following order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, with the approval of His

Honor the Mayor, be authorized to lease for the term of twenty years, and at a rental of \$250 a year, for the purpose of using the same as a site for the ambulance station for South Boston, for which the sum of \$10,000 has been appropriated, a certain parcel of land situated in South Boston, owned by the Carney Hospital, and bounded and described as follows: Easterly by National street, which leads into Fourth street, near its intersection with Dorchester street, forty feet six inches; southerly by land now or formerly of Martin, eighty-seven feet; westerly by land now or formerly of Calvin Aiken, by line parallel, with the westerly line of said National street, and also parallel with Old Harbor street, forty feet six inches; northerly by land supposed to have belonged to George Sweetland, eighty-seven feet.

The communication was sent up, and the order was passed.

IMMIGRATION DURING SEPTEMBER.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the month ending September 30, 1899:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Dutch and Flemish	7	4	3
East Indian	1	1	—
English	474	252	222
Finnish	153	84	69
French	3	2	1
German	10	8	2
Hebrew	63	36	27
Irish	864	276	588
Italian (Southern)	1	1	—
Lithuanian	1	1	—
Polish	2	2	—
Russian	2	1	1
Scandinavian	720	251	469
Scotch	74	29	45
Slavak	3	3	—
Syrian	3	—	3
Welsh	3	3	—
West Indian	2	2	—
Not specified	10	5	5
Total	2,396	961	1,435
Tourists or passengers en route	123	—	—
Total immigration for month ending September 30, 1899	2,519	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS. — STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division —	
Maine	35
New Hampshire	41
Vermont	7
Massachusetts	1,572
Rhode Island	134
Connecticut	14
New York	146
New Jersey	6
Pennsylvania	34
Total	1,989

South Atlantic Division —

Maryland	4
Virginia	3
Total	7
North Central Division —	
Ohio	10
Indiana	5
Illinois	151
Michigan	39
Wisconsin	22
Minnesota	74
Iowa	22
Missouri	5
North Dakota	8
South Dakota	17
Nebraska	5
Kansas	1
Total	359
South Central Division —	
Alabama	1
Mississippi	2
Louisiana	6
Texas	5
Oklahoma	1
Total	15
Western Division —	
Montana	4
Wyoming	3
Colorado	5
Idaho	2
Washington	3
California	9
Total	26

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division	1,989
South Atlantic Division	7
North Central Division	359
South Central Division	15
Western Division	26
Total	2,396

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following general order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

October 20, 1899.

General Order No. 632.

I. In the matter of the complaint made by Frank E. Kavanagh against Reserve Officer Howard P. Kempton, of Division 9, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, in that he made improper use of his revolver by firing it unnecessarily, the Board finds the said Reserve Officer Kempton guilty, and sentences him to a forfeiture of ten days' pay.

II. In the matter of the complaint made by Michael Benson against Patrolman Patrick J. O'Neil, of Division 9, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board finds the said Patrolman O'Neil guilty, and sentences him to a forfeiture of three days' pay.

III. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman John F. Egan, of Division 6, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, in that he failed to pull in his "on duty" calls, the Board finds the said Patrolman Egan guilty, and sentences him to a forfeiture of three days' pay.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved October 13, 1899:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to cancel the agreement of Bennett H. Nash, dated the eighth day of November, 1888, holding the city harmless "from and against any and all claims for damages, costs, expenses or compensation, on account of the placing of an area covered by a Hyatt light and flagging in Boylston street, in front of or adjoining the premises now or formerly numbered 56 on said street," the immunity of the city from such claims being now secured by Chapter 38, Section 18, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to the Robert G. Shaw Social Club, Marshall Thompson, President, the sum of \$250, being the amount, less \$50 for use, paid by said club for a special club liquor license which was not issued by the Board of Police.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to Frank Doherty and Mark F. Dowling the sum of \$1,400, being the amount paid by them for liquor licenses of the first and fourth classes which were granted but not issued by the Board of Police.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William B. F. Whall and Thomas J. Ready, trustees, the sum of \$8.30, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Charles, Spring and Washington streets, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2580, fol. 68.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Augusta A. Way the sum of \$143.45, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Morris street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2582, fol. 228.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Laura Seldner the sum of \$40.30, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on northerly side of Fuller street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 40.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward Reardon the sum of \$91.77, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Fenton street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2498, fol. 621.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John B. Dore the sum of \$76.26, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on East

Fourth street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2408, fol. 123.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Sherman L. Whipple the sum of \$320.60, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on south-west side of Sixth street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2583, fol. 132.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Sherman L. Whipple the sum of \$141.60, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from sale of an estate on south-west side of Sixth street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds Lib. 2580, fol. 231.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Sherman L. Whipple the sum of \$148.20, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on south-west side of Sixth street for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2580, fol. 233.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Elbridge K. Jewett, trustee, the sum of \$1.23, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Falcon street for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 620.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Elbridge K. Jewett, trustee, the sum of \$31.11, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Falcon street for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 625.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Elbridge K. Jewett, trustee, the sum of \$192.47, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Glendon street for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 628.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William H. Baker the sum of \$116.90, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on westerly side of Denny street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 49.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary G. Fuller the sum of \$159.40, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mt. Vernon street for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2583, fol. 153.

The following was approved October 19, 1899:

Ordered, That the Austin School-house, on Paris street, East Boston, which was surrendered by the School Committee February 12, 1895, be transferred from the custody of the Street Commissioners to the custody of the School Committee; the use of said building for school purposes being again required.

The following were approved October 20, 1899:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary Doyle the sum of \$154.85, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, for the sale of an estate on Ellingwood street of unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2580, fol. 107.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Affairs be requested to consider the advisability of requesting His Honor the Mayor to petition the next General Court for the passage of a law for the compulsory arbitration of difficulties between capital and labor, similar to that now in vogue in New Zealand; and that the committee be authorized to give public hearings, to employ a stenographer and to report in print if they deem it advisable.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and hereby is, authorized to enter into an indenture with the Museum of Fine Arts for releasing all the restrictions and conditions imposed by the city on the land conveyed by it to said Museum of Fine Arts, under its former name of Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts; provided that said Museum of Fine Arts shall by said indenture agree to a restriction for the future on said land requiring all buildings thereon to be set back at least twenty-five feet from any street by which said premises are bounded, and requiring the exterior walls of all buildings thereon to be of brick, stone or iron, and that said Museum of Fine Arts shall further agree to give the public the same right of access as now to the building or buildings on said premises so long as the same belong to said Museum of Fine Arts and are used by it for a Museum of Fine Arts; and requiring the owner of said land to protect the city against all damages from raising the grade of Dartmouth street or other streets as provided in the fifth of said conditions; such indenture shall be in such form and contain such other provisions as His Honor the Mayor shall approve.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved by the Mayor October 13, 1899:

Orders authorizing permits as follows:

Francis W. Kittredge to construct, maintain and use three coal-hole openings, each not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with iron covers of rough upper surface, in the sidewalk on the Warren-street side of estate on the corner of Warren and Moreland streets, Ward 21.

Estate of John P. Nichols to construct, maintain and use four areas, twelve feet by three feet eight inches each, with granite and iron covers under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Mt. Pleasant avenue at or near the corner of Blue Hill avenue, Ward 17.

The American Bell Telephone Company to construct, maintain and use areas with iron and granite covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estates 11-13 Oliver street, and 117-119 Milk street, as shown on plan on file in the permit office, Street Department.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain

and use double-curved tracks at the junction of Columbus avenue with Dartmouth street; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated September 13, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use curved tracks on Washington street, near Zeigler street, connecting with existing tracks of said company on Washington and Roxbury streets, and extending to the property line of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on said Washington street, also on Warren street, north of Zeigler street, connecting with existing tracks of said company on Warren street, and extending to the property line of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on said Washington street, also on Warren street, north of Zeigler street, connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Warren street, and extending to the property line of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on said Warren street, also on Dudley street, between Washington and Warren streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is hereby further granted to the West End Street Railway Company to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in said location, by the overhead system, so-called, and to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The following were approved October 18, 1899:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

David Gaffen, sign at 234 Main street, Ward 5.

Joseph Pecone, sign at 316 Washington street, Ward 25.

Burk & Co., illuminated sign at 294 Washington street, Ward 6.

Prudential Insurance Company of America, sign at 10 Hyde Park avenue.

Chandler & Farquhar, sign at 36 Federal street.

Remnant Tailoring Company, sign at 353 Washington street.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets be directed to make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from five to twelve feet in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Emma Kimball, 1 Robin Hood street, Ward 16, of brick.

Gleofa Essig, 30 Washburn street, Ward 16, of brick.

Joseph F. Loughlin, 19 Bellflower street, Ward 16, of brick.

David Rubincovz, 369-373 Heath street, Ward 19, of brick.

Arthur H. Flint, 768 East Fifth street, Ward 14, of brick.

John D. Bates, 253-259 E street and on East Sixth street, seventy feet front, Ward 15, of brick.

Julia Desmond, 70 Fisher avenue, Ward 19, of gravel, with granite edgestone.

Maximilian Kaiser, 91 George street, Ward 17, of brick, with granite edgestone.

Charles May, 825 Dorchester avenue and on Harvest street, Ward 16, of brick.

Benjamin Harris, 9-23 Haskins street, Ward 21, of brick.

C. H. Wheelock, 66-68 Middle street, Ward 15, of brick, with granite edgestone.

Louisa A. Means, 424 East Sixth street, Ward 15, of brick, with granite edgestone.

R. F. Means, 422 East Sixth street, Ward 15, of brick, with granite edgestone.

Dennis Meagher, 96 Paul Gore street, Ward 22, of brick, with granite edgestone.

D. J. Delaney, 80 Calumet street, Ward 19, of brick, with granite edgestone.

French, Cole & Co., 81 Waumbek street, Ward 21, of granolithic stone, with granite edgestone.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks to be from three to ten

inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, owners to furnish material in front of the following estates:

W. A. and H. A. Root, 119 Bay State road, Ward 11, with granite edgestone.

Albert Geiger, Columbus avenue, corner of Wellington street, Ward 10, with granite edgestone.

James P. Stearns et al., trustees, 7, 9, 11 Fulton street and 42-52 Clinton street, Ward 6, with granite edgestone.

Henry G. Allbright, 570 Columbia road, Ward 16, with granite edgestone.

Robert Black, 15-19 Folsom street, with steel edgestone.

W. H. Thomas, 479-481 Beacon street, Ward 11, with granite edgestone.

John Mahan, 61-63 Dewey street, Ward 16, with granite edgestone.

Hugh D. Kelley, 50-60 Burrell street, Ward 16, with granite edgestone.

James W. Tufts, 817-819 Beacon street, Ward 11, with granite edgestone.

Andrew F. McDermott, 1849-1851 Dorchester avenue, Ward 24, with granite edgestone.

C. B. Hill, 28 North street, Ward 6, with granite edgestone.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Calumet street, from Tremont street to St. Alphonsus street, with paved gutters, in front of the several estates on said street; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestones, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost thereof.

Ordered, That the time allowed the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts in which to erect poles on La Grange street, under the order passed by this Board June 26, 1899, be and the same is hereby extended to December 31, 1899.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Woodbury & Leighton to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with ropes attached, as follows: One opposite No. 4 Cazenove street, one opposite No. 74 Chandler street, and one opposite No. 96 Chandler street; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons to move a wooden building, flat roof, forty feet in length, by thirty feet in width, by twenty feet in height, from Nos. 23-25 Sewells court, over private lands and across Dorrance street to Nos. 20-22 Dorrance street, Ward 4, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to A. M. Richards Building Moving Company, to move a wooden building, pitch roof, forty feet in length, by fifteen feet in width, by eighteen feet in height, from present location on Arlington avenue, to rear of said lot and across Dorrance street, to lot on Dorrance street, Ward 4, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

The following were approved October 19, 1899:

Permits to project bay-windows, viz.:

T. H. Connolly, two bay-windows from building 2985-2987 Washington street, Ward 22.

M. Maloney, bay-window from building 14 St. Martin street, Ward 4.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue the necessary permit to William L. Miller & Co. to close the roadway on Western avenue, between Barry's Corner and the bridge, to all public travel during the time necessary for the rebuilding of the Western avenue bridge.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue the necessary permit to Simon J. Donovan to close the roadway on Ninth street, from Old Harbor to G streets, to all public travel for three weeks, beginning on October 17, 1899, or during street construction on said street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. F. & W. H. Falvey to construct, maintain and use areas, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalks in front of estate on Broadway, F and Silver streets, Ward 15, dimensions as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Aug. P. Loring, trustee, to construct, maintain and use an area, with sidewalk light and granite cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate known as "Albany building," on Lincoln street, as shown on a plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Lotta M. Crabtree to construct, maintain, and use a coal-hole opening, not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate numbered 631 Washington street, Ward 7, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Daniel F. Dowd to construct, maintain, and use a coal-hole opening, not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk on Piedmont street, side of estate numbered 51 and 53 Church street, Ward 10, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The five following orders were presented to the Mayor October 10, 1899, and were

not returned by him within ten days thereafter.

Order authorizing permit to Charles P. Curtis to construct, maintain and use an area, with sidewalk light and granite covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 81-83 Essex street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to remove a tree standing in front of the house of Philip F. Berkwitz, 123 Park street, Dorchester, said tree being entirely dead, and for the safety of the public should be immediately removed; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim off the branches of trees which interfere with the Baptist Church at the corner of Fourth and L streets, South Boston; the expense for the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree opposite 113 Eutaw street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to remove a tree standing in front of the house of R. W. Oliver, 244 Bunker Hill street, Ward 4; said tree being decayed and dangerous; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Awards of Contracts.

Street Department.

Proposals for macadam work on the following-named streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on October 18, viz.:

Alexander street:

Bidders.	Bids.
James McGovern	\$1,088 81
T. F. Bradley	1,092 65
Collins & Ham	1,174 70
P. Doherty	1,257 20
D. E. Lynch	1,289 30

The contract was awarded to James McGovern.

Congreve street:

William Finneran	\$2,278 50
Thomas A. Dolan	2,609 30
P. Doherty	2,644 80
T. F. Welch	2,679 15
D. W. McKinney & Co.	3,102 10
Thomas Minton	3,281 50
D. E. Lynch	3,319 70

The contract was awarded to William Finneran.

Oakview terrace:

Collins & Ham	\$3,491 10
Thomas A. Dolan	3,868 10
J. Doherty & Co.	3,896 70
D. E. Lynch	4,218 10
William Finneran	4,629 70
Thomas Minton	5,072 50

The contract was awarded to Collins & Ham.

Proposals for building a sewer in Lauriat avenue were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on October 18, as follows:

John J. Falvey	\$4,391 40
D. E. Lynch	4,805 62
J. P. O'Connell	5,068 55
R. J. Malone	5,187 85
D. F. O'Connell	5,270 53
Jones & Meehan	8,637 35

The contract was awarded to John J. Falvey.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held on Thursday, October 12, 1899, at 2.30 P.M., at the office of the Trustees in City Hall.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Hersey and Atteaux.

Voted, That the question of heating the chapel at Mt. Hope Cemetery be referred to Mr. Morton, the General Superintendent, and be reported upon at the next meeting of the Board.

Voted, That the bid for the plumbing in chapel, \$197, be awarded to A. G. Rockwood, 33 Central street, he being the lowest bidder.

Voted, That the bid for the painting in chapel, \$590, be awarded to Lewis F. Perry & Whitney Company, 8 Bosworth street, they being the lowest bidders.

Voted, That the bid for the leaded glass work in chapel, \$425, be awarded to Horace J. Phipps & Co., 144 Essex street, and that the five-inch diamond quarries be used.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to approve extra for truss tie rods, costing \$18; also, extra for iron beams for porte cochere, costing \$30, and extra for porte cochere roof, overflow from dry well and granite step, costing \$75, same being used in construction of the chapel.

Voted, That the petition of F. A. Waterman, Boston guide, in regard to the replacing of his small sign on one of the stone posts, forming part of fence in front of the Granary Burial-ground, be referred to the Chairman for final action.

A communication from a former Trustee of this Department, Augustine H. Read, was read.

Voted, That if he decides to place a memorial tablet in the chapel now building at Mt. Hope Cemetery, that his request for same will be duly considered.

A communication from Dr. C. A. Fernald was read.

Voted, That the requests of Dr. Fernald, as set forth in his letter, be refused, same being deemed inexpedient.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street on Thursday, October 12, 1899.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Goddard and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The records of the Institutions Conference were read.

Dr. Baldwin stated that, in his remarks before the Institutions Conference, he did not mean absolutely to disapprove of a house of detention, but he believed that if one were built, it should be in connection with the City Hospital.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$5,069.62, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$3,382.09, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The report of the Superintendent was read, accepted and placed on file.

The question of the purchase of a new hanger and steel body under the cow stable, was referred to the Committee on Supplies, with full powers.

The question of the purchase of a new bull and boar was referred to the Chairman and Mr. Sanderson, as a special committee, with full powers.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds were authorized to continue painting the buildings at the women's department if the financial condition would admit.

A request from Alderman Day was read, asking for the transfer of Mrs. Catherine McClellan from Medfield to the Boston Insane Hospital.

It was voted that the transfer should be recommended if her friends guaranteed to pay \$5 a week for her board.

Mr. Sanderson read the report of the Visiting Committee for the month, which was accepted and placed on file.

The Special Committee appointed at last meeting report that a horse had been bought at a cost of \$160.

The Committee on Supplies reported that record cabinets were needed at once.

It was ruled that at the previous meeting the matter had been entrusted to them with full powers.

The report of the Committee on Service was read, accepted and placed on file.

Dr. Baldwin and Mrs. Marion were appointed delegates to the next quarterly conference.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds were authorized to prepare plans for a new building at the men's department. They were also instructed to report at the next meeting as to the possibilities of securing options upon the land near the hospital, desired for the extension of the hospital.

The population October 11, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	235	241	476
On visit	16	9	25
Totals	251	250	501

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, September 29, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie and Dwight.

Received: The Acting Librarian's report.

Salaries were fixed as follows: October 1, S. A. Chevalier, catalogue department, \$27.50; Margaret L. Cassidy, special libraries, \$10; Frederic Serex, newspaper room, \$14; and Martha N. Hobart, Brighton branch, Elizabeth F. Cartee, Charlestown branch, Elizabeth T. Reed, Dorchester branch, Ellen O. Walkley, East Boston branch, Mary P. Swain, Jamaica Plain branch, Helen M. Bell, Roxbury branch, N. Josephine Bullard, South Boston branch, Margaret A. Sheridan, South End branch, and Eliza R. Davis, West End branch, \$15.50 each, per week.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Ordered, That Station "P" be kept open on Sundays from October 1 to May 1.

Bills allowed: For books and newspapers, chargeable to city moneys, \$755.83; to trust funds, \$261.96.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$387.68; to trust funds, \$418.14; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$55.78; to Station "P" \$7.42; miscellaneous articles, \$2,898.65.

Friday, October 6, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Communication from the Mayor regarding municipal lectures; the Acting Librarian's report; the Auditor's monthly exhibit.

Service changes: Employed on probation: Mary L. Brick, grade D, Dorchester branch, \$5 per week, October 13, in place of Lavinia E. Stewart, appointed September 19. Salaries were fixed as follows: October 1, Carrie L. Morse, custodian West Roxbury branch, grade B, \$11; October 2, Robert Shawno, shelf department, grade D, \$6; October 24, Margaret D. Whitney, special libraries, grade B, special, \$14 per week.

The Acting Librarian was authorized to close the Central Library and branches on "Dewey Day."

An application for a special privilege card was granted.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$665.35; to trust funds, \$193.77; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$32.04; to Station "P," \$11.01; miscellaneous articles, \$506.23.

THOMAS DWIGHT,

Clerk pro tempore.

Park Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners, held October 9 and 11, 1899:

October 9, 1899.

A communication was received from the Bath Commission in regard to the employ-

ment of John W. Bowler as head instructor in their Department for the winter season, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum, one-half to be paid by each Department, and it was

Voted, That the salary of John W. Bowler, athletic instructor, be fixed at \$2,000 per annum, one-half of said salary to be assumed by the Bath Department.

A request of the Boston Cricket Club for a renewal of permit to play at Franklin Field, also for permission to erect a club-house, was received, and it was

Voted, To grant their request for the use of the grounds for the season of 1900, and to refer the matter of the club-house to the Superintendent.

Voted, That the Superintendent secure proposals for a fence on the Strandway wall and public landing, as recommended by him; also to prepare plans and secure bids for erecting a fence at Charlestown Playground.

October 11, 1899.

Voted, That the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Alonzo F. Bennett for damages for land taken for the Strandway for the sum of \$5,631.25, without interest.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, October 2, 1899.

The sixtieth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square, on Monday, October 2, at 10 A.M.

At 11 A.M. the bids for soft coal for use at Long Island were opened. Four bids in all were received. The matter was taken under advisement.

The Superintendent of Long Island came before the Board and the question of the employment of a ward-master for the men's building was discussed and referred to the Committee on Rules and Service.

Other matters referred to were the piping of the women's building, now almost completed, and the completion of the carpenter shop; also the renovation of Ward 1, men's building, and work on the barn.

The question of purchase of lumber for the tie-up was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Hunt, Acting Penal Institutions Commissioner, kindly came, by request, to confer with the Board in regard to the transfer of the "John Howard" to the care of the Pauper Institutions Trustees. The boat, according to instructions received from His Honor the Mayor, is still to be for the convenience of three departments, namely—the Pauper Institutions Trustees, the Children's Institutions Trustees and the Penal Institutions Commissioner, but the actual running of the boat and the charge of its officers is to be given to the Pauper Institutions Trustees.

Voted, That the Chairman of the Board be authorized to write a formal letter of protest to the Street Commissioners on the subject of taking the land adjacent to the Charlestown Almshouse.

Voted, That the question of the bids for coal be referred to the Finance Committee, with power. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 41, page 682.)

A letter from Mr. Logue was read in reference to certain changes to be made in the Charlestown Almshouse.

Voted, That the Committee on Buildings and Grounds have authority to proceed with the changes and alterations in accordance with Mr. Logue's letter.

A letter from Mr. Howard, concerning dynamo-room, Long Island, was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Voted, That the Chairman be instructed to sign, on behalf of the Board, a special draft for Cleghorn-Egglee Company to the amount of \$1,405.90, on account of contract for Long Island power-house.

The census for Long Island on September 30, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	70	140	210
Children	7	7	14
Women's building	-	186	186
Men's building	181	-	181
Totals	258	333	591

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Bath Department.

Following is a summary showing the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of September, 1899, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

SEPT.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount received.
1 . . .	648	189	73	211	1,121	\$16 29
2 . . .	654	209	78	327	1,268	15 07
3 . . .	784	221	56	159	1,220	18 66
4 . . .	621	205	48	120	994	14 68
5 . . .	317	122	39	97	575	7 26
6 . . .	301	98	55	89	543	5 75
7 . . .	367	101	68	156	692	6 57
8 . . .	589	136	62	178	965	14 31
9 . . .	603	177	197	245	1,222	13 54
10 . . .	756	182	76	85	1,099	16 04
11 . . .	257	69	63	88	477	5 55
12 . . .	347	163	68	186	764	7 96
13 . . .	643	199	51	76	969	14 06
14 . . .	311	79	23	44	457	6 38
15 . . .	347	101	63	76	587	7 85
16 . . .	654	133	258	329	1,374	14 20
17 . . .	723	197	53	69	1,042	16 90
18 . . .	511	156	37	52	756	10 52
19 . . .	603	195	71	89	958	12 72
20 . . .	325	122	22	33	502	7 35
21 . . .	381	143	12	23	559	6 32
22 . . .	510	193	22	97	822	11 21
23 . . .	587	142	324	211	1,264	13 31
24 . . .	687	188	22	93	990	16 47
25 . . .	453	122	24	45	644	10 58
26 . . .	327	85	27	52	491	7 19
27 . . .	301	98	33	42	474	6 71
28 . . .	324	103	26	62	515	7 05
29 . . .	411	138	42	53	644	10 12
30 . . .	617	143	211	322	1,293	14 12
Totals,	14,959	4,409	2,204	3,709	25,281	\$334 74

NOTE. — Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

The following table shows the number of baths taken daily at the East Boston

Gymnasium during the month of September, 1899:

SEPTEMBER.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1 . . .	175	-	-	-	175
2 . . .	160	-	135	-	295
3 . . .	110	-	40	-	150
4 . . .	114	-	-	-	114
5 . . .	-	32	-	50	82
6 . . .	120	-	160	-	280
7 . . .	-	36	-	59	95
8 . . .	190	-	-	-	190
9 . . .	150	-	145	-	295
10 . . .	80	-	40	-	120
11 . . .	186	-	-	-	186
12 . . .	-	40	-	50	90
13 . . .	114	-	220	-	334
14 . . .	-	39	-	40	79
15 . . .	180	-	-	-	180
16 . . .	170	-	190	-	360
17 . . .	68	-	51	-	119
18 . . .	174	-	-	-	174
19 . . .	-	45	-	54	99
20 . . .	110	-	240	-	350
21 . . .	-	41	-	49	90
22 . . .	189	-	-	-	189
23 . . .	129	-	269	-	398
24 . . .	80	-	60	-	140
25 . . .	189	-	-	-	189
26 . . .	-	38	-	60	98
27 . . .	164	-	190	-	354
28 . . .	-	30	-	90	120
29 . . .	216	-	-	-	216
30 . . .	151	-	254	-	405
Totals .	3,219	301	1,994	452	5,966

NOTE. — At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

City Clerk Department.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office during the week ending September 30, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	97
Number of discharges of mortgages	23
Number of assignments of mortgages	8
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of bills of sale	9
Number of assignments of wages	66
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of married women's certificates,	9

The following accident notice has been filed:

Parents of William Gillen, a minor child, drowned at Charles-river bridge; bridge alleged to have been without proper rails.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending October 7, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	107
Number of discharges of mortgages	17
Number of assignment of mortgages	5
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	3
Number of bills of sale	1
Number of assignments of wages	44
Number of married women's certificates	10

J. T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Building Department.

Old Court House, September 4, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending September 2, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1 . . .	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	
2 . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
3 . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	
4 . . .	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	
5 . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	5	
6 . . .	2	9	1	1	2	10	2	2	19	15	
7 . . .	-	9	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	33	
8 . . .	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	16	
9 . . .	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	9	4	
10 . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	21	
11 . . .	1	4	-	-	4	-	3	7	8	18	
12 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	3	8	10	
13 . . .	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	
14 . . .	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	11	
15 . . .	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	
16 . . .	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	5	
17 . . .	4	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	
18 . . .	4	1	-	-	4	-	1	-	3	7	
19 . . .	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	5	6	
20 . . .	2	1	2	-	-	5	4	1	2	34	
21 . . .	3	1	-	-	-	2	2	2	4	17	
22 . . .	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	
23 . . .	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	3	
24 . . .	4	1	2	-	-	1	1	1	-	23	
25 . . .	2	1	-	1	-	-	3	1	7	6	
T'ls..	29	51	12	2	10	10	41	28	69	263	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Health Department.

Old Court House, October 14, 1899.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending October 14, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	27	21	48
Negative	64	39	103
No growth	3	1	4
Total	94	61	155

Typhoid examinations: Thirty-two cases; ten cases positive; twenty-two negative. Glanders: One case; negative.

Old Court House, October 21, 1899.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed:

Hugh D. Kelly, Batchelder street, opposite Longmeadow street, Ward 17, twenty horses; hearing November 2, at 11 o'clock. W. W. Winchell, rear of 672 Harrison avenue, six horses; hearing November 2, at 11 o'clock. Samuel H. Whitwell, 335 Newbury street, Ward 11, ten horses; hearing November 2,

at 11 o'clock. J. G. & B. S. Ferguson, 886 Albany street, Ward 17, 109 horses; hearing November 2, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

John Darcy, 41 Chipman street, Ward 24, one cow and two additional horses; Charles Bonanno, 958 Saratoga street, Ward 1, three horses.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending October 21, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	23	38	61
Negative	62	48	110
No growth	1	1	2
Totals	86	87	173

Typhoid diagnoses: Fourteen cases; three cases positive and eleven negative. Malaria: Two cases; negative. Glanders: Two cases; negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, September 11, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending September 9, 1899:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications	59	59
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse	29	
Long Island Almshouse	5	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	3	
Boston Insane Hospital	6	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	5	
Foxboro' Asylum	2	
	—	51
Number of applications refused	1	
Number of applications withdrawn	5	
Cases pending	2	
	—	59
Settlements investigated		67
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children		8

28 Court Square, September 18, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending September 16:

Cases pending	2	
Number of applications	79	81
Number of Admissions:		
To State Almshouse	31	
Long Island Almshouse,	15	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	3	
Boston Insane Hospital,	7	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	5	
Worcester Insane Hospital	1	
Foxboro' Asylum	3	
	—	65
Number of applications refused	6	
Number of applications withdrawn	9	
Cases pending	1	
	—	81
Settlements investigated		85
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children		6

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, October 17, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending October 14, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	157	22
Females	27	8
Total	184	30
Offences:		
Against the person	9	2
Against property	19	15
Against public order and decency	159	13
Total	*187	30
Discharges:		
Males	196	5
Females	39	8
Total	235	13
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	206	13
Permit of Commissioner,	2	—
Payment of fine	25	—
Died	2	—
Total	235	13

Population:		
October 7, 1899	1,330	467
Committed since October 7, 1899	184	30
Total	1,514	497
Discharged since October 7, 1899	235	13
October 14, 1899	1,279	484

* Three committed charged with two offences each.

THOMAS FRANCIS HUNT,
Acting Commissioner.

32 Tremont Street, October 23, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending October 21, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	163	18
Females	23	—
Totals	186	18
Offences:		
Against the person	6	3
Against property	9	13
Against public order and decency	173	2
Totals	*188	18
Discharges:		
Males	167	16
Females	28	3
Totals	195	19
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence,	167	17
Permit of Commissioner	4	—
Payment of fine	23	—
Died	1	1
Order of court	—	1
Totals	195	19

Population:		
October 14, 1899	1,279	484
Committed since October 14, 1899	186	18
Totals	1,465	502
Discharged since October 14, 1899	195	19
October 21, 1899	1,270	483

* Two committed charged with two offences each.

The following appointments have been made:

Miss Annie W. Coleman, to the position of matron at the House of Correction, Deer Island, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ella F. England.

John D. Wadleigh, to the position of wharf officer at the House of Correction, Deer Island, to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of Florence A. Donahoe.

Charles S. Glidden, to the position of officer at the House of Correction, Deer Island, to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of John D. Wadleigh.

Miss Margaret E. O'Neil, to the position of matron at the House of Correction, South Boston, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs Trecartin.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, September 4, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending September 9, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	578
Defects reported	96
Defects corrected	67
Notices of new work received	94
Feet of dead wire removed	7,350
Feet of dead wire retained	400
Fixtures removed	24
Poles set	7

Proposed pole locations for the Brookline Gas Company, on Cambridge and Washington streets, Brighton, and for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, on Mason street, Charlestown, Beech street, West Roxbury, Bakersfield street, Dorchester, and Warren street, have been approved.

The Postal Telegraph Cable Company's proposed pole location on A street and the removal of old poles on A, Fifth and B streets have been approved.

H. W. Pushee, a lineman in the employ of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, while engaged in removing dead wire from poles on Dorchester avenue, near Parkman street, August 25, received a shock owing to wires being in contact with the Boston Electric Light Company wires. Mr. Pushee was taken to the Massachusetts General Hospital in an unconscious state; after being treated there he was carried home.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections	460
New notices of work received	184

Inspections have been made of the temporary wiring at the various theatres.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	7
Building connections	23
Repairs	3
Pole connections	3

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	41
Building connections	18
Lamp connections	1
Pole connections	4
Repairs	11
Cable drawings	23
Installations of underground transformers,	2

Old Court House, September 25, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending September 23, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	625
Defects reported	96
Defects corrected	89
Notices of new work received	50
Feet of dead wire removed	15,800
Feet of dead wire retained	750
Fixtures removed	28

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	436
Notices of new work received	204

An investigation has been made of the accidental electric shocks which were received by Alonzo D. Dodge, an employee of the city, which were received while he was oiling elevator machinery above the elevator way in the Old Court House, September 20.

The electric fire at 9.56 P.M., September 9, in the store of the Douglass Shoe Company, 620 Washington street, was caused by short circuit in brass armored tube, same being injured in some way, so that service cut into the insulation of the wire, arcing and setting fire to the inside lining of the tube.

While standing at the corner of Dorchester and Eighth streets, South Boston, on the evening of Saturday, September 16, about 10 o'clock, a car going south to Field's Corner, Dorchester, slipped the trolley, breaking the feed wire connections crossing Dorchester street, which caused the same to fall and strike Thomas A. Quinn, an employee of the Wire Department, on the back of the left hand, injuring that member and breaking a bone in same.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	23
Building connections	35
Lamp connections	4
Pole connections	4
Repairs	6

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	29
Building connections	24
Pole connections	8
Repairs	9
Cable drawings	40
Installation of underground transformers	4

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	2,940
Feet of duct laid	15,171
Service connections made	33
Feet of cable drawn in	86,455
Manholes built	10
Underground plans filed	8

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of imports and exports, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of September 1899, as compared with the corresponding month of 1898:

	Imports.	Exports.
September, 1899	\$5,743,529	\$11,098,266
September, 1898	3,366,360	8,878,254

Vessels.	Entered.	Cleared.
No. Tonnage.	No. Tonnage.	No. Tonnage.
September, 1899	180 236,972	183 212,525
September, 1898	176 177,215	154 143,426

Passengers arrived, September, 1899	4,113
Passengers arrived, September, 1898	4,041

Figures show that as the result of the Dewey celebration rubbish to the amount of over 300 loads, or about 138 loads more than usual, was collected by the Street Department.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

The undersigned requests permission to construct a canopy over the gallery entrance to theatre, now being built on Boylston street, Ward 7, said canopy to be ten feet five and three-quarters inches wide, and to be eleven feet ten and one-half inches above the sidewalk, and to project four feet nine inches beyond the lot line.

F. L. Ames Estate,
By C. H. BLACKALL, Architect.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 23, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the sixth day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 24, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Walworth street, be laid out as a highway, at West Roxbury, over and including the private way known as Bellevue avenue and part of the private way known as Dudley avenue, from Washington street to South street, passing over the location of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad (lessee) with a bridge over its tracks with a clear height of not less than fourteen feet between the under side of said bridge and the tops of the rails of said railroad, and that said highway be constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventh day of November, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest. J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 23, 1899.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Monday, November 6, 1899, for building a sea-wall on the easterly line of Dorchester avenue extension, between Congress and Summer streets, in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at said office.

Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 21, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Warner street, between Harvard and Park streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Monday, October 30, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 23, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Annabel street, between Columbia road and Summer street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Monday, October 30, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

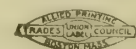
IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 24, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Hamilton street, at Dorchester, be relocated as a highway, from Columbia road to Mt. Everett street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventh day of November, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF COMMODORE PERKINS, U.S.N., RETIRED.

The death of Commodore George H. Perkins, U.S.N., retired, occurred at his home, 123 Commonwealth avenue, Boston, Saturday evening, October 28, 1899.

Commodore Perkins was born in Hopkinton, N.H., December 20, 1836 and was educated at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, becoming an acting midshipman in 1851, a lieutenant in 1861, a lieutenant-commander in 1862, a commander in 1871, captain in 1882 and a commodore in 1896. He saw active service during the War of the Rebellion and displayed signal gallantry in several naval engagements. Commodore Perkins was one of two representatives of Admiral Farragut to receive the surrender of the City of New Orleans.

Twice during his career Commodore Perkins served in Boston, first from 1869 to 1871 as ordnance officer at the Charlestown Navy Yard, and again in 1876 both as ordnance officer and as lighthouse inspector of the district.

DEATH OF DR. THOMAS L. JENKS.

Dr. Thomas L. Jenks fell dead in the Superior Court, first jury session, shortly before half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday the thirty-first instant in the seventieth year of his age.

Thomas L. Jenks was born in Conway, N.H., in 1830. He came to Boston in 1843 and found employment in a drug store, where he remained till the breaking out of the Mexican War, when he entered the naval service as a hospital steward. Early in 1849 he left the service, and in May of that year began business as a druggist on his own account at the corner of Merrimac and Portland streets, where he continued to do business till 1882. In 1854 he was graduated from the Harvard Medical School, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Dr. Jenks identified himself with the Democratic party after the disruption of the Whig party, and was for many years a member and treasurer of the Democratic State Central Committee. In the years 1868 and 1869, Dr. Jenks represented old Ward 3 in the Common Council, and was a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1872. He was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives from the Third Suffolk District in 1870, and again in 1876. Dr. Jenks served as a Trustee of the City Hospital in 1873, 1874 and 1875.

In 1878, Dr. Jenks was elected to fill a vacancy in the Board of Directors of East Boston Ferries, of which Board he continued to be a member till 1883, being Chairman in 1880 and 1881.

He was appointed a Police Commissioner, in place of Henry Walker, for an unexpired term of one month, in April 3, 1882, by Mayor Green, by whom he was reappointed for the term of three years. On February 24, 1885, he was reappointed by Mayor O'Brien for the term of three years. During his term of service as Police Commissioner, which was finally terminated on July 23, 1885 (in accordance with Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1885, which vested the appointment of the Board of Police for Boston in the Governor and Council), he was Chairman of the Board.

In 1889, when the Board of Directors of Public Institutions was abolished and an appointive Board of Commissioners of Public

Institutions was established, Dr. Jenks was appointed a Commissioner for the term of three years by Mayor Hart. At the expiration of his term he was reappointed for three years by Mayor Matthews. From 1889 till 1895, when the public institutions were placed under the charge of a single commissioner, Dr. Jenks was Chairman of the Commissioners of Public Institutions.

At the time of his death, and for several years previously, Dr. Jenks was President of the North End Savings Bank.

HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS AT COPLEY SQUARE.

Following is the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court in the case of Henry B. Williams et al. vs. Attorney-General of the Commonwealth regarding the height of buildings around Copley square:

KNOWLTON, J.: This is an information by the Attorney-General to prevent the erection and maintenance of that portion of a building on Copley square, in the City of Boston, which is above the limit of height prescribed by the Statutes of 1898, Chapter 452. Section 1 of this statute is as follows:

"Any building now being built, or hereafter to be built, rebuilt or altered in the City of Boston upon any land abutting on St. James avenue between Clarendon street and Dartmouth street, or upon land at the corner of Dartmouth street and Huntington avenue, now occupied by the Pierce building, so called, or upon land abutting on Dartmouth street, now occupied by the Boston Public Library building, or upon land at the corner of Dartmouth street and Boylston street, now occupied by the New Old South Church building, may be completed, built, rebuilt or altered to the height of 90 feet and no more; and upon any land or lands abutting on Boylston street, between Dartmouth street and Clarendon street, may be completed, built, rebuilt or altered to the height of 100 feet and no more; provided, however, that there may be erected on any such building above the limits hereinbefore prescribed, such steeples, towers, domes, sculptured ornaments and chimneys as the Board of Park Commissioners of said city may approve."

Section 2 repeals the statute of 1896, Chapter 313 and the statute of 1897, Chapter 379, so far as they limit the height of buildings erected along the line of streets, parkways or boulevards bordering on public parks. Section 3 provides for the payment of damages to any person owning or having an interest in an uncompleted building begun

before the fourteenth day of January, 1898, which is affected by the act, and Section 4 provides for compensation to all persons sustaining damages to their property by reason of the limitation of the height of buildings prescribed by the act. The case is reported upon the information, demurrer, pleas, and certain facts found at the hearing on the pleas.

The first question raised by the report is whether the statute is constitutional. The streets mentioned in the statute are adjacent to Copley square. On the case as now presented we must assume that Copley square, in the language of the information, "is an open square and a public park intended for the use, benefit and health of the public, and is surrounded by buildings devoted to religious, charitable and educational purposes, some of which contain books, manuscripts and works of art of great value, many of which are in their nature irreplaceable." Regulations in regard to the height and mode of construction of buildings in cities are often made by legislative enactments in the exercise of the police power, for the safety, comfort and convenience of the people and for the benefit of property owners generally. The right to make such regulations is too well established to be questioned. *Salem vs. Maynes*, 123 Mass. 372; *Watertown vs. Mayo*, 109 Mass. 315; *Sawyer vs. Davis*, 136 Mass. 239. See *Talbot vs. Hudson*, 16 Gray, 417.

In view of the kind of buildings erected on the streets about Copley square, and the uses to which some of these buildings are put, it would be hard to say that this statute might not have been passed in the exercise of the police power, as other statutes regulating the erection of buildings in cities are commonly passed. But it differs from most statutes relative to this subject in providing compensation to persons injured in their property by the limitations which it creates. In this respect it conforms to the constitutional requirements for the taking of property by the right of eminent domain. Looking to all its provisions in connection with the place to which they apply, it seems to have been intended as a taking of rights in property for the benefit of the public who use Copley square. It adds to the public park, rights in light and air and in the view over adjacent land above the line to which buildings may be erected. These rights are in the nature of an easement created by the statute and annexed to the park. Ample provision is made for compensation to the owners of the servient estates. In all respects the statute is in accordance with the laws regulating the taking of property by right of eminent domain, if the Legislature properly could determine that the preservation or improvement of the park in this particular was for a public use. The uses which should be deemed public in reference to the right of the Legislature to compel an individual to part with his property for a compensation, and to authorize a direct taxation to pay for it, are being enlarged and extended with the progress of the people in education and refinement. Many things which a century ago were luxuries, or were altogether unknown, have now become necessities.

It is only within a few years that lands have been taken in this country for public parks. Now the right to take land for this

purpose is generally recognized and frequently exercised. *Foster vs. Park Commissioners*, 133 Mass. 321; *Shoemaker vs. U. S.*, 141 U. S. 282. Many statutes have been passed in this Commonwealth allowing taxation for purposes affecting the health, comfort, pleasure and recreation of the people, and thus conducing to their welfare. In *Kingman vs. Brockton*, 153 Mass. 255, the court said, referring to a statute authorizing the raising of money by taxation for the erection of a memorial hall: "The statute * * * may be vindicated on the same ground as statutes authorizing the raising of money for monuments, statues, gates or arches, celebrations, publication of town histories, parks, roads leading to points of fine scenery, decorations upon public buildings, or other public ornaments or embellishments designed merely to promote the general welfare, either by providing for fresh air, a public recreation, or by educating the public taste or enforcing sentiments of patriotism or respect for the memory of worthy individuals. The reasonable use of public money for such purposes has been sanctioned by several different statutes, and the constitutional right of the Legislature to pass such statutes rests upon sound principles." See also *Higginson vs. Nahant*, Allen, 530, and *Hubbard vs. Taunton*, 140 Mass. 467. In *Olmsted vs. Camp*, 33 Conn. 551, the court, in discussing the line between public and private uses, says: "From the nature of the case there can be no precise line. The power requires a degree of elasticity to be capable of meeting new conditions and improvements, and the ever increasing necessities of society. The sole dependence must be on the presumed wisdom of the sovereign authority supervised, and in cases of gross errors or extreme wrong, controlled by the dispassionate judgment of the courts." The grounds on which public parks are desired are various. They are to be enjoyed by the people who use them. They are expected to minister, not only to the grosser senses, but also to the love of the beautiful in nature in the varied forms which the changing seasons bring. Their value is enhanced by such touches of art as help to produce pleasing and satisfactory effects on the emotional and spiritual side of our nature. Their influence should be uplifting, and, in the highest sense, educational. If wisely planned and properly cared for, they promote the mental, as well as the physical, health of the people. For this reason it has always been deemed proper to expend money in the care and adornment of them, to make them beautiful and enjoyable. Their æsthetic effect never has been thought unworthy of careful consideration by those best qualified to appreciate it.

It hardly would be contended that the same reasons which justify the taking of land for a public park do not also justify the expenditure of money to make the park attractive and educational to those whose tastes are being formed and whose love of beauty is being cultivated. We have already quoted from the information the language in regard to the surroundings of the square. The counsel on both sides referred in argument to the well-known buildings which constitute these surroundings. Trinity church, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Boston Public Library, the New Old South Church, the Second Church of Boston and the buildings of

the Massachusetts Institute of Technology — all face the beholder who stands on Copley square and looks around him. Some of these buildings are public in the ordinary sense of the word, and some of the corporations which own them have been beneficiaries of the Commonwealth on account of their quasi public character, and the public certainly feels an interest in them.

It is argued by the defendants that the Legislature, in passing this statute, was seeking to preserve the architectural symmetry of Copley square. If this is a fact, and if the statute is merely for the benefit of individual property owners, the purpose does not justify the taking of a right in land against the will of the owner. But if the Legislature, for the benefit of the public, was seeking to promote the beauty and attractiveness of a public park in the capital of the Commonwealth, and to prevent unreasonable encroachments upon the light and air which it had previously received, we cannot say that the law-making power might not determine that this was a matter of such public interest as to call for an expenditure of public money, and to justify the taking of private property.

While such a determination should not be made without careful consideration, and while the growing tendency towards the enlargement of the field of public expenditure should be jealously watched and carefully held in check, a determination of this kind once made by the Legislature cannot be lightly set aside.

It is contended that if the Legislature could take this right for the use of the public, it could not require the City of Boston to make compensation for it, but should have provided for the payment of damages from the treasury of the Commonwealth. This contention would limit too strictly the power of the Legislature in the distribution of public burdens. Very wide discretion is left with the law-making power in this particular. The Legislature may change the political sub-divisions of the Commonwealth by creating, changing or abolishing particular cities, towns or counties. It may require any of them to bear such share of the public burdens as it deems just and equitable. This right has been exercised in a great variety of ways. *Kingman*, petitioner, 153 Mass. 566, and cases and statutes there cited. It does not depend upon the clause of the Constitution which authorizes the imposition of taxes, but upon the more general provisions defining the power of the Legislature. While the interest to which this statute looks is public, it is largely local. A very large part of the public who are affected by the statute are citizens of Boston. The valuation of Boston is a large proportion of the valuation of the whole Commonwealth. The Legislature might well put the whole of this public burden upon the City of Boston.

It appears that on October 31, 1898, the Board of Park Commissioners voted "that the sculptured ornaments erected on the buildings * * * above the height of ninety feet, as shown in the plans thereof submitted to the Board, and in the building as now erected" be approved. (See *THE CITY RECORD*, Volume I, No. 45, page 646.) The building is rectangular and the height of its walls to the roof is ninety-six feet. The ceilings of the rooms in the upper story are

a few inches above a horizontal line of a height of ninety feet and above these rooms there is an open air space extending to the roof a distance of about four feet measured on the inside of the outer walls of the building. The walls of the building are of brick and on the two sides fronting on the streets there is an ornamental facing of terra cotta, partly in relief, and extending from the line ninety feet in height upward to the roof, constituting the architrave frieze and cornice of the building, which are referred to in the vote of the Park Commissioners as "sculptured ornaments," and on the other two sides of the building the walls of a corresponding height are of plain brick. The question arises whether the approval of these ornaments by the Park Commissioners relieves the building from the prohibition of the statute. It seems to us very clearly that it does not. The prohibition against erecting a building above the height of ninety feet is absolute, except that certain erections which are usually above the substantial parts of the building, may, with the approval of the Park Commissioners, be "on any such building" above that height. These are "steeples, towers, domes, sculptured ornaments and chimneys." It is only as these become a part of the building by their erection upon it that any part of the building can be built to a greater height than ninety feet. The other parts of the building are left within the prohibition. But the ornaments put upon this building are not "erected on a" building constructed within the limits prescribed for it. We have a building with its solid brick walls extending six feet above the prescribed limit and its roof at the top, and an enclosure within.

The Park Commissioners, by their approval of certain sculptured ornaments on the face of the wall on two sides of the building, did not assume to approve the other parts of the building which constitute the solid structure and the statute gave them no authority to approve of other parts of it, or of the building as a whole. The statute intended that the main structure of the building should not extend above the prescribed line and that only the specified parts which should project above the building proper might, if approved, be erected on the building. It does not even permit roofs to be built above the line as did the statute of 1897, Chapter 378, which it repeals. What the Park Commissioners were authorized to do was to approve sculptured ornaments surmounting the ninety-foot building; what they have done is to approve the ornamentation of the architectural frieze or cornice of two of the four walls of a ninety-six foot building, leaving the other two walls unornamented ninety-six feet in height.

In reference to the building proper as distinguished from the ornamentation on the face of two of the walls the defendants can derive no advantage from the vote of the Park Commissioners.

It is contended by the defendants that the Attorney-General cannot maintain a suit in equity to enforce this statute. His right depends upon the construction put upon the statute.

We hold that the statute gives rights in the nature of an easement over lands facing Copley square which easement is annexed to the square for the benefit of the public, for whose use and enjoyment Copley square was

laid out; and that these rights are similar in their nature to rights in highways, in great ponds, and in navigable waters of the Commonwealth. For a deprivation of such public rights, an individual, unless he has suffered damages different in kind from those to the public generally, cannot maintain an action. The Attorney-General, as a public officer, represents the public and may bring all proper suits to protect their rights.

The wrong alleged in the present case, if permitted, would work a permanent injury to the public, depriving them of that which the statute gives them. It is a purpresture which, while not in a strict and narrow sense a public nuisance, is in the nature of a public nuisance, is sometimes called a public nuisance, and in equity is to be dealt with as a public nuisance. *Commonwealth vs. Wilkinson*, 16 Pick. 175; *Attorney-General vs. Boston Wharf Company*, 12 Gray, 553; *Jenks vs. Williams*, 115 Mass. 217; *Attorney-General vs. Woods*, 108 Mass. 436; *Attorney-General vs. Old Colony Railroad Company*, 160 Mass. 62; *People vs. Vanderbilt* 26 N. Y. 287. In regard to the enforcement of rights given to the public and to other land-owners in lands reserved for their use by the Commonwealth, see *Attorney-General vs. Algonquin Club*, 153 Mass. 447-454; *Attorney-General vs. Gardiner*, 117 Mass. 492-499; *Attorney-General vs. Williams*, 140 Mass. 329, 330, 331. In England it is held that "the Attorney-General has a right to represent the public, either in equity or by prosecution at law, and in cases where the public interests are exposed to danger or mischief." *Attorney-General vs. Birmingham, etc., Railway Company*, 3 Macn. and G. 453; *Attorney-General vs. Mid-Kent Railway Company*, L. R. 3 Ch. 100; *Attorney-General vs. Shrewsbury Bridge Company*, 21 Ch. Div. 752; *Attorney-General vs. Cuckermouth Local Board*, L. R. 18 Eq. 172. In *Attorney-General vs. Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Company*, 133 Mass. 361-364, it was said, in reference to a great pond, that "where an aqueduct company proceeds to draw off water to such an extent as to injure or endanger the rights of the public therein, an information in equity would furnish the only adequate means of asserting and protecting the rights of the government and the people."

The case of *Attorney-General vs. Abbott*, 154 Mass. 323, under facts very similar to those of the present case, sustains the right of the Attorney-General to maintain an information in equity for the protection of public rights in land dedicated to the use of the public as a park. Of similar purport is *Attorney-General vs. Tarr*, 148 Mass. 309-314. His right in *Attorney-General vs. Revere Copper Company*, 152 Mass. 444, a similar case, was assumed. See also *Attorney-General vs. Consumers' Gas Company*, 142 Mass. 417; *Attorney-General vs. Metropolitan Railroad Company*, 125 Mass. 515. We are of the opinion that the Attorney-General is the proper party and that an information in equity is the proper form to proceed for the enforcement of public rights against encroachment like those threatened in the present case.

There remains to be considered one other objection to the right of the Attorney-General to maintain this suit. It is argued that by the Statute of 1894, Chapter 257, the

City of Boston is given the right to enforce its building laws, that this remedy excludes all others, and that it applies to violations of the Statute of 1898, Chapter 452. It is true that when a statute provides a remedy for violations of it, the remedy is generally exclusive; but if it provides no remedy relief from wrongs against it is to be sought at common law. *Andover Turnpike vs. Gould*, 6 Mass. 40-44; *Wylie vs. Yale*, Met. 553; *Elder vs. Bemis*, 2 Met. 599-604; *U. S. vs. Laescki*, 29 Fed. Rep. 699, and cases cited. Statute 1894, Chapter 257, is as follows: "The Supreme Judicial Court, or any justice thereof, and the Superior Court, or any justice thereof, in term time or vacation, shall, on the application of the City of Boston, by its attorney, have jurisdiction in equity to enforce or prevent the violation of the provisions of the acts relating to the erection or alteration of buildings or other structures in the City of Boston, and may, on such application, restrain the erection, alteration, use or occupation of any such building or structure which is being or has been erected or altered in violation of any of the provisions of said acts."

It was passed in reference to the elaborate statutes then in force, enacted under the police power of the Legislature for the regulation of the erection of buildings in the City of Boston. Whether the words "acts relating to the erection or alteration of buildings or other structures in the City of Boston" were intended to include any new and independent acts of a kindred character that might afterwards be passed, as distinguished from existing acts and amendments to them, may well be questioned. The natural construction of the words would make them apply only to conditions then existing. The statute under which this information is brought, as we construe it, materially differs from the acts relative to the erection of buildings in the City of Boston existing when the previous statute was passed.

It was enacted for a different purpose. It creates public rights annexed to public property. It calls for the payment of damages for the taking of the interest in land and exacts the payments from the City of Boston. The city has a pecuniary interest against the enforcement of the law. The statute does not provide a remedy for its enforcement and therefore the remedy must be sought out at common law. The kind of remedy provided by the statute in regard to the building laws gives no security to the public for the protection of their rights, for the party to enforce it has an adverse interest and cannot be compelled to proceed. We are of opinion that the Statute of 1898, Chapter 452, was not intended to create rights enforceable only under the Statute of 1894, Chapter 257, but creates rights which are enforceable under general laws. In the opinion of a majority of the court the entry must be demurrer and pleas overruled.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting on the thirtieth instant, voted to adjourn till Monday, November 13, 1899, at 3 P.M., and that all hearings on orders of notice assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason street, at 7.30 P.M., on October 24, 1899, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Aldrich, Bowdlear, Fleischer and Strange.

It was ordered, under suspension of the rules, that the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

The appointments, confirmations and transfer presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting were approved.

On motion of Mr. Merritt, the Board proceeded to ballot for the following-named principals of evening drawing schools, for the term 1899-1900, to date from October 9, 1899:

Masters — George H. Bartlett, Arlington; George Jepson, Boston.

Principals — Charles L. Adams, Boston; Anson K. Cross, Ashland; Albert L. Ware, Cambridge.

There was no choice on the first ballot. On the second ballot the whole number of votes cast was fifteen; necessary for a choice, thirteen. The several masters and principals named had each fifteen votes, and they were accordingly declared elected for the term 1899-1900.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was passed:

Ordered, That the salary of the special teacher of phonography, typewriting, book-keeping, commercial geography and commercial law in the Brighton High School be fixed at the rate of \$1,200 per annum.

Subsequently, the vote whereby the foregoing order was declared passed, was reconsidered.

The order was amended by adding the words "to date from October 16, 1899," and the order as amended passed.

The following order, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, was passed:

Ordered, That the salary of the janitor of the Benjamin Dean School be fixed at the rate of \$780 per annum, to date from September 5, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read, and successively passed:

(1.) That the salary of the janitor of the Parkman School, Silver street, be fixed at the rate of \$300 per annum, to date from September 13, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(2.) That the salary of the special teacher of drawing in the English High School be fixed at the rate of \$2,500 per annum, to date from September 13, 1899.

(3.) That Thomas G. Rees, junior master in the Mechanic Arts High School, be placed upon the sixth year of service in his rank, to date from September 13, 1899.

(4.) That James Burrier, assistant, grammar school, in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his rank, to date from September 13, 1899.

(5.) That the Committee on School-houses are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Company in the sum of \$837.80 for furnishing the Frederick A. Whitney School-house, said concern being the lowest bidder. (See page 726.)

(6.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to approve the payment to the Boston Electric Light Company of the sum of \$75 for wiring for two exhaust fans and two fan motors at the Benjamin Dean School-house, South Boston.

The Chair read the following:

(1.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, October 16, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with Albert K. Teele and Richard C. Humphreys, trustees, under the will of Edmund J. Baker, upon the sum of \$859.50 as payment for their land on Dorchester avenue, at Dorchester, taken, for school purposes, by the City of Boston, September 16, 1896, and November 17, 1897 (takings recorded same dates), upon the said trustees giving to the city a deed for said land so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

(2.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, October 17, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

The Street Commissioners beg leave to inform you that, in accordance with your request in the order received by the Board, on October 13, they took, and have this day recorded their taking of, about 20,000 square feet of land from William Clafin, on Parker, Willis and Caldwell streets, for the City of Boston, for school purposes.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

(3.) IN COMMON COUNCIL.

October 12, 1899.

Ordered, That the Austin School-house on Paris street, East Boston, which was surrendered by the School Committee February 12, 1895, be transferred from the custody of the Street Commissioners to the custody of the School Committee; the use of said building for school purposes being again required.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 16.

Concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, October 19, 1899.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

(4.) OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 18, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I desire to congratulate your Board upon the satisfactory manner in which the plan of assembling so large a proportion of the school children of the city upon Boston Common to greet Admiral Dewey, on his visit here, on October 14, was carried out. The difficulties in the way of carrying out the unique idea of assembling some 25,000 children in one spot, and getting them safely dispersed, without accident or disorder, must have been considerable, and I feel that the committee in charge, and the Secretary,

Mr. Apollonio, are entitled to commendation for the success of this important feature of the reception to Admiral Dewey by the City of Boston.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Mr. Berridge offered the following:

Resolved, That this Board hereby expresses its warm commendation of the manner in which the Special Committee on the Reception to Admiral Dewey carried out the school children's reception to the Admiral on Saturday, October 14, 1899, and congratulates the committee upon the successful accomplishment of the event, which proved to be one of the most impressive features of the day.

Adopted unanimously by rising vote.

The Superintendent of Schools presented the resignations of four teachers, which were accepted.

The Superintendent presented appointments, confirmations and transfer for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the rules and regulations, as follows:

(1.) The appointments of thirteen special assistants, which were laid over under the rule; (2) the appointments of ten temporary teachers, which were placed on file; (3) the reappointments of nine temporary teachers, which were laid over under the rule; (4) the appointments of fourteen teachers on probation; (5) the confirmation of ten teachers, which were laid over under the rule; and (6) the transfer of one teacher, which was approved under suspension of the rules.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments of instructors in the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the rules and regulations:

(1.) Of nine assistants and three special instructors in the Evening High School; (2) of five assistants in the Eliot School; of one first assistant in the Lincoln School; of two assistants in the Quincy School; and of one first assistant in the Washington Allston School, — all of which were approved by the Board under a suspension of the rules.

Leave of absence was granted to fourteen teachers.

The Superintendent presented appointments and transfer as follows, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the regulations pertaining thereto:

(1.) The appointments of seven temporary teachers; (2) the reappointments of four temporary teachers; (3) the appointments of three teachers on probation — all of which were approved by the Board under suspension of the rules.

Subsequently, the Superintendent presented the following appointments: (1) The appointment of one special assistant, which was approved under suspension of the rules; (2) the appointment of one special teacher on probation, which was laid over under the rule.

On the recommendation of the Committee on New Buildings, it was

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to permit the use of the old engine-house on Mt. Vernon street, West Roxbury, for school purposes.

Reports from the same committee were accepted, as follows:

(1.) That they have hired the hall in the Club House, Centre street, Dorchester, at an expense not exceeding \$5 per week for actual use thereof, for drill hall accommodations for the Dorchester High School; (2) that they have provided additional school accommodations for pupils in the Wells District, to date from October 25, 1899, by hiring a portion of the Presbyterian Church on Chambers street, at a rental of \$800 per annum, the church to bear one-half the expense of constructing necessary partitions; (3) that they have hired the vestry of the Unitarian Church in the Longfellow District for kindergarten purposes, at a rental of \$600 per annum, which amount includes heat and janitor service, to date from October 23, 1899; (4) that for several years temporary accommodations for pupils in the Eliot District have been provided in the Moon-street parochial building, at a cost of \$55 per month per room. Recently it has been found practicable to give up two of the nine rooms thus occupied, but the rental of the remaining seven rooms has been increased \$5 per month each, for the reason that the two rooms referred to are so situated as to prevent their use for other purposes while our occupancy of the other seven rooms continues. This change of rental dates from October 1, 1899; (5) that in connection with the construction of the new grammar school-house in the Chapman District, East Boston, it has been found necessary to make some arrangement for the disposal of the temporary building on said lot. The expense of removing this building to another site for further occupancy for school purposes would practically equal its original cost, and after making several efforts to dispose of it more advantageously your committee have authorized its removal by the contractor for the erection of the new school-house, for which an allowance of \$100 will be made in his contract.

The appointment, reported by the Committee on School-houses, of Michael J. Crowley, as janitor of the Franklin Evening School, from September 25, 1899, was approved by the Board.

The same committee, to whom was referred, September 26, a petition signed by Charles S. Stone, M.D., et al., for improved sanitation of the Weston-street Primary School-house, reported that alterations and improvements have recently been made in the ventilating system of this school-house by running pipes from the vaults to the heating shafts, which discharge above the top of the building. Since the completion of these improvements no complaints have been received from any source with regard to the sanitary condition of the building, and your committee therefore recommend that no further action by the Board is required at the present time.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Under a suspension of the rules it was ordered that the Committee on New Buildings be instructed to erect forthwith a two-room temporary building upon the lot at the corner of Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown; and that the sum of \$3,200 be appropriated to cover the cost thereof.

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred, October 10, a communication

from the Board of Aldermen requesting that transportation be provided for the teachers and scholars to and from Boston Common, on Saturday, October 14, on the occasion of the review by Admiral Dewey, reported that transportation to and from the Common was provided teachers and pupils who were not within walking distance, in accordance with arrangements made by the Special Committee in charge of the reception, on whose recommendation an order was passed at the meeting of the Board on October 10, making an appropriation to cover the cost of necessary expenses on the occasion referred to. Your committee recommend that the information contained in this report be transmitted to the Board of Aldermen.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Board of Aldermen.

It was ordered

(1.) That the amount due Olive J. Sawyer, deceased, late grammar assistant in the Harvard School District, be paid to her brother, Henry A. Sawyer.

(2.) That Frances Tully be paid \$22.20 for services as temporary teacher of sewing in the Frothingham and Harvard Schools from June 10 to June 23, 1899, inclusive.

(3.) That the Committee on School-houses be requested to report to this Board at its next meeting a recommendation for a penal sum in the bond required of the School-house Agent under Section 103 of the Rules.

(4.) That there be paid to B. Cortisoz the sum of \$33 for services rendered as temporary janitor of the Bigelow School, from September 1 to October 3, 1899, inclusive.

(5.) That the salary of the special teacher of drawing in the Dorchester High School be fixed at the rate of \$1,200 per annum, to date from September 19, 1899.

(6.) That the Committee on School-houses be requested to provide additional sanitary arrangements for the Hawes Hall and Simonds School buildings, in the Bigelow District.

(7.) That an additional primary class be established in the Longfellow District, with daily sessions beginning at 12.45 o'clock P.M., and ending at 3.45 o'clock P.M.

(8.) That the next January and April examinations of candidates for teachers' certificates be omitted; that the time when women, in order to be certificated to teach in high schools shall have been college graduates, be extended till September 1, 1901; and that special examinations for filling vacancies be held, whenever the list of certificated teachers does not furnish suitable candidates for appointment.

(9.) That a special teacher of phonography, typewriting, book-keeping, commercial geography and commercial law be allowed in the Girls' High School.

The Chair read the following veto message from His Honor the Mayor:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 24, 1899.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I feel obliged to return herewith without my approval the order passed by your Board, September 12, providing for the purchase or taking of a parcel of land on Huntington avenue, near the corner of Massachusetts

avenue, as a site for the proposed new normal school-house. While the law requires the approval of the Mayor before the selection of a site for a new school-house by the School Committee can go into effect, I have not been disposed to use this power of disapproval unless in a very exceptional case, and have felt that the judgment of the School Committee as to what site was best from an educational standpoint should ordinarily be taken as final; on the other hand, the law would not have required the absolute approval of the Mayor before a school-house site could be purchased, unless with the intention of throwing an additional safeguard around the financial and general interests of the city.

While I have no disposition to question the conclusion of the School Committee that the western part of the Back Bay district is the best site for a normal school building, I believe that the selection of the proposed site involves such a large and entirely unnecessary waste of public money, and is so open to objection on other grounds, that I cannot conscientiously approve it.

While the Board of Street Commissioners has the right to take this lot by eminent domain and to leave the question of the settlement of a price to a jury, the city cannot prudently count upon having to pay less per foot for this land than the amount asked by the owner in his public proposal, in competition with other land. At the price thus fixed by him (\$5.50 per foot), the cost of this lot would be \$165,000. I will not undertake to say that this price per foot is more than the land is worth, because that must be largely a matter of opinion, though the fact is on public record that the larger parcel of land, containing the lot now offered, changed hands not long before the offer was made to the School Committee at a considerably lower rate per foot. But I take the position very confidently that there is no sort of need for the city to pay anything like this price to obtain an entirely satisfactory lot of land, and one better located from an educational standpoint, within a very short distance of the site selected. If a lot containing as much as 30,000 feet is properly required for the normal school building, I believe that this can easily be obtained \$50,000 to \$75,000 cheaper; and if the size of the lot is reduced to 20,000 feet, which I am inclined to believe amply sufficient for a normal school building as large as it is desirable for the city to build, a large additional saving could be effected. I am fully satisfied that not less than half of the proposed expenditure of \$165,000 is unnecessary and unwarrantable, and that it would represent, if made, only a waste of public money to that extent.

In considering the question of the amount of land required for a normal school building, it must be borne in mind that it differs entirely from the ordinary school of lower grade in that a large yard is not required for purposes of play, and in considering the accommodations which such a school building should provide, it should be remembered that our present normal school accommodations graduate a much larger number of teachers than can easily be provided with places in our public schools. I take it that it will not be claimed that the City of Boston is called upon to give a free education and special training to teachers at large expense, except for the purpose of supplying its own schools.

But even the present accommodations of the normal school have turned out graduates in such numbers that 300 of them are to-day awaiting an opportunity to find places in our public schools.

At the present rate of appointment, it would take six years to find places for such graduates. Even if the policy were followed of absolutely confining appointments as teachers in our public schools to graduates of the Boston Normal School, there would not be more than seventy-five vacancies a year at the outside. I may fairly assume that it is not the intention of the School Committee to provide for erecting a normal school-house designed to accommodate a larger number of pupils than would annually graduate enough teachers to supply the vacancies in our public schools, with a reasonable allowance for future growth; at any rate, I could not approve plans for a larger building, as it seems to me not only a waste of money, but a positive wrong, to hold out expectations of employment to larger numbers than could possibly be provided with places. The Superintendent of Schools, in reply to my inquiry, informs me that in his opinion a building sufficient to accommodate 200 pupils would supply all possible wants of the city in connection with securing teachers for its own schools. Such a building ought to be built for about \$100,000, and argument is hardly necessary to prove that it is not financially justifiable, in a section of the city having so much vacant land, to pay \$165,000 for a site for a \$100,000 school building. Without undertaking to indicate any particular parcels of land, it is not necessary to go farther than the other bids received by the School Committee, or than facts in the possession of every real estate broker having to do with property in that district of the city, to establish the fact that suitable sites could be found within a quarter of a mile of that selected at a very much lower price.

Doubtless the basis for the high price charged for this land is to be found in the fact that it has a large frontage upon an important thoroughfare—Huntington avenue. I believe that the large frontage is entirely unnecessary for this purpose, and that the location upon a main thoroughfare with lines of electric cars is a positive and serious disadvantage. I cannot believe any competent educational authorities would say that it was advisable to locate a school building of this character upon a main thoroughfare; at an rate, the Superintendent of Schools, in response to my inquiry, informs me that he considers the location improper and objectionable on account of the noise of passing cars and traffic.

A normal school building should of course be readily accessible by street car lines from different parts of the city, but this does not mean that it should be situated directly on a main thoroughfare; if it is within a few minutes walk of a street car line, that should be entirely sufficient.

For the above reasons, which might be elaborated at greater length and with further details, but which seem to me entirely sufficient, even thus briefly and generally stated, I am unable to approve the site selected.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

July 31, 1899.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for a site for a new normal school-house, a parcel of land supposed to belong to R. J. Campbell, and bounded and described as follows: North-west by Huntington Avenue about 250 feet; north-east by land supposed to belong to Joseph Feldman about 120 feet; south-east by a sixteen foot passageway leading from Gainsborough street about 250 feet; and south-west by land supposed to belong now or formerly to Franklin Haven, jr., et al., trustees, about 120 feet; containing 30,000 square feet more or less.

Laid on the table.

September 12, 1899.

Passed—yeas, 12; nays, 8.

Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

SUNDAY EVENING CONCERTS.

The first of the Sunday evening municipal concerts for the season of 1899-1900, under the auspices of the Music Commission, was given on Sunday evening, October 29, 1899, at Music Hall before a large and appreciative audience. This concert was a continuation of the series of orchestral concerts inaugurated last season.

The orchestra has been enlarged from thirty-five to fifty performers, under the direction of Mr. Emil Mollenhauer, and on Sunday evening was assisted by M. Vladimir de Pachmann, pianist, whose playing aroused much enthusiasm. The entire programme was of a high order of excellence.

A series of six concerts on successive Sunday evenings has already been arranged for, and, if these are well attended, others will undoubtedly be given. On next Sunday the orchestra will be assisted by Miss Luise Leimer, contralto, and Mr. David Bispham, baritone.

DEATH OF EX-POLICE OFFICER MAXWELL.

The death of Mr. Charles B. Maxwell, a retired police officer of Boston, occurred at his home, 337 Warren street, Roxbury, Thursday morning, October 26, 1899.

Mr. Maxwell was born in Vermont in 1831. He came to Boston when quite young, and at the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion joined Nims' Battery, serving three years, and receiving honorable mention for bravery. For many years he was connected with the old Boston Fire Department.

In 1864 Mr. Maxwell was appointed a member of the police force. He was connected at different periods with several divisions of the Department, and in 1890, on account of physical disability, was retired from the force.

MASSING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The following table shows the attendance of principals, teachers and pupils representing the Normal, Latin, High and upper grades of the Grammar Schools of Boston as reviewed by Admiral Dewey on Boston Common on the occasion of his visit on October 14, 1899:

SCHOOL.	Principal.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.
Normal	1	13	275	289
Public Latin	1	22	409	432
Girls' Latin	1	12	156	168
Brighton High	1	8	189	198
Charlestown High	1	9	212	222
Dorchester High	1	12	320	333
East Boston High	1	8	206	215
English High	1	26	500	527
Girls' High	1	25	644	670
Mechanic Arts High	1	18	365	384
Roxbury High	1	19	510	530
West Roxbury High	1	9	143	153

Total from Normal, Latin and High Schools	11	181	3,929	4,121
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Adams	1	22	237	260
Agassiz	1	12	269	282
Bennett	1	10	265	276
Bigelow	1	21	422	444
Bowditch	1	25	236	262
Bowdoin	1	11	275	287
Brimmer	1	13	300	314
Bunker Hill	1	15	255	271
Chapman	1	26	364	391
Charles Sumner	1	20	268	289
Christopher Gibson	1	30	315	346
Comins	1	11	364	376
Dearborn	1	20	288	309
Dillaway	1	25	335	361
Dudley	1	21	280	302
Dwight	1	26	300	327
Edward Everett	1	19	248	268
Eliot	1	15	400	416
Emerson	1	27	483	511
Everett	1	19	374	394
Franklin	1	14	240	255
Frothingham	1	21	334	356
Gaston	1	14	281	296
George Putman	1	12	233	246
Gilbert Stuart	1	16	264	281
Hancock	1	25	300	326
Harvard	1	24	238	263
Henry L. Pierce	1	21	331	353
Hugh O'Brien	1	38	462	501
Hyde	1	16	355	372
John A. Andrew	1	15	288	304
Lawrence	1	20	350	371
Lewis	1	29	430	460
Lincoln	1	12	268	281
Longfellow	1	9	231	241
Lowell	1	36	572	609
Lyman	1	22	297	320
Martin	1	16	267	284
Mary Hemenway	1	15	319	335
Mather	1	35	340	376
Minot	1	13	220	234
Norcross	1	26	289	316
Phillips	1	30	450	481
Prescott	1	17	202	220
Prince	1	17	112	130
Quincy	1	14	198	213
Rice	1	8	240	249
Robert G. Shaw	1	14	168	183
Roger Clap	1	17	206	224
Shewin	1	14	231	246
Shurtleff	1	15	165	181
Thomas N. Hart	1	4	275	280
Tileston	1	17	185	203
Warren	1	15	264	280
Washington Allston	1	25	399	425
Wells	1	26	360	387
Winthrop	1	20	338	359

Total from Grammar Schools	56	1,090	16,980	18,126
Grand total	67	1,271	20,909	22,247

* On leave of absence.

The imports into the United States for the eight months ending with August are \$88,000,000 larger than the imports of the corresponding months of 1898.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, October 26, 1899.

The fifty-fourth meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Thursday, October 26, 1899, at 2.30 P.M.

Present: All the members.

Mr. Dore, for the sub-committee, appointed October 12 to obtain prices and terms from owners of land adjacent to the Insane Hospital grounds, reported that the committee had secured the following offer from Mr. James J. Costello:

Boston, October 25, 1899.

JOHN P. DORE, Esq., Chairman, Sub-committee of Board of Apportionment.

DEAR SIR: In reply to the request of your committee, permit me to say that the price which I gave you, namely, twenty-five cents per square foot for the 840,821 square feet of land on Walk Hill and Harvard streets, Ward 23, and adjoining Pierce Farm, which is land of the City of Boston, I desire to revise, and now offer it at twenty cents per square foot.

Yours truly,

JAMES J. COSTELLO.

On motion, it was voted that Mr. Costello be invited to appear before the Board to state his position in regard to the sale of his land more fully, and he appeared accordingly.

Corporation Counsel Bailey, City Solicitor Babson and Mr. John C. Cobb, real estate expert, were also sent for by the Board and their views asked in regard to the price of land in the vicinity of the Insane Hospital grounds, and as to the best policy for the city to follow in acquiring the same.

On motion of Mr. Barry, the Board took from the files the request of the City Clerk, contained in the annual loan estimates submitted on January 31, for an appropriation of \$2,500 for new document files.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Acting City Clerk John T. Priest was heard.

The Board then went into executive session.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make a loan appropriation for metallic file cases for the City Clerk's office.

The request of the City Clerk and the communication from Mayor Quincy were placed on file, and Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of two thousand (2,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the City Clerk in purchasing metallic file cases; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at

5.47 P.M., to meet on Friday, October 27, 1899, at 2 P.M.

City Hall, October 27, 1899.

The fifty-fifth meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Friday, October 27, 1899, at 2 P.M.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last two meetings were approved, their reading being dispensed with on motion of Mr. Barry.

The Board took up the following past assignment:

Communication from the Board of Health requesting a loan appropriation of \$2,400 for a telephone cable between Long and Gallup's Islands.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make a loan appropriation for a telephone cable between Long and Gallup's Islands.

The communications were placed on file, and Mr. Dore moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-four hundred (2,400) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Health, in purchasing and laying a telephone cable from Long Island to Gallup's Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

The following communication was received from Mr. James J. Costello:

TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT:

Boston, October 27, 1899.

GENTLEMEN: I have considered your offer of fifteen cents per square foot for the land bounded by Walk Hill and Harvard streets, land of the City of Boston, and land of Fottler, and I must decline to accept the same, for the reason that I do not consider it a fair price. I could have bonded this land two or three times within the past year at a price in excess of this figure, and got a substantial amount as the price of the bond. The price I first gave your committee was twenty-five cents; I then reduced it to twenty cents, making a difference of \$42,000. I thought then, and do now, that said price (twenty cents) is a fair one. I will now agree to split the difference between your figures (fifteen cents) and my last one (twenty cents) and call it seventeen and one-half cents. This means a drop of about \$63,000 from my original price, and is the best that I can do. Terms to be as stated yesterday.

Respectfully,

JAMES J. COSTELLO.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That Mr. Costello be notified that the Board refuses to accept the offer contained in his communication of to-day, and that he be requested to confer with the Board.

On motion, it was voted that Mr. George W. Seaverns be invited to appear before the Board to state his position in regard to the sale of his land for the use of the Insane Hospitals, and he appeared accordingly.

At the conclusion of the conference with Mr. Seaverns, Mr. James J. Costello, in accordance with the vote printed above, appeared before the Board.

The Board then went into executive session.

Mr. Dore moved the adoption of the following:

Voted, That this Board make an appropriation for the purchase of the Costello-Callahan lot, situated at the corner of Walk Hill and Harvard streets, adjacent to Pierce Farm, and containing 846,661 square feet, more or less, at fifteen cents per foot, \$20,000 to be paid in cash and the balance to be subject to a mortgage, to run for three years and to be subject to payment by the city at any time during said period, the rate of interest thereon to be 4½ per cent., Mr. Costello having agreed to accept these terms.

The vote was passed — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy — 5.

On motion of Mr. Barry, another conference was had with Mr. George W. Seaverns, after which, it was unanimously

Voted, That the Board make an appropriation for the purchase, at a price of \$100,000, of the two lots of land owned by George W. Seaverns, one situated between Canterbury and Harvard streets, adjacent to Austin Farm, and containing 209,880 square feet, more or less, and the other situated on the west side of Morton street, between Canterbury and Harvard streets, and containing 523,569 square feet, more or less, \$3,000 of said amount to be paid down, and the balance to be subject to a mortgage, to run for a period of three years and to be subject to the right of the city to pay the said mortgage at any time within said period, the interest on such mortgage to be at the rate of 4 per cent., Mr. Seaverns having agreed to accept these terms.

The Board took up the following unfinished business.

Request of Representative Michael J. Sullivan, on behalf of a committee of the South Boston Citizen's Association, for a hearing in relation to a new fence around Independence square, South Boston.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make an appropriation for improving Independence square, South Boston.

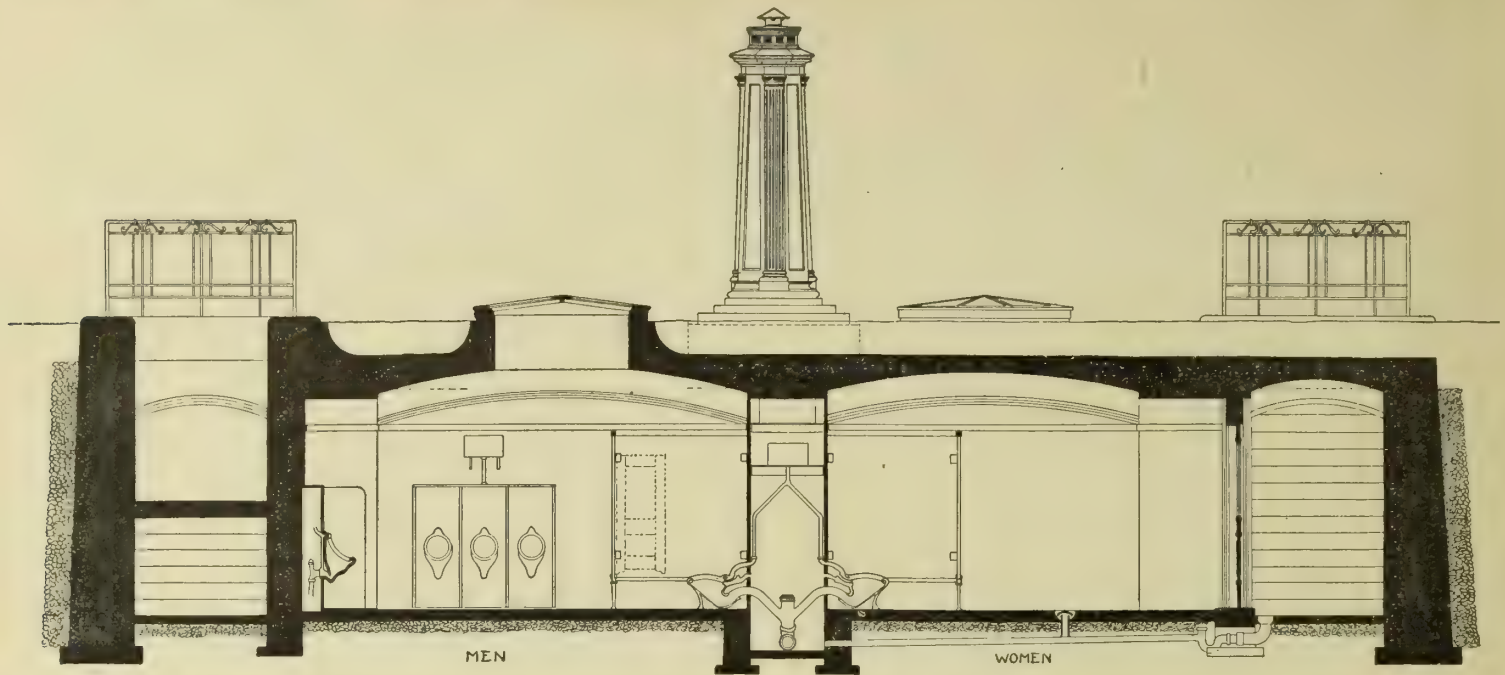
The request of the South Boston Citizen's Association and the communication from Mayor Quincy were placed on file, and Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of twelve hundred (1,200) dollars be expended by the Superintendent of Public Grounds for improvements in Independence square, South Boston; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Kiley.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 4.18 P.M., to meet on Monday, October 30, at 11 A.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.



LONGITUDINAL SECTION SCALE $\frac{1}{2}$ = 7 FOOT.
UNDERGROUND CONVENIENCE STATION, BOSTON COMMON.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE STATION, BOSTON COMMON.

The free underground convenience station for men and women, located at the Park street entrance of the Boston Common, which will be opened on Monday, November 6, 1899, is the first of its kind in the city.

The station has been built under a loan of \$10,000, authorized by the City Council, and approved by His Honor the Mayor on November 21, 1898, and a further loan of \$5,000 authorized on February 27, 1899 by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The work of construction has been under the direction of the Bath Commission of the City of Boston, Mr. Thomas J. Lane, Chairman, in accordance with plans prepared by the Engineering Department, Architectural Division, Mr. Frank W. Howard, Chief of Division.

The contract for the station was awarded to Messrs. Woodbury & Leighton, builders, work being commenced on July 12, 1899.

It will be seen from the accompanying sketches that the station is divided into two compartments, one for women and the other for men. Provision is made on the women's side for nine closets and four wash-bowls, and on the men's side for nine closets, fifteen urinals and two wash-bowls.

A feature, to which attention is called, is the plumbing space located centrally between the two compartments. In this space are all the plumbing and heating pipes, valves, etc., which are readily accessible for repairs

in case of accident, without injury to any other parts of the station. Another feature is the Guastavino construction of the arched and domed roof. This construction is a layer of tiles, one upon another, and is self-supporting. The tiles showing in the station are of a light olive green color, which gives a pleasing effect to the eye.

Knoxville marble has been used entirely for the partitions, walls, cappings, slabs, etc., and the same have been carefully put up and secured with nickel plated trimmings.

The floor of the station is terrazzo, ornamented with a mosaic border, Greek fret pattern.

The plumbing fixtures are the best in the market and have been carefully selected from a sanitary point of view. A feature to be noted is the doing away of wooden seats on the closets. The closets and urinals can be flushed by hand, but the plumbing system as put in, is so arranged that they flush themselves automatically at frequent intervals. The doors to the closets have been so arranged as to be kept open by spring hinges when the closets are not in use. The wash-bowls are supplied with both hot and cold water. Bibb cocks have been placed at convenient points on both sides of the station for washing out the same with a hose, and ample arrangements have been made for cesspools with sanitary traps to carry off the washings.

The station is heated by a hot water heater, located in the centre of the plumbing space, but attended to from the men's side. This heater not only warms the station, but

also furnishes hot water to the different wash bowls, and for washing out the place. The coal-bin is located under the stairs on the men's side, the coal being deposited in the bin through a coal-scuttle coming to the level of the sods, with proper cover on top.

During the day the station is well lighted by four hammered glass skylights, located centrally over each compartment. At night Welsbach lights are used.

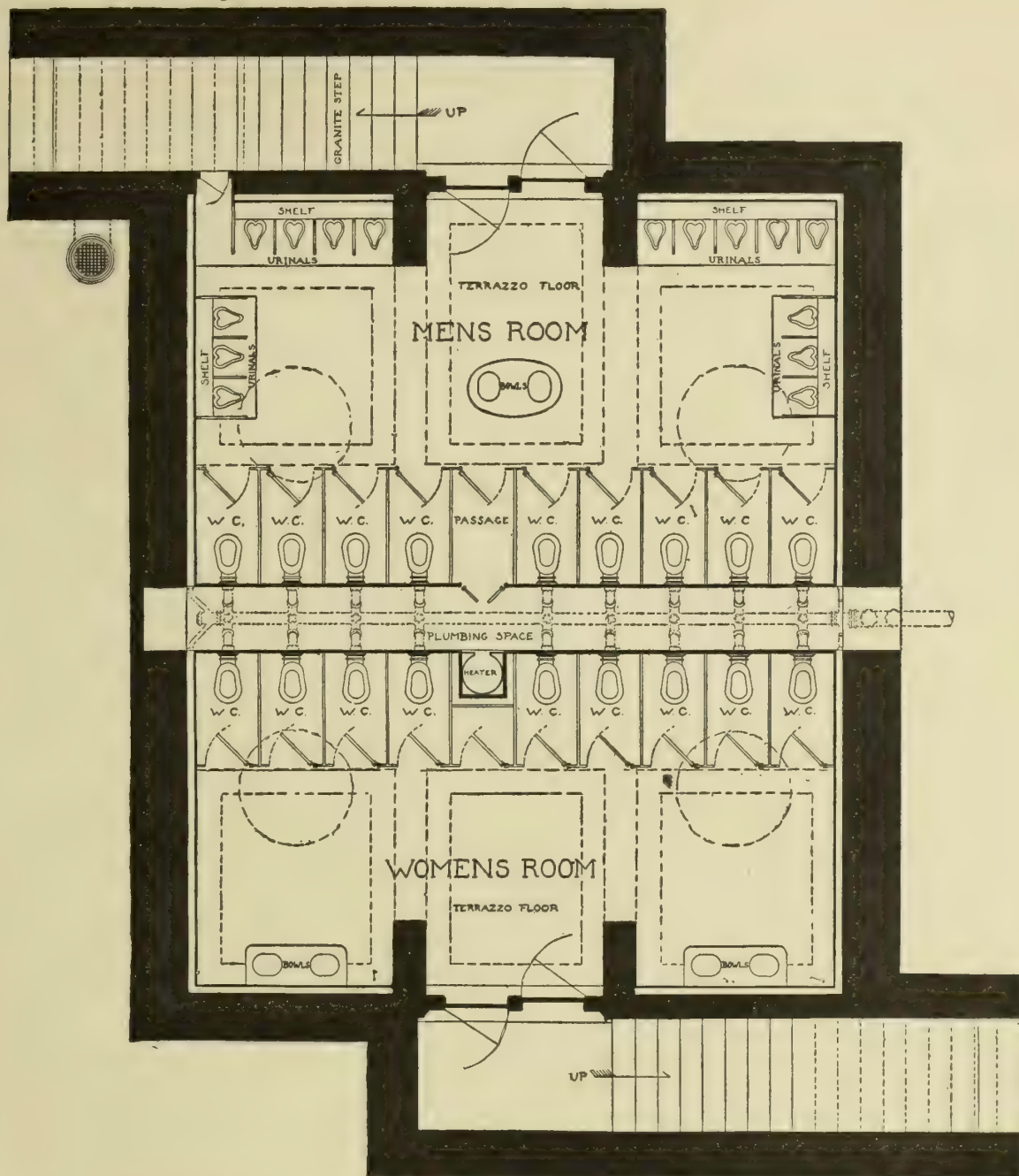
Ventilation is obtained through a ventilator located directly over the plumbing space, and carried up above the ground in the shape of a very handsomely detailed copper shaft. In this shaft is also accommodated the smoke pipe from the heater, the hot water tank, dampers, etc.

The compartments are reached by broad flights of granite stairs, with polished granite side slabs. Surrounding these entrance stairs on both sides is an ornate wrought-iron fence.

It is intended to grade over and sod the station carefully, leaving the location in a first-class and slightly conditon,

VISIT OF THE LORD MAYOR OF DUBLIN.

The Rt. Hon. Daniel Tallon, Lord Mayor of Dublin, accompanied by Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P. for Waterford, Ireland, who are visiting America for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of a monument to the late Charles S. Parnell in Dublin, and for the preservation of the old Parnell home-stand, arrived in Boston at the South Station Friday afternoon, October 27. The distin-



SUBWAY PLAN SCALE $\frac{1}{2}$ "=1 FOOT
 UNDERGROUND CONVENIENCE STATION, BOSTON COMMON.

guished visitors were met at the station by the committee of the City Government, consisting of Aldermen Barry, Codman, Day, Berwin and O'Toole and Councilmen Flynn, Collins, McDonald, Simpson, Martin, Stone and Wells, and by representatives of various organizations interested in the object of the visit. The party was escorted to City Hall and the visitors introduced to His Honor Mayor Quincy and to a number of heads of departments.

Saturday forenoon Lord Mayor Tallon was escorted over City Hall, and later in the day was shown the park system and some of Boston's public buildings. In the evening an elaborate banquet was given the visitors by the city at Hotel Bellevue.

On Sunday evening a public meeting was held at the Boston Theatre, at which a large sum of money was realized towards the erection of the proposed Parnell monument. The meeting was largely attended by a

sympathetic audience, and addresses were made by Hon. P. J. Flatley, of the local Parnell Monument Association, His Honor Mayor Quincy, Lord Mayor Tallon, Mr. John Redmond, M.P., Mr. William Temple Emmett, of the Parnell Committee of New York and Mr. E. H. Capen, President of Tufts College. Previous to the public meeting a parade in honor of the visitors was participated in by various interested organizations.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, October 30, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Sale of Old Lanterns.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 26, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Lamps requesting authority to sell to the highest bidder, after public advertisement, the old lanterns which have been replaced by Welsbach boulevard lanterns, and for which the city has no further use.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

LAMP DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, October 25, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I desire to call your attention to the fact that this Department now has on hand, and in storage, several thousand gas-lamps, taken down from lamp-posts in the streets and replaced by the new lanterns for Welsbach lights installed by the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company under its contract. As I cannot see that the city will have any further use for these old lanterns, I suggest that authority be obtained from the City Council, as they will be over \$500 in value, to sell them, after public advertisement, to the highest bidder.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES DONOVAN,

Superintendent of Lamps.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps, with the approval of the Mayor, be authorized to sell to the highest bidder, after public advertisement, the old street lanterns which have been replaced by Welsbach boulevard lanterns, and for which the city has no further use.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Telephone Cable to Gallup's Island.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 30, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting held on October 27, appropriating \$2,400 for a telephone cable from Long Island to Gallup's Island.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

October 27, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of \$2,400 be appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Health in purchasing and laying a telephone cable from Long Island to Gallup's Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
LAURENCE MINOT,
DANIEL J. KILEY,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

Asphalting Harrison Avenue.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 30, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting to-day, appropriating \$1,000 for asphalting Harrison avenue, between Asylum and Davis streets.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

October 30, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets in asphalting Harrison avenue, between Asylum and Davis streets, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

Improvements in Independence Square.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 30, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting held to-day appropriating \$2,700 for improvements in Independence square, South Boston. It is intended with this appropriation to replace the present

iron fence, which is very much out of repair, with a hedge fence, and to build stone steps leading from M and N streets.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

October 30, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of \$2,700 be appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Grounds for improvements in Independence square, South Boston; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
LAURENCE MINOT,
DANIEL J. KILEY,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

Remodelling of "A" Building.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 30, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting to-day appropriating \$3,000 for remodelling the "A" building at the Insane Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

October 30, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of \$3,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Insane Hospital Trustees in remodelling the "A" building; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
LAURENCE MINOT,
DANIEL J. KILEY,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

Money for Executions of Court.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 30, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting held to-day appropriating \$42,000 to meet deficiencies in loan appropriations caused by executions of court.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

October 30, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of \$42,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated for the following-named purposes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston, to the total amount of such appropriations, viz.:

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Barn, Long Island . . .	\$2,487 84	
Hospital, Long Island . }	6,643 76	\$9,131 60

PARK DEPARTMENT.

Playground, Billings Field, West Roxbury	27,060 98
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PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Fire Department, buildings and site, South Boston	600 86
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STREET DEPARTMENT.

Gold-street bridge	216 66
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STREET LAYING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

Centre street, Ward 24, Widening and extending	\$1,896 99	
	3,092 91	4,989 90
		\$42,000 00

Passed, and we certify that none of the above appropriations are to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
LAURENCE MINOT,
DANIEL J. KILEY,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

Repaving of Devonshire Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 30, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting to-day, appropriating \$6,500 for repaving Devonshire street, between State and Water streets.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

October 30, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of \$6,500 be appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for repaving Devonshire street, between State and Water streets, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

Branch Library, Dorchester.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 30, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Trustees of the Public Library in reply to your order requesting them to establish a branch library at Proctor's Pharmacy in Dorchester.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Copley Square, October 28, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

MY DEAR SIR: In behalf of the Trustees of the Boston Public Library I acknowledge the receipt from you of a copy of an order, passed by the Board of Aldermen, requesting the Trustees to establish a branch library at Proctor's Pharmacy in the Dorchester District. A petition of citizens to the same effect was also transmitted.

In reply the Trustees have to say that the funds of the Library at their disposal are not at present sufficient to permit the establishment of the branch requested.

Whenever the Trustees shall find that they are able to provide for any expansion of the present system the needs of all sections of the city, including that represented by the present petitioners, shall have full consideration.

Very truly,

SOLOMON LINCOLN, President.

Referred to Committee on Library Department.

Insane Hospital Additional Land.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 30, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting to-day appropriating the sum of \$24,000 for the purchase of the equity in certain parcels of land lying immediately adjacent to, or near, Austin and Pierce Farms. The unanimous passage of this order by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is the result of its long consideration of the urgent requests of the Insane Hospital Trustees that additional lands for the use of that institution should be secured without delay. The total area of the land included in the parcels which would be purchased under the terms of this order is about thirty-four acres, and the total purchase price, under the arrangement concluded by the Board of Apportionment is about \$226,000.

As only \$24,000 of this amount is to be paid down, the parcels of land would be taken subject to mortgages aggregating \$202,000, such mortgages being placed upon

the land prior to the transfer of title to the city, so that the city is not liable thereon; and the right to prepay such mortgages in full is also reserved, so that mortgage interest can be stopped at any time that the remainder of the purchase money can be appropriated. These parcels of land are included within the lines of a comprehensive and carefully prepared plan for the enlargement of the property of the Insane Hospital, fixed upon by the Trustees after consultation with a committee of leading experts connected with the management of insane hospitals elsewhere, and the purchase of these parcels is now provided for because it is believed that they are the most urgently needed, and that there is the greatest danger that they will pass out of the hands of present owners for development in house lots, if not acquired by the city. While the policy of purchasing land subject to mortgage is not one which should ordinarily be pursued by the city, it seemed to the members of the Board of Apportionment, after full consideration, that the great importance to the future of the Boston Insane Hospital of enlarging the area of its land fully warranted, in this instance, the purchase of the equity in these parcels, leaving the amount of the mortgages to be appropriated in future.

A very substantial reduction from the prices asked for these lands was secured by the Board through negotiation, and its members believe that they have negotiated terms which are much lower than the city would in all probability have been obliged to pay later for these parcels of land, which are considered by the Trustees to be essential to the proper development of the hospital, and to the adoption of the policy of caring for a much larger proportion of the insane, for whose support the city is chargeable in our own city institution.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

October 30, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of \$24,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated for the purchase of the equity in the lot of land situated on Morton street, and in the lot of land situated on Austin street, West Roxbury, adjoining the Austin Farm, and both belonging to George W. Seaverns, and also for the purchase of the equity in the lot of land on the corner of Walk Hill and Harvard streets, adjoining the Pierce Farm, and belonging in part to James J. Costello and in part to John F. Callahan; that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose; and that the Insane Hospital Trustees expend said appropriation for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,
DAVID F. BARRY,
JOHN P. DORE,
LAURENCE MINOT,
DANIEL J. KILEY,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Information About Garbage Plant.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 30, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith, as requested by an order passed by your Board at its last meeting, a copy of a communication addressed by the Board of Health to the Superintendent of Streets, relative to the garbage plant at Cow Pasture, under date of August 25 last.

This communication received the prompt and careful consideration of the Superintendent of Streets, in consultation with the City Engineer and myself, and we visited the garbage plant together a few days after it was received. The position taken by the Superintendent of Streets, with my approval, was verbally communicated to the Board of Health within a few days, and shortly afterwards conditions materially improved and have not since been regarded as sufficiently serious to call for radical action, particularly in view of the fact that the contracting company was, and still is, laboring to some extent under the disadvantage of having been unable to fully replace its plant in the condition in which it was prior to the fire which seriously damaged it in February last. It is certainly a fact of vital importance in connection with this matter that, although the garbage plant was in full operation from November 15, last year, no complaint of offensive odors from it was made, so far as I am aware, until many months afterwards, and subsequent to the date when an important portion of the plant had been destroyed by fire.

This would certainly seem to indicate that it was, and still is, possible to conduct the operations of the plant in such manner as not to be "objectionable to the public health or comfort." Up to the time of this fire, I think that all of the city authorities connected with the matter regarded the plant as a decided success as supplying a sanitary and unobjectionable means of disposing of garbage. As the Superintendent of Streets therefore considered that it had been demonstrated in the past that this plant was capable of meeting the expectations of his Department, he naturally felt inclined to make every effort to have it brought back to

the same conditions before taking any radical action under the contract, which might result in compelling the city to go back to discarded and objectionable methods of disposing of its garbage — and this position was taken by him with my full approval.

The examination above referred to, made at the end of August, led to the conclusion that the odor complained of must come chiefly from the raw garbage upon the scows, prior to its entering the plant, or from the pressed tankage made up of the residue of the garbage left after the extraction of grease and water therefrom. Measures were promptly taken to deodorize the raw garbage by treating it with a suitable disinfectant while in the carts in which it is gathered, and before its collection in large masses, and these efforts seemed to meet with success. It is believed that the main cause of complaint has been due to odors from the pressed tankage placed upon the scows prior to removal.

The necessity of removing this tankage, instead of drying and grinding it within the building as formerly, for use as a fertilizer base, — which is intended to constitute one of the main products of the manufacturing operation, — arises from the fact that the dryers formerly used were destroyed in the fire referred to. The representative of the contractor states that the order for new dryers was placed shortly after the fire, and that no expense or effort has been spared to secure their delivery and installation, but that this has been delayed, owing to the overcrowded condition of the iron and steel industry and the impossibility of securing prompt attention to orders. It is stated, however, that the dryers are now promised within a very short time. It should be noted in this connection that the arrangements for completely disposing of the vapor and odors from the digestors seemed to be working perfectly satisfactorily, and it does not seem to be claimed that any odors of this character are detected, although these would be the most objectionable, and are the most difficult to control.

It should further be stated in connection with this matter that the identical process in use at Cow Pasture has for some time been in satisfactory operation in the cities of New York and Philadelphia, and I have been furnished with recent statements from officials of both of these cities expressing entire satisfaction with the sanitary conditions connected with the operation of these plants.

In view of this situation, it has not seemed to the Superintendent of Streets or to myself that the city would yet be warranted in taking the position that this plant cannot be operated in accordance with the provisions of the contract, or that the company can as

yet be fairly placed in the position of being either unable or unwilling to operate this plant in a thoroughly sanitary manner. While it cannot be denied that unfortunate conditions have existed at times during the summer season, it has certainly been demonstrated that conditions formerly complained of could be materially improved, and I believe that all concerned should at least await the installation of the new dryers and the resumption of normal operation of the plant before calling for radical action. If the garbage plant cannot be operated in its present location without being "objectionable to the public health or comfort," it will have to be abolished or removed; but the importance of its operation to the city is such that no objections should be allowed much weight unless they are based upon solid and substantial grounds. It should further be noted that the great bulk of the complaints, particularly those made recently, have come from a small number of persons living in a very limited area of territory, and that at least some of the complaints have been fixed at times when the direction of the wind has been such that it would seem physically impossible for smells to have travelled in the direction claimed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, August 25, 1899.

BENJAMIN W. WELLS, Esq., Superintendent of Streets.

DEAR SIR: The Board of Health respectfully begs to call your attention to the following facts concerning the garbage plant adjoining the pumping station at Cow Pasture, Dorchester District, and recommends such immediate action on your part as the terms of the contract between the City of Boston and the New England Product Company may seem to you to demand.

This garbage plant was installed and called into use November 15, 1898. Complaints of offensive odors from said plant began to be made early in the present summer. The Board of Health made a thorough investigation and found that the offensive odors from this garbage plant were reaching distances of over one mile, and that the complaints of the residents of Dorchester and elsewhere were well founded. Hearings were given by the Board of Health to the complainants and to the officers of the New England Sanitary Product Company early in July. Promises were made to the Board of Health by the officers of the said company to so alter and repair the plant as to do away with any nuisance, and that such repairs and alterations should be completed on or before August 1, 1899. This time was granted as requested, and the officers of the company reported the work as completed about the first of August.

Nevertheless, these alterations in the plant and the assurances of its management that its condition was then such as to control the

odors, the complaints from the residents of Dorchester and elsewhere have continued with increasing frequency and force down to the present date. The Board of Health has diligently traversed the territory, within range of the odors complained of, by day and by night, with a view of estimating the degree of nuisance and with an earnest hope that the alterations in the plant would be found to be successful in so far diminishing the nuisance as to make the plant tolerable to the people living in the vicinity.

The Board of Health now, however, feels bound by its convictions and obligations to report to you that the said garbage plant at Cow Pasture has been for several months and is now, causing such offensive odors to the inhabitants of Dorchester, South Boston and elsewhere as to warrant it in declaring the said plant to be "objectionable to the public health or comfort" within the meaning of the terms of the contract between the City of Boston and the New England Sanitary Product Company, and to call for immediate action on the part of yourself under the following terms of the said contract, (Article 3, Section E.)

"Carry on all said work in such manner that the appearance, smell and use of said scows and their loads and the appearance, smell and operation of said plant and the taking of any substances, materials, residues or waste, to or from said island and the depositing or keeping of any part thereof, in any place, will not be objectionable to the public health or comfort.

(Article 9.) "If the contractor, from any cause, except fire or extraordinary ice in the water surrounding the city or in Boston harbor, or process of law, or other extraordinary or unavoidable cause as aforesaid, shall fail for more than five successive days, to remove or to cremate or render said garbage as required in this contract, or to dispose of the residue or waste thereof as so required, the Superintendent acting for the city by notice in writing to that effect, signed by him and approved by the Board of Health of said city and the Mayor, given to the contractor or mailed to him at the business address given by him to the Superintendent, may cancel this contract, or using any labor, materials, implements or machinery of the contractor with any others he may deem necessary, and by day labor, contract or otherwise, without further notice, may take possession of the plant and any scows of the contractor he may desire, forcibly if necessary, and thereafter do the things required in this contract of the contractor; and in case that such cancellation or the taking possession of the property and doing things as aforesaid any expenses, losses or damages incurred by the city in each and every month of said term of ten years in removing and disposing of the garbage, to be removed by the contractor under his contract, over and above the amount which would have been paid to the contractor by this contract, shall be paid to the city by the contractor."

Very respectfully,

The Board of Health,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN, Chairman.

The communication, with the enclosure, was referred to the special committee appointed earlier in the meeting, consisting of Aldermen Codman, McDonald, Adams, Dixon and Doyle.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., Thursday, October 26, 1899, President Kiley in the chair.

The following message from His Honor the Mayor was received:

Metallic Filing Cases.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 26, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting to-day appropriating the sum of \$2,000 for metallic filing cases for the City Clerk's office.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

October 26, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of \$2,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the City Clerk in purchasing metallic file cases; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

DAVID F. BARRY,

JOHN P. DORE,

DANIEL J. KILEY,

LAURENCE MINOT,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Sent up.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved October 23:

Ordered, That an annuity be paid from the City Treasury to Lavinia A. Barber, widow of James K. Barber, formerly a member of the Police Department, who died from injuries received in the discharge of his duty; the amount of said annuity, not exceeding \$300, to be determined by the Board of Police, and the annuity so determined to be paid from the appropriation for pensions, Police Department.

The following was approved October 27, 1899:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to Henry E. Wright to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Spice street, Ward 4, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a

brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for mercantile purposes; main building occupied for manufacturing purposes.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved October 24, 1899:

Permits to project signs etc., viz.:

Kalish & Rosen, illuminated sign at 20 Salem street, Ward 6.

Hugh W. Bresnahan, four transparencies at 301 West Broadway, Ward 13.

Fred J. Kneeland, campaign transparency at 3764 Washington street, Ward 23.

Bradbury Brothers, druggist's mortar at 559 Dudley street, Ward 17.

L. W. Eddy & Co., sign from building 709 Dudley street Ward 16.

F. H. Thompson, two barber poles at 46½ Warren street, Ward 17.

Mich Daniele, sign at 148 Shawmut avenue, Ward 9.

New England School of Engineering, illuminated sign at 121 Haverhill street, Ward 8.

Eli Goldstein, sign at 44 Lowell street, Ward 8.

A. P. Welch, two barber poles and two V-shaped signs at 62 Causeway street, Ward 8.

Abram Petow, sign at 38 Lowell street, Ward 8.

Carleton W. Crocker & Co., two signs at 108 Trenton street, Ward 1.

Diamond Brothers, wooden advertising sign, 20 Salem street, Ward 6.

Diamond Brothers, wooden advertising sign, 43 Salem street. Ward 6.

W. C. S. Healy, illuminated sign, 193 Webster street, Ward 2.

Philip Logue, transparencies, 41 Washington street, Ward 6.

J. F. Tehan, illuminated sign, 136 Court street, Ward 6.

James H. Doyle, two transparencies, 1042 Tremont street, Ward 18.

Margaret Gordon, sign, 19 Tremont row, Ward 6.

Gross & Strauss Company, electric sign, corner of Washington and Bedford streets, Ward 7.

John W. Green, transparency, 2½ Charter street, Ward 6.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be and hereby is directed to give notice, by advertising the same as required by law, that meetings of the citizens of this city, qualified to vote for State officers, will be held at the several polling-places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the seventh day of November next, for the election of a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney-General, Councilors, Senators and Representatives in the General Court.

The polls at said election will be opened at 6 o'clock A.M. and closed at 4 o'clock P.M.

Whereas, Benjamin Franklin did, by his will, leave £100 sterling to the Town of Boston to provide silver medals annually to be distributed by the directors of the free schools of Boston, in such manner as to the discretion of the Selectmen of the said town shall deem meet.

And whereas said fund, amounting to \$1,000, does not afford income sufficient to apply medals to all the schools, and therefore none have been given to grammar schools since 1867.

Ordered, That a special committee of three members of this Board be appointed to request the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Fund to consider the propriety of transferring not exceeding \$7,000 from the Franklin Fund to increase the Franklin Medal Fund, the income to be spent at the discretion of this Board under the direction of the School Committee.

Ordered, That the City Registrar be directed to prepare and report in print a list of Franklin Medal boys, and of the six graduating scholars in the grammar schools each year since 1867 who would have been entitled to medals by previous rules. The expense to be charged to the appropriation for the contingent expenses of this board.

The following were approved October 25:

Orders, That the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be built from five to twelve feet in width, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Edward Carroll, corner of South and Poplar streets, Ward 23, of brick.

French, Cole & Co., 73-75-81 Waumbeck street, Ward 21, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Samuel G. King and others, trustees, 23 Hull street, Ward 20, of artificial stone with granite edgestone.

H. J. Freeman, Bowdoin street, side of state corner of said street and Geneva avenue, Ward 20, of brick.

Timothy McCarthy, 1536-1542 Tremont street, Ward 19, of brick with granite edgestone.

Walter H. Baldwin, 10-16 Minden street, Ward 9, of brick.

James V. Devine, Cottage street, side of state 949 Dorchester avenue, Ward 16, of brick.

James M. Cross, 103-107 Sidney street, Ward 16, of brick with granite edgestone.

Fanny Bible, 728 East Seventh street, Ward 14, of brick with granite edgestone.

M. Grant Daniell, 9 Schuyler street, Ward 1, of brick.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make an artificial stone sidewalk in front of the Granary Burying-ground on Tremont street, as the present sidewalk is in a dangerous condition through depressions caused by excessive travel.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Eastern Cold Storage Company to lay, maintain and use a twelve-inch conduit, with iron pipes incased therein, under and along Creek square, at the rear of 38-44 North street, Ward 6, as shown on a plan dated October 16 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to George F. Burkhart the sum of \$6.50 in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs, June 25, 1899, said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Edith F. Conness the sum of \$16 in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs April 16, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Elizabeth P. Hodson the sum of \$1.50 in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs, October 14, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Mary Brophy the sum of \$6 in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs, September 8, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Ellen Hannan the sum of \$3 in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs, April 11, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Permits for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Social Labor Party, on the evening of November 3, 1899.

Democratic State Committee of Massachusetts, on the evening of Friday, October 27, for a political meeting.

Josiah Quincy, on Thursday, November 9.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close Freeport street between Preston and Tenean streets, Ward 24, to public travel during necessary repairs on Commercial Point bridge.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington, dated September 11, 1899, said posts to be located as follows:

Washington street, nine poles, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk twelve feet.

Union Park street, two poles, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk eight feet.

Worcester street, one pole, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk eight feet.

Newman street, four poles, thirty-five feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk eight feet.

K street, two poles, thirty-five feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk eight feet.

L street, five poles, thirty-five feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

P street, one pole, thirty-five feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk eight feet.

H street, four poles, thirty-five feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk eight feet.

Dorchester avenue, one pole, sixty feet high, eighteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk ten feet.

Broadway, two poles, forty feet high, fifteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk twelve feet.

London street, two poles, thirty-five feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk eight feet.

Liverpool street, six poles, thirty-five high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk eight feet.

Paris street, three poles, thirty-five high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk eight feet.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to remove from Hastings street, Ward 23, five poles shown by red dots marked "removed" on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated January 13, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to attach wires to six trees on Magnolia street, between Hooper avenue and Magnolia square, and to one tree opposite 22 Catawba street; said attachment to be made by bending wire around a part of each of said trees, over blocks painted substantially the color of the tree, and so placed as to protect the tree from injury.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following order was presented to the Mayor October 17, 1899, and was not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be, and is hereby, directed to remove two trees from West Broadway, opposite 417 and 423, also to remove three trees on the south side of F street, between West Broadway and Silver street; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

The Boston Society of Municipal Officers met at the Mayor's office, Wednesday afternoon, October 25, 1899, and organized as follows, His Honor the Mayor being President, ex-officio:

Vice-President, Prof. William T. Sedgwick, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Pauper Institutions; Treasurer, Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets; Secretary, Dr. Edward M. Hartwell, Secretary of the Statistics Department.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Proposals were opened October 3, 1899, by the Committee on School-houses for furnishing the Frederick A. Whitney School-house, Webster avenue, Allston. This is an eight-room building, but it has only been necessary to provide furniture for four of the rooms:

George S. Perry & Co.	\$1,043 70
Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company	875 13
Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Company	837 80

The contract was awarded to the Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Company.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1899.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	266	19	285	130	126	29	137	37	42	285	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	81	—	81	30	47	4	21	9	51	81	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	261	46	307	108	181	18	114	98	92	303	4
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	15	—	15	5	4	6	1	—	14	15	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	6	—	6	6	—	—	1	—	—	6	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	28	12	40	12	22	6	29	2	1	40	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	27	85	112	35	77	—	40	8	9	112	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,883	405	3,288	182	3,059	47	1,677	1,212	266	3,080	208
Totals	3,567	567	4,134	508	3,516	110	2,020	1,366	475	3,922	212

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	1	—	10	1	20	3	62	2	58	4	40	1	37	6	14	—	13	1	4	1	3	—	4	—
No. 2.	3	—	32	—	16	—	10	—	8	—	6	—	1	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3.	2	—	42	1	40	1	40	12	37	8	34	10	25	1	11	5	14	4	10	1	3	1	3	2
No. 4.	2	—	6	—	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6.	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	1	5	1	5	1	2	2	6	5	—	1	1	1	3	—	1	—
No. 7.	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	28	6	21	8	10	3	8	3	8	1	—	1	2	2	—	—	1
No. 8.	6	4	54	6	135	15	356	57	505	70	465	56	415	77	309	35	235	26	163	24	115	12	125	23
Totals	14	4	144	8	218	24	478	100	620	104	559	78	485	94	345	53	265	32	180	29	126	15	133	26

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	24	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	25	Males	8
Missing persons reported	26	Females	1
Missing persons found	10	Americans	6
Lost children restored	161	Foreigners	3
Sick and injured persons assisted	317	Non-residents	8

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	2,114	6	<i>Brought forward</i>	4,109	9
British Provinces	383	1	Finland	1	—
Ireland	1,025	1	Denmark	4	—
England	156	—	Holland	3	—
France	5	—	Wales	3	—
Germany	36	1	East Indies	2	—
Italy	115	—	West Indies	4	—
Russia	66	—	Turkey	3	—
China	58	—	South America	1	—
Greece	27	—	Switzerland	—	—
Sweden	36	—	Belgium	1	—
Scotland	52	—	Africa	—	—
Spain	1	—	Hungary	1	—
Norway	12	—	Asia	1	—
Poland	13	—	Mexico	—	—
Austria	3	—	Australia	—	—
Portugal	7	—	Armenia	1	—
Roumania	—	—	Syria	—	—
<i>Carried forward</i>	4,109	9	Totals	4,134	9

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

October 17, 1899.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Cambridge, on Tuesday, October 17, 1899, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Present: Commissioners Champlin and Leavitt.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, Commissioner Champlin was elected Chairman pro tempore.

Pursuant to an order of notice adopted October 4, 1899, a public hearing was held upon the proposed taking of land on the north-east corner of First and Main streets, Cambridge, as a part of the approach from the Cambridge side to the new Cambridge bridge.

Mr. J. A. McGinty, of Messrs. Ames & McGinty, appeared in remonstrance. No other persons desiring to be heard, the hearing was closed, on motion of Commissioner Leavitt.

Adjourned on motion of Commissioner Leavitt, to meet on Tuesday, October 24, 1899, at 4 o'clock P.M., at the office of Messrs. Wheelwright & Haven, Boston.

October 24, 1899.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the office of Wheelwright & Haven, Tremont building, Boston, at 4 o'clock P.M., Tuesday, October 24, 1899.

Present: All the members.

The Commissioners examined sketch drawings of the proposed new bridge, prepared by Mr. E. M. Wheelwright.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the temporary highway bridge, which is to be used by the public during the rebuilding of the abandoned West Boston bridge, be, and hereby is, placed in charge of the Boston and Cambridge Bridge Commissioners.

Mr. Jackson reported that the officials of the Boston Elevated Railway Company had conferred with him relative to making some arrangement for the dumping of snow from the temporary highway bridge, and, on motion of Commissioner Leavitt, the matter was referred to the Chief Engineer with full power.

Adjourned, on motion of Commissioner Leavitt, to meet on Friday, November 3, at 4 o'clock P.M., at the office of Messrs. Wheelwright & Haven, Boston.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following general orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

October 24, 1899.

General Order No. 633.

I. In the matter of the complaint against Sergeant Charles E. Keith, of Division 12, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Incapacity and neglect of duty, the Board finds the said Sergeant Charles E. Keith guilty, and sentences him to be reduced to the rank of patrolman in the police force.

II. Patrolman William J. Hennessy, of Division 3, is hereby promoted to the rank of sergeant in the police force and assigned to duty at Division 12. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. Patrolman George H. Guard, of Division 16, is hereby promoted to the rank of sergeant in the police force and assigned to duty in Division 14. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. Sergeant Charles E. Keith is transferred from Division 12, and assigned to duty as a patrolman on Division 3.

V. This order will take effect at 7.45 o'clock A.M., Wednesday, the twenty-fifth instant.

October 26, 1899.

General Order No. 634.

The Superintendent of Police is hereby directed to make the following details:

I. Four patrolmen to report to the Board of Election Commissioners for duty in and about its office from 6.30 o'clock P.M., Monday, November 6, to 6 o'clock A.M., Tuesday, November 7.

II. A sergeant and eight patrolmen for duty in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners and in Court square from 4 o'clock A.M. to 6 o'clock A.M., Tuesday, November 7, four of whom will be required for duty in Court square to keep teams and carriages in line, and the other four for duty in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners.

III. Two patrolmen for duty in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners from 4 o'clock A.M. to 6 o'clock P.M., or until relieved Tuesday, November 7.

IV. The necessary number of patrolmen from the several police divisions to attend the several polling places in this city on election day to preserve order and protect voters in the full exercise of their right.

V. One hundred and ninety-one patrolmen to convey the cancelling ballot-boxes, voting lists and other documents from the Election Commissioners' office, Old Court House, Court square, to the polling places and deliver them to the warden or clerk of the precinct, allowing no person to take or examine them before such delivery. They will report promptly as follows: Patrolmen from the first, second, third and fourth divisions at Room 8, Old Court House, at 5 o'clock A.M.; patrolmen from the seventh, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth divisions will report at their respective station-houses at 4 o'clock A.M., and those of the fifth, sixth, fifteenth and sixteenth divisions at 4.30 A.M. and proceed thence to the Old Court House in carriages provided by the Election Commissioners. Patrolmen going to the Old Court House in carriages will enter Court square by the east side and leave by the west side.

VI. On arriving at the polling places to which they are assigned, officers will deliver to the warden or clerk of the precinct the cancelling ballot-boxes, voting lists and such documents as may be received from the Election Commissioners, and hand the key of the cancelling ballot-box to the warden. On delivery of the ballots to the warden, the police officer will take from him a receipt for the ballots, which receipt will be returned to the Election Commissioners.

VII. After the warden has opened the box and allowed the election officer to see that it is empty, the box is to be again

locked and the key given to the police officer, who is to retain it until after the polls have closed, except that the presiding officer may be allowed to open the box for the purposes mentioned in Section 2 of the circular issued by the Board of Election Commissioners, entitled: "Instructions to Police Officers detailed for Duty at Polling Places on Election Days." They will remain on duty at the polling places during such hours as their superior officers may designate. Commanding officers will exercise their judgment in relieving officers during the day, but will see that one or more officers are always on duty at the polls.

VIII. When the polls close and the ballots are sorted and counted, the officers detailed for the purpose will receive the sealed boxes and check lists from the election officers, together with the "defective" and "cancelled" stamps, carry them to the Old Court House, and deliver them to some member of the Board of Election Commissioners in person.

IX. While the polls remain open an officer of rank will visit the polling places in each division at stated intervals, to be designated by the captain, and in case of any disturbance will report the fact to the commanding officer at the station-house without delay. If additional men are needed beyond the number available in that division, the officers in charge will communicate immediately with headquarters.

X. Special attention is called to the circular issued by the Board of Election Commissioners, entitled: "Instructions to Police Officers detailed for Duty at the Polling Places on Election Days."

XI. A list of the names of the officers detailed for duty on election day and the police stations to which they belong will be furnished to the Board of Election Commissioners for use of its office.

October 26, 1899.

General Order No. 635.

I. Reserve Officer John E. Gibson, of Division 1, having been commended by his captain for courage and prompt action shown in arresting a store-breaker on September 27, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders, appointed a patrolman in the police force and assigned to duty in the same division. He will report at the chief clerk's office, headquarters, at 9.30 A.M., Friday, the twenty-seventh instant, to be sworn.

II. Patrolman Orlando H. Curtis, of Division 1, having been commended by his captain for courage and prompt action shown in stopping a runaway horse on Monday, September 25, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders and allowed three days' additional vacation.

III. Reserve Officer Michael J. Trainor, of Division 16, having been commended by his captain for vigilance shown in detecting a thief on the night of September 12, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders and allowed three days' additional vacation.

IV. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Edward F. Hyland, of Division 2, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, in that he failed to pull in his "on duty" calls on July 21, 1899, the Board finds the said Patrolman Hyland guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of ten days' pay.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, September 11, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending September 9, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	6	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	3	
2...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4...	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	
6...	1	3	1	-	1	-	9	2	8	11	
7...	-	6	-	-	-	-	7	4	7	24	
8...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	4	
9...	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	5	11	
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
11...	-	2	1	1	-	-	5	-	1	17	
12...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	8	
13...	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	4	
14...	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	-	2	4	
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	7	
16...	-	6	-	1	-	2	1	4	3	6	
17...	1	1	5	-	2	-	5	-	1	26	
18...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	5	
19...	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	3	3	
20...	3	2	1	1	2	3	-	4	10	39	
21...	1	2	-	-	-	7	1	-	3	9	
22...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	4	
23...	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	8	12	
24...	1	6	4	-	7	3	2	-	7	9	
25...	4	3	-	-	4	1	-	-	4	9	
T'ls.	19	41	16	5	14	22	48	14	82	223	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, October 16, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office during the week ending October 14, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	85
Number of discharges of mortgages	15
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of wages	45
Number of ship liens	4
Number of married women's certificates,	9

Accident notices have been filed as follows:

October 9—Marie E. St. Claire, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Chandler street.

October 12—Thomas Ellis, personal injuries, caused by guy-rope stretched across Glen road, near Glade avenue.

J. T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, October 28, 1899.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed:

Annie Sullivan, Lake street, eight additional horses; hearing November 2, at 11 A.M. John Trey, 565 Eighth street, Ward 15, three additional horses; hearing November 2, at 11 A.M. Martin Kelly, 17 Hutchins street, Ward 22, six horses; hearing November 2, at 11 A.M. Thomas F. Dolan, Grover street, Ward 23, two additional horses; hearing November 9, at 11 A.M. T. E. Guild, M.D., opposite 1553 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 24, one horse; hearing November 16, at 11 A.M.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Charles Bonanno, 958 Saratoga street, Ward 1, three horses; James B. Hayes, 190 Adams street, Ward 20, three horses; the Thompson & Norris Company, Braintree street, Ward 25, four horses; Patrick J. Kelly, Jewett street, Ward 23, two additional horses.

The petition of the Drivers' Union Ice Company, for the occupancy of a stable on Halleck steeet, Ward 19, for ninety-six horses, was refused.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending October 28, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	25	24	49
Negative	67	65	132
No growth	-	1	1
Total	92	90	182

Typhoid examinations: Seventeen cases; seven cases positive, eight negative and two atypical.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, September 25, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending September 23, 1899:

Cases pending	1
Number of applications	77
	78

Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	36
Long Island Almshouse	11
Charlestown Almshouse	3
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	1
Boston Insane Hospital	4
Westboro' Insane Hospital	3
Foxboro' Asylum	2
Epileptic Hospital	7
	67

Number of applications refused	4
Number of applications withdrawn	5
Cases pending	2
	78

Settlements investigated	86
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	9

28 Court Square, October 2, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending September 30:

Cases pending	2
Number of applications	87
	89

Number of Admissions:

To State Almshouse	38
Long Island Almshouse,	18
Charlestown Almshouse,	1
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	6
Boston Insane Hospital,	6
Foxboro' Asylum	3
Epileptic Hospital	1
	73

Number of applications refused	4
Number of applications withdrawn	10
Cases pending	2
	89
Settlements investigated	101
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	14

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, October 30, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending October 28, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	184	10
Females	35	5
Total	* 219	15

Offences:		
Against the person	5	4
Against property	18	6
Against public order and decency	200	5
Total	† 223	15

Discharges:		
Males	153	6
Females	30	3
Total	183	9

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	159	8
Permit of Commissioner,	6	-
Payment of fine	18	-
Transferred to Deer Island	-	1
Total	183	9

Population:		
October 21, 1899	1,270	483
Committed since October 21, 1899	219	15
Total	1,489	498
Discharged since October 21, 1899	183	9
October 23, 1899	1,306	489

* One transferred from South Boston. One pardon revoked.

† Four committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, October 9, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending October 7, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.	
Inspections made	790
Defects reported	71
Defects corrected	71
Feet of dead wire removed	10,200
Feet of dead wire retained	575

Fixtures removed	36
Notices of new work received	33
Poles set	19
Poles removed	5

John F. Cameron, an employee of the Suburban Light and Power Company, while engaged in transferring wires and transformer from building to a fixture in rear of 2189 Washington street, September 5, had both hands severely burned and fell to the roof below, injuring his back and shoulders. He was taken to the City Hospital.

Charles F. Diamond, an employee of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, was instantly killed by alternating wires while at work on a pole on Rutherford avenue on the afternoon of Monday, September 25.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	592
Notices of new work received	188

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	24
Building connections	26
Lamp connections	17
Pole connections	8
Repairs	7
Cable drawings	27

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	17
Building connections	12
Pole connections	4
Repairs	6
Cable drawings	35

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	7,168
Feet of duct laid	29,268
Feet of cable drawn in	85,419
Manholes built	4
Service connections	43

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

DEATH OF DR. LARKIN DUNTON.

Larkin Dunton, LL.D., well known as Head Master of the Boston Normal School, died at his residence, 16 Ashford street, Allston, on Monday, October 30, 1899.

Dr. Dunton was born at Concord, Me., on July 28, 1828. He fitted for college at Hallowell Academy, afterwards entering what is now Colby University from which he graduated in 1855. From this institution he received the honorary degree of LL.D. in 1870. During this time he also taught school for several terms in various neighboring towns. After leaving college he read law and was admitted to the Kennebec bar at Augusta, and later became trial justice in Waterville. Abandoning law, Dr. Dunton was elected principal of the Hallowell High School, where he taught one term. For two terms he was assistant in the Bath High School; two years as principal of the Lincoln Academy and seven and a half years as principal of the Bath High School.

In 1867, Dr. Dunton resigned his principalship of the Bath High School to accept the position of sub-master in the Lawrence School of Boston, subsequently, in 1868, being appointed master of that school, where he remained till 1872, when he was elected head master of the newly organized Boston Normal School. He resigned this position on September 1 last on account of failing health.

Dr. Dunton was an author as well as a teacher, making numerous contributions to educational journals and publishing several well-known text-books. He was a member of many State and national educational societies and for over thirty years had been a member of the Boston Schoolmasters' Association.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending October 28, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.4
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898, 20.0	
Number of deaths:	
Males	98
Females	104
Total	202
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	204
Decrease	2

Of the 202 decedents, 195 were white and 7 colored; 118 were born in the United States, 79 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 5 was unknown; 38 were of American parentage, 141 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 23 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	71	3
Scarlatina	37	1
Typhoid fever	28	3
Measles	7	—
Totals	143	7

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	15
Heart disease	25
Bronchitis	9
Marasmus	3
Whooping cough	2
Violent causes	19
Total from principal causes	100
Total from infectious diseases	7
Total from other causes	95
Total from all causes	202
Deaths of children under 1 year	46
Deaths of children under 5 years	58
Deaths of persons over 60 years	31
Deaths in public institutions	61

Mayor Phelan of San Francisco has signed the ordinance recently passed by the Supervisors compelling the placing of electric wires underground in that city. The ordinance divides the city into four districts and it will take four years to complete the proposed work.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held on Thursday, October 19, 1899, at 2.30 P.M., at the office of the Trustees in City Hall.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Hersey and Atteaux.

Voted, That there be paid to Messrs. Hitchings & Co., horticultural architects and greenhouse builders, the sum of \$2,882.52 for structural material, etc., furnished for range of greenhouses at Mt. Hope Cemetery as per their estimate of May 31, 1899.

Voted, That the bid of the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department, to wit: \$510, be accepted.

Voted, That the matter of heating the chapel at Mt. Hope Cemetery be referred to Mr. Morton, the General Superintendent.

The following communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing petition of the Victorian Club and letters in support of same from Dr. Samuel A. Green, of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Edward G. Porter, President of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and Charles F. Adams, was opened and read:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 19, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES:

GENTLEMEN: I transmit herewith petition, with accompanying letters and plans, which are self-explanatory, and should be glad to have your Board consider this request at an early date. I see no reason myself why it should not be granted.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The petition of the Victorian Club is as follows:

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In commemoration of faithfulness to duty, it is proposed by the Victorian Club of the City of Boston to erect a monument to the memory of the British officers and soldiers who fell at the battle of Bunker Hill.

On behalf of the above named club, recognizing the commendable growth of kindly feeling between the British and American nations, we the duly appointed committee, lay before your Honor this petition, requesting that a site be granted us in the Central Burying Ground (where tradition indicates some of the deceased were buried), that we may place thereon a shaft of Quincy granite or Gaelic cross permanent in its character and dignified in its design, that it may witness to American chivalry toward those who are no longer enemies, and whose fellow-countrymen are proven friends; and also to render tardy honor to the memory of brave men of different nationalities who were faithful unto death.

Absolutely non-political in its character and location, the inscription would simply read:

In memory of the British officers and soldiers, some of whom are here buried, who fell in the discharge of their military duties at the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775.

The names of the deceased and the regiments engaged would appear upon the pedestal.

Regarding this proposed monument as one of the refinements of peace and civilization, and believing that you will realize the fitness of our purpose and the reasonableness of our request, we pray the granting of our petition by yourself and the committee having charge of the Central Burying-ground.

We have the honor to be, sir,

Yours respectfully,

S. B. ELLIOTT, M.D.,

President Victorian Club.

THOMAS T. STOKES,

B. B. USHER,

Committee on Monument.

Voted, That the petition of the Victorian Club, forwarded with the sanction of His Honor the Mayor, be granted.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, October 13, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: The Acting Librarian's report.

Service changes: Lawrence McKiernan, grade D, runner division, special libraries, transferred to issue department, October 28; Clyde Therrien, regularly employed, grade D, runner division, special libraries, \$5 per week, beginning October 28; Louis W. Roett, grade D, special, issue department, resigns November 1.

Salaries were fixed as follows: Harry F. Mayer, grade D, issue department, \$7 per week, October 27; Cora L. Stewart, custodian, Station "P," \$10 per week, October 28. Evening and Sunday service: One attendant, thirty-five cents an hour; one assistant, twenty cents an hour, added; assistants in the fine arts department to receive thirty-five cents an hour instead of thirty cents, as at present.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$7,101.16; to trust funds, \$590.38; to "Broadway Extension, Improvements" appropriation, \$18.24.

The President was authorized to receive from the City Treasurer and receipt for the interest due October 1, 1899, on various trust funds, the same to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$531.39; to trust funds, \$222.51; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$13.37; to Station "P," \$7.49; miscellaneous articles, \$539.64.

An application for a special privilege card was granted.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Street Laying-Out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Tuesday, October 3.

Orders were passed taking land for school purposes on Norfolk street, in Dorchester; for building catch-basins in Richmond, Congress, Sunnyside and Vinson streets; and of notice of the Board's intention to relocate South street, in Brighton, and Freeport street, in Dorchester.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Longfellow street, and for a catch-basin in Phipps avenue.

Wednesday, October 4.

A sewer outlet for Parley Vale was ordered to be built; and authority was given for the opening of Kineo, Roys and Palfrey streets.

Thursday, October 5.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Public alley No. 905, in District No. 10, leading from Massachusetts avenue, near Marlboro' street, to Marlboro' street; and to lay out Kilton street.

Friday, October 6.

Orders were passed laying out Fairview and Mendum streets, in West Roxbury, and relocating Tremont street, in Brighton.

Petitions were received for a catch-basin in Brent street, at Dorchester, and for a sewer in Highland street, in Roxbury.

A hearing was given in the matter of changing lines on Board of Survey plan X 19, Plat 5.

Monday, October 9.

Public hearings were given in the matters of laying out and constructing Westbourne, Templeton and Normandy streets.

It was voted to pay, on the advice of the Law Department, James W. O'Brien \$700 with interest from May 11, 1896, for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of St. Martin street, in Charlestown.

Tuesday, October 10.

Public hearings were given in the matter of laying out and constructing an extension of Bird, Hamblen, Cardington and Dunford streets.

An order was passed laying out an extension of Leonard street.

Friday, October 13.

Public hearings were given in the matter of the laying out and construction of Pomfret street, and of the relocation of Hancock street.

A taking was made for school purposes on Parker street.

Orders were passed relocating Faneuil Valley brook; laying out Public alley No. 438; laying out Public alleys Nos. 439 to 444 (inclusive); laying out Province court and relocating Brookline avenue.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Chesterfield street and for catch-basins in Willow park and Albemarle street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

The annual meeting of the Boston Associated Board of Trade was held Tuesday evening, October 10. Mr. Robert A. Boit was re-elected President of the association.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments has been issued by His Honor the Mayor:

Circular No. 66.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 2, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby directed to allow all men in the employ of the city half-holidays on Election Days, November 7, 1899, and December 12, 1899, without loss of pay, as part compensation for their services.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

October 26, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners will give a public hearing at their office in City Hall, on Thursday, November 2, 1899, at 12 o'clock, noon, to all persons interested in petitions before the Board for the laying out of an extension of Temple street, at West Roxbury, from Ivory street to Centre street.

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners,

JOHN P. DORE, Chairman

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, October 31, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Blackwell street, at Dorchester, be laid out as a highway, from Neponset avenue to Bowman street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fifteenth day of November, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, October 30, 1899.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company respectfully represents to your Honorable Board that, on account of the widening of Boston street, which is now being done, between Mt. Vernon street and Edward Everett square, several changes in its line of poles become necessary; and your Honorable Board is petitioned for permit to relocate eight poles and place one additional pole on the south-east corner of Boston street and Edward Everett square, as shown on accompanying plan.

E. B. PILLSBURY, Superintendent.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 30, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Wednesday, the eighth day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Dorchester Beacon, Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE.

Boston, October 16, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners in accordance with Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and amendments thereto, having passed orders for the laying out and construction of the following highways: West Roxbury, Custer street, Rowe street, Seymour street.

Notice is hereby given that the Street Department is about to do the work contemplated in said order, and that all work to be done in said highways by all persons or corporations having rights in the same to lay or repair either sewer, gas, water or other pipes must be done before Wednesday, November 15, 1899, as after that time no permits for openings will be granted until two years after said highways are completed.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

Boston, October 21, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed, dated December 15, 1894.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Wait street, between Huntington avenue and Hillside street, Ward 19.

Also to remove poles from Wait street, between Huntington avenue and Hillside street, Ward 19.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 30, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Wednesday, the eighth day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

October 26, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 197 and 199 Dorchester street, corner of West Seventh street, Ward 15, one bay-window of wood of the following description: To project from second story, over Dorchester and West Seventh streets. Dimensions: Twelve feet high, eleven feet wide, and three feet over line of street.

FLORENCE E. CREED.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 30, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twentieth day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the South Boston Inquirer and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD.

SOIL EXCAVATION AT WACHUSETT RESERVOIR.

Boston, October 24, 1899.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, 3 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass., until 2.30 o'clock P.M. of Friday, November 17, 1899, for stripping 650,000 cubic yards of surface soil from 313 acres in the Wachusett Reservoir, hauling it from one-third of a mile to three miles and depositing it in the westerly portion of the North Dike, Clinton, Mass.; 165 acres will require clearing and grubbing. In addition to the soil excavation there will be 80,000 cubic yards of earth and gravel excavation required for forming a portion of the dike. The whole work is to be completed on or before July 1, 1903. The work has been staked out and plans may now be seen at the offices of the Board in Boston and Clinton, Mass.

Pamphlets containing further information for bidders, forms of proposal, contract and specifications will be ready about October 28, 1899, and will be mailed to contractors who apply to the Chief Engineer, or may be obtained at his office, 3 Mt. Vernon street, and may also be obtained at the Clinton office. The printed form must be used in making proposals. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to accept the proposal deemed best for the Commonwealth.

HENRY H. SPRAGUE, Chairman.

WILMOT R. EVANS,

HENRY P. WALCOTT,

Metropolitan Water Board.

FREDERIC P. STEARNS, Chief Engineer.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 27, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for the erection of a head-house and canopy at the South Ferry, East Boston district, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Wednesday, November 8, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, October 30, 1899.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to erect poles for the support of its wires in the streets of the city, as follows:

Fort avenue, Roxbury, between Centre street and Beech Glen street, three poles, thirty-five feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk seven feet.

Humphreys street, Dorchester, between East Cottage and Elder streets, two poles, thirty-five feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk seven feet.

Boston Electric Light Company,

By SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

October 30, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Wednesday the eighth day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Roxbury Gazette, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT.

STATE ELECTION.

City Clerk's Office, October 26, 1899.

In accordance with the provisions of the Election Act of 1893 and amendments thereof, notice is hereby given that meetings of the citizens of this city, qualified to vote for State officers, will be held in the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the seventh day of November next, and all such citizens will on said date, in the several precincts in which they are entitled to vote, give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor, Attorney-General, Councillors, Senators and Representatives in the General Court.

The polls at said meetings will be opened at 6 o'clock A.M., and closed at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, November 1, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Edison Green, between Dorchester avenue and Pond street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Thursday, November 9, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, November 1, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Esmond street, between Blue Hill avenue and Harvard street, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Thursday, November 9, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

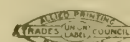
October 25, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Morton street, at Dorchester and West Roxbury, be relocated as a highway, from the angle in said street north of River street to Canterbury street, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the eighth day of November, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF PATROLMAN BROWN.

Patrolman Moses P. Brown, of Division 5, one of the oldest men on the police force in point of service, died suddenly Sunday afternoon, November 5, 1899, while on duty.

Patrolman Brown was born in Moultenboro', N.H., June 22, 1839, and was appointed on the police force in December, 1864, and assigned to Division 5, where his entire thirty-five years of service had been spent.

THE FIRST BOSTON GYMNASIUM.

It would appear that the first public gymnasium of any note in the United States was the Boston Gymnasium. The "Medical Intelligencer" for October 3, 1826, has the following: "The Boston Gymnasium was opened on Thursday last (i.e., September 28), at 6 o'clock in the morning, for exercise and instruction. The principal instructor is Charles Follen, LL.D., a pupil of the celebrated Jahn. The assistant instructor is George F. Turner, A.B., of Virginia,

recently a distinguished pupil in the gymnasium at Cambridge."

On March 13, 1826, a petition of William Sullivan and others, asking for the "use of a piece of land not exceeding one acre in extent, at the junction of Boylston, Pleasant and Charles streets, for two years from the first day of May next, for the purpose of establishing a school for gymnastic instruction and exercise," was favorably received by the Board of Aldermen of Boston.

The matter was referred to a joint committee, consisting of Aldermen Welsh, Oliver and Loring, and Councilmen Bassett, Rice, Farnsworth and Bent.

On April 17 the Aldermen, and the Common Council in concurrence, granted the petition on the ground that the contemplated institution was to be "of a public nature and for the use of all citizens."

To the Boston City Government of 1826 belongs the credit of granting first aid towards the establishment of the first public gymnasium in the United States.

"Gentlemen of the first respectability" were enlisted in the cause, as is evidenced by the fact that Daniel Webster wrote a letter favoring the scheme, and by the names of the committee charged to solicit contributions and apply them to the establishment of a "gymnastic school." The committee consisted of Dr. John C. Warren, George Ticknor, Dr. John G. Coffin, John S. Foster, Thomas Motley, Josiah Quincy, and John B. Davis. The public meeting, which resulted in the appointment of this committee, was held at the Exchange Coffee House, June 15, 1826. A full report of the meeting, signed by its secretary Charles P. Curtis, appears in the "Boston Daily Advertiser" of June 19. The "Advertiser" of July 24 notes that only thirty shares at \$20, of the 250 offered by the committee had thus far been taken.

The difficulty of securing the amount of money desired may serve to account for the fact that the Boston Gymnasium was opened out of doors, after the German fashion, in the Washington Gardens, on the northern corner of Tremont and West streets, instead of on the land whose use had been granted by the City Government. The gymnasium

opened with a distinguished list of about 200 pupils. The patrons increased to 400 in number within the first year, and dwindled to four in the course of the second year, it is said.

Both Dr. Follen and Dr. Francis Lieber, who succeeded him in July, 1827, were trained gymnasts, in the school of Jahn, and had left Germany as political refugees. Dr. Lieber came to America from London for the express purpose of taking charge of the Boston Gymnasium, and of establishing a swimming-school. The swimming-school established by Dr. Lieber was continued for many years under the name Braman's Baths. He was warmly recommended by Father Jahn himself, who declined the overtures made to him to assume direction of the Boston Gymnasium. "But," as has been said by another, "no talent could keep the gymnasium alive after the novelty had ceased, and some of the gymnasts had been caricatured in the print-shops."

SEA-WALL, MYSTIC RIVER, NEAR ALFORD STREET.

The following is a communication from the War Department to His Honor Mayor Quincy, granting the city permission to build a sea-wall in Mystic river, adjoining Alford street:

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Washington, November 6, 1899.

SIR: Referring to your application of twentieth ultimo, I have the honor to transmit herewith, for retention, an instrument granting the City of Boston, Mass., permission to build a sea-wall and fill solid in Mystic river, adjoining the north-westerly side of Alford street, Boston, in conformity with license No. 2291, dated September 28, 1899, from the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, subject to the condition set forth in said War Department instrument and as shown on plans attached thereto.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor of Boston.

Accompanying the above was an instrument granting permission to build a sea-wall in Mystic river, on condition that the work be "subject to the supervision and approval of the engineer officer of the United States Army in charge of the locality."

TEMPORARY MALDEN BRIDGE, MYSTIC RIVER.

Following is a communication from Secretary of War Root to His Honor Mayor Quincy, approving plans for the construction of the proposed temporary bridge across Mystic river:

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Washington, November 4, 1899.

SIR: Referring to your application of the twentieth ultimo, I have the honor to transmit herewith, for retention, an instrument approving the map of location and plans of a temporary bridge proposed to be constructed by the City of Boston, Mass., across Mystic river, Boston, Mass., easterly of and near the so-called Malden bridge, for use during the construction of a permanent bridge, plans for which were approved by the Secretary of War under date of August 12, 1899, subject to the conditions set forth in said instrument and as shown on blue print attached thereto.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor of Boston.

Accompanying the above letter was an instrument granting permission to build the temporary bridge, subject to the following conditions:

(1.) That the engineer officer of the United States Army, in charge of the district within which said temporary bridge is to be built, may supervise its construction, in order that said plans shall be complied with.

(2.) That upon the completion of the permanent bridge, the temporary bridge herein authorized shall be entirely removed to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

The first annual meeting of the Boston Society of Municipal Officers was held at the Mayor's office, October 25, 1899. Various reports were read and officers for the ensuing year were elected (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 44, page 726). Following is the Secretary's annual report, submitted by Mrs. Alice N. Lincoln of the Pauper Institutions Trustees:

The Boston Society of Municipal Officers was organized on January 17, 1899, and the Constitution and By-laws were submitted to the officials of the City of Boston in accordance with a circular issued by His Honor the Mayor.

The first regular meeting of the Society was held on Wednesday, March 8, at Young's Hotel. Mayor Quincy presided and thirty-eight members were present.

The Mayor spoke of the advantage it would be to promote a personal acquaintance between those who were serving the city in the various departments, and the purposes of the society were briefly outlined as follows:

(1.) To stimulate outside interest in the affairs of Boston.

(2.) To promote a better civic spirit.

(3.) To interest a larger number of people in the work which the city has to do.

The Mayor stated that it was intended that the society should discuss questions relating to municipal subjects from an expert standpoint, and viewed in this light it has large possibilities of usefulness.

At this meeting an informal vote was taken, which resulted in the choice of Wednesday afternoon for the regular day on which future meetings should be held.

Prior to the next meeting of the Society a formal vote was taken concerning the day of meeting, with the same result, viz., that the largest number of votes was cast in favor of Wednesday afternoon.

The second meeting of the Boston Society of Municipal Officers was held at the Public Library on Boylston street on April 15. Through the courtesy of the Trustees of the Library a thorough inspection of its rooms was allowed, and Mr. Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Congress, delivered a most interesting address on the "Use and Scope of the Library." Thirty-two members and three guests were present. Thirty-five present in all.

The third regular meeting of the society was held at the Parker House on May 10.

Prof. William T. Sedgwick, Vice-president of the Society, addressed the members on the subject of "Dust, Smoke and Gas in Boston." Professor Sedgwick stated that the prevalence of dust storms in Boston is largely due to macadamized streets, and that there is need of more asphalt paving. Professor Sedgwick also stated that Boston is threatened with some of the conditions prevailing in Western cities in regard to smoke. The volume of smoke, poured out by many chimneys, diminishes the light and increases the dirt. The dangerous conditions of water gas were also touched upon. Twenty members were present.

The fourth and last regular meeting of the Boston Society of Municipal officers was held at Long Island, Boston Harbor, and included a visit to the Pauper Institutions of Long Island, and several brief addresses were made by Mrs. Lincoln, Secretary of the Society, on the "History of Long Island"; Mr. Ernest C. Marshall, Penal Institutions Commissioner, on the "Life and Benevolent Bequest of Mr. Randidge, the Founder of the Randidge Excursions for Poor Children," and Mr. James F. Wise, on the subject of a "Municipal Camp for Boys."

Thirty-five members and guests were present.

With this occasion the regular meetings for the season came to a close, and the society adjourned until the second Wednesday in October.

The society now numbers nearly ninety members, representing most of the departments of the City of Boston. It is hoped that during the ensuing year a larger number of the institutions under the care of the various departments may be visited, to familiarize the officials with all branches of the public service.

The retiring Secretary wishes to thank the members of the Society, and especially of the Executive Committee, for their assistance and co-operation in the pleasant task of making the meetings a source of benefit and profit to all concerned.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPOR- TIONMENT.

City Hall, October 30, 1899.

The fifty-sixth meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Monday, October 30, 1899, at 11 A.M.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Barry.

On motion of Mr. Barry, the Board took from the files the communications from Alderman John H. Colby and Mr. T. D. Roberts, Superintendent of the Boston Industrial Home, requesting that Harrison avenue, between Asylum and Davis streets be asphalted.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make a loan appropriation for asphaltting Harrison avenue, between Asylum and Davis streets.

The several communications were placed on file, and Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets in asphaltting Harrison avenue, between Asylum and Davis streets; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed—yeas, 4; nay, 1:

Yeas—Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot and Mayor Quincy—4.

Nay—Mr. Kiley—1.

The order was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

The Board took up the following assignment:

Ordered, That the sum of twelve hundred (1,200) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Grounds for improvements in Independence square, South Boston; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

On motion of Mr. Barry, the order was amended by striking out the words "twelve hundred (1,200) dollars" and by inserting in place thereof the words "twenty-seven hundred (2,700) dollars."

The order, as amended, was passed—yeas, 5:

Yeas—Messrs. Barry, Dore, Minot, Kiley and Mayor Quincy—5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make appropriations to meet deficiencies in loan appropriations caused by executions of court.

The communication was placed on file, and Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of forty-two thousand (42,000) dollars be, and hereby is.

appropriated for the following-named purposes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the total amount of such appropriations, viz.:

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Barn, Long Island . . .	\$2,487 84	
Hospital, Long Island . . .	6,643 76	
		\$9,131 60

PARK DEPARTMENT.

Playground, Billings Field, West Roxbury	27,060 98
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PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Fire Department, buildings and site, South Boston	600 86
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STREET DEPARTMENT.

Gold-street bridge	216 66
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STREET LAYING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

Centre street, Ward 24, Widening and extending	\$1,896 99	
	3,092 91	
		4,989 90

Total	\$42,000 00
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The order was passed — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Minot, Barry, Dore, Kiley and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that none of the said appropriations are to meet a current expense.

The Board took up the following unfinished business:

Communication from the Insane Hospital Trustees requesting an appropriation for the purchase of additional land.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make a loan appropriation for additional land for the use of the Insane Hospital Department.

The communications were placed on file, and Mr. Dore moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-four thousand (24,000) dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated for the purchase of the equity in the lot of land situated on Morton street and in the lot of land situated on Austin street, West Roxbury, adjoining the Austin Farm, and both belonging to George W. Seaverns, and also for the purchase of the equity in the lot of land on the corner of Walk Hill and Harvard streets, adjoining Pierce Farm, and belonging in part to James J. Costello and in part to John F. Callahan; that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose; and that the Insane Hospital Trustees expend said appropriation for said purpose.

The order was passed — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

The Board took up the following past assignment:

Communication from the Insane Hospital Trustees requesting an appropriation of \$3,000 for remodelling the "A" building at the Boston Insane Hospital.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make a loan appropriation for remodelling the "A" building at the Boston Insane Hospital.

The communications were placed on file, and Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That the sum of three thousand (3,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Insane Hospital Trustees in remodelling the "A" building; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Barry, Dore, Minot, Kiley and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The order was signed by all the members of the Board, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

The Board voted to take from the files the following:

(1.) Communication (referred by the Superintendent of Streets) from J. J. Eddy, President of the National Bank of the Commonwealth, requesting that the asphalt pavement being laid on Devonshire street, from Milk to Water streets, be extended by their building on Devonshire street.

(2.) Communication from the Superintendent of Streets enclosing petition, signed by owners and tenants of property on Devonshire street, requesting that the asphalt pavement now being laid on Devonshire street, from Milk to Water streets, be extended from Water street to State street.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make a loan appropriation for repaving Devonshire street, between State and Water streets.

The communication and petition were placed on file, and Mr. Barry moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, that the sum of sixty-five hundred (6,500) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for repaving Devonshire street, between State and Water streets; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed — yeas, 4; nay, 1.

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

The order was signed by the four members voting in the affirmative, they certifying upon the original order that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

The following order (referred by the Common Council) was received:

Ordered, that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient to drain the land at the Parental School, West Roxbury.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Minot, the following, pending as unfinished business, was placed on file:

Order (passed by the City Council) requesting the Board "to provide an appropriation sufficient for the establishing of a branch of the public library at the North End."

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy requesting the Board to make an additional loan appropriation for street improvements.

The communication was placed on file, and Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Ordered, That so much of the order approved July 9, 1895, as appropriated one hundred and twenty-five thousand (125,000) dollars for "Grounds for the parade, drill and target practice of the militia belonging to the City of Boston," be, and hereby is, rescinded, and the said amount of one hundred and twenty-five thousand (125,000) dollars is hereby appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for street improvements.

The order failed of passage — yeas, 2; nays, 3.

Yeas — Mr. Minot and Mayor Quincy — 2.

Nays — Messrs. Dore, Barry and Kiley — 3.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Barry, at 12.54 P. M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Boston, November 6, 1899.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the office of Wheelwright & Haven, Tremont building, Boston, on Monday, November 6, 1899, at 4.30 P. M.

Present: Commissioners Champlin and Leavitt.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, Commissioner Leavitt was elected Chairman pro tempore.

The following was received:

Boston, November 6, 1899.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION:

GENTLEMEN: The following repairs are necessary on the West Boston draw pier:

Up-stream section: Estimated cost of removing planking, except that under house, and replanking with three-inch spruce is \$550.

Down-stream section: Estimated cost of building a six-foot walk on present planking, along channelway and end of pier, with fence is \$100. (Estimated cost of replanking whole of section with three-inch spruce is \$650.)

Middle section (at lower grade): This could be repaired with best of planking removed from up-stream section at small expense.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM JACKSON, Chief Engineer.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the Chief Engineer of the Commission be authorized to make the repairs enumerated in the above communication.

The Commissioners examined sketch drawings of the proposed new bridge, prepared by E. M. Wheelwright, consulting architect.

Adjourned, on motion of Commissioner Champlin, subject to the call of the Chairman.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

HOUSES VACATED AND DEMOLISHED DURING OCTOBER.

The following is a list of the houses ordered vacated by the Board of Health during October, 1899:

Rear of 40 Bolton street.
302 Athens street.
31 Kirkland street.
66 Pleasant street.
57 Corning street.
59 Corning street.
32 Wheeler street.
Second rear of 245 Sumner street.
679 Second street.
45 Henley street.
1 Lyman place.
17 Hudson street.
34 Genessee street.
36 Genessee street.
38 Genessee street.
15 Cotting street.
Adjoining 58 Newman street.
Gould street first, left from Spring street.
12 Crescent street.

The building adjoining 58 Newman street was the only one ordered demolished during October, 1899.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING'S MUNICIPAL CONCERT.

At next Sunday's evening concert at Music Hall, which will be the third in the series, the Municipal Orchestra, Mr. Emil Mollenhauer, director, will be assisted by Miss Emma Juch, soprano, Miss Marie Nichols, violiniste, and Mr. Barron Berthald, tenor.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., Thursday, November 2, 1899, President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Bath Department Statistics.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 26, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Acting Secretary of the Bath Department, furnishing information requested in order passed by your body,

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF BATHS.

October 26, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In reply to the order offered by Councilman Stevens I respectfully submit the following figures.

The expenditures this year so far amount to \$66,789.68, divided as follows:

Office:	
Salaries	\$2,205 69
Bills	1,913 09
Warren bridge:	
Salaries	712 00
Wood Island:	
Salaries	1,641 00
Maverick street:	
Salaries	611 00
Charlestown beach:	
Salaries	1,286 00
Bills	217 50
Border street:	
Salaries	644 00
Bills	5 80
Neponset beach:	
Salaries	132 00
Bills	133 00
Neponset bridge:	
Salaries	533 50
Bills	50 00
Chelsea bridge:	
Salaries	663 00
Dover-street bridge:	
Salaries	764 00
Commercial point:	
Salaries	720 50
Bills	651 35
Cabot street:	
Salaries	1,039 25
Bills	64 75
Harvard bridge:	
Salaries	453 50
Malden bridge:	
Salaries	631 25
Orchard park:	
Salaries	1,220 00
Bills	151 10
Craigie's bridge:	
Salaries	583 00
Spring street:	
Salaries	762 25
Bills	116 88
West Boston bridge:	
Salaries	501 50
K-street beach:	
Salaries	529 00
Bills	1 20
L-street beach:	
Salaries	2,709 85
Bills	100 37
Savin Hill:	
Salaries	277 00
Bills	6 70
North End park:	
Salaries	4,110 25
Bills	1,818 90
Dover-street laundry:	
Summer, extra help	687 50
North End park laundry:	
Salaries	1,845 76
Dover-street house:	
Salaries	5,859 15
Bills	2,361 11
Swimming instructors	280 00
Gymnasium:	
Salaries	3,218 99
Bills	1,708 25
Urinals:	
Salaries	2,710 79
Expenses	136 05
Teamsters:	
Salaries	1,523 20
Teaming	2,329 75
Wharves:	
Salaries	3,084 60
Rent	1,693 75
Towing	795 45
Supplies for general use	113 80
General repair on all baths	6,627 89
Laundrying	36 65
Bathing suits and towels	3,705 11
Ice delivered at various baths	111 70
Total	\$66,789 68

The only bill remaining unpaid in this office on October 1 was one of \$1,449.49 for

general repairs at the various bath-houses, due to the Public Buildings Department.

Table of attendance at baths is appended.

Yours respectfully,

P. J. CARROLL, Acting Secretary.

The following table shows the attendance at summer baths for the season of 1899—July, August and September:

Malden bridge	31,708
Charlestown beach	32,293
Chelsea bridge	48,094
Wood Island beach	56,036
Border-street bath	59,259
Jeffries point	22,065
North End park	99,855
Warren bridge	68,869
Craigie's bridge	196,815
West Boston bridge	48,223
Harvard bridge	29,392
Dover-street bridge	55,525
L-street beach	318,454
K-street beach	154,021
Orchard-park pool	39,809
Cabot-street pool	72,534
Spring street	29,224
Commercial point	83,315
Neponset bridge	36,496
Neponset beach	5,334
Savin Hill beach	16,950
Total	1,504,271

The attendance at all-year-round baths, February 1 to October 1, 1899, was as follows:

Dover-street bath	222,533
East Boston gymnasium	53,345

Total 275,878

Assigned to the next meeting, and ordered printed.

Skating—Churchill Field.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 26, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reply to your order requesting the said Board to lease Churchill's field, Ward 24, for skating purposes.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

October 23, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have received your communication, enclosing an order of the Common Council requesting this Board to lease Churchill's field in Ward 24 for skating purposes. We regret to say that the smallness of our maintenance appropriation renders it inadvisable to increase the area of ice to be cared for by us next winter.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Playground—Ward 18.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 26, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in

reply to your order requesting a report as to what the said Board has done toward locating a playground in Ward 18.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

October 23, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have your communication of October 20, enclosing an order of the Common Council requesting information as to our action in locating a playground in Ward 18. We have taken a tract of about 80,000 square feet of land in the rear of Columbus avenue, between the base-ball grounds and Camden street.

We have no money to develop the grounds. A request made by us, August 14, to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for a small sum to improve the land has not yet been granted.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Compilation of Special Laws.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 26, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Corporation Counsel in reply to your order requesting a report as to "what progress, if any, the special commission appointed to prepare a compilation of the special laws relating to the City of Boston has made, and how soon a report of their work may be expected."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

73 Tremont Street, October 26, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your request that I should inform you of "what progress, if any, the special commissioners appointed to prepare a compilation of the special laws of the City of Boston have made, and how soon a report of their work may be expected," I have the honor to say that the commissioners are not engaged in a mere compilation of the special laws, but are making a revision of the laws, embodying in a form of charter all the special acts in force giving authority to the City of Boston and the officers thereof, and the commissioners have given a great deal of time to the work. I have just received your communication and am unable to see the other commissioner, Hon. A. E. Pillsbury (General Collins having resigned some time since), but for my part, I think we have made such progress that we can complete the work to such a degree as to make a report, including substantially the charter as we desire to leave it, before the end of the year. In a work of this character it is impossible to give any idea of what progress is made. All that we can say is that the whole work has received a great part of our time, especially the last six months, and there is not an act

or section of an act of all the special acts passed since the charter of the city in 1854, that we have not considered and acted upon, but as to giving any further information, it is impossible to do so.

Respectfully,

ANDREW J. BAILEY,

Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

Disposal of Gas Lamps.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 26, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Lamps in reply to your order requesting a report as to "what has been done with the gaslights recently removed from the streets, and if the same have been sold, to whom and for how much."

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

LAMP DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, October 25, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In accordance with the request contained in the enclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to report that the gas lanterns that have been removed by reason of substitution for the new lamps, have been stored in the various yards of the Street Department and at the shop of this Department. None of these lanterns have been sold. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 44, page 722.)

Respectfully,

JAMES DONOVAN,

Superintendent of Lamps.

Placed on file.

Street Lighting Contract.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, October 26, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Lamps in reply to your order requesting a copy of the contract for street lighting between the City of Boston and the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, together with a schedule of all city property used or controlled by said company.

Respectfully

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

LAMP DEPARTMENT.

October 25, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In accordance with the request contained in the enclosed order of the Common Council, I hereby enclose a copy of the contract with the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, and also a schedule of the city property which, in accordance with Article 3 of said contract, is being used temporarily by said company,

the company being required to return the same to the said city when the lanterns to be placed within four months from the time this contract goes into effect are so placed.

Respectfully,

JAMES DONOVAN,

Superintendent of Lamps.

(For copy of the contract referred to see THE CITY RECORD, No. 23, page 438.)

Following is a schedule of property in use by the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, or which it has the right to use under its contract:

Six horses, eleven sets of single harnesses, two sets of double harnesses, four single wagons, one wagon, double or single, three pungs single, one pung double, one top buggy, one open buggy, two sleighs, twenty-three blankets, three rubber horse covers, two whips, two buggy-mats, two buggy-covers, four sets interfering boots, three carriage-jacks, one oiling-pan, fifty feet of hose, five horse-nets, one hot-water heater, one large turning-machine, one large burring-machine, one small burring-machine, one wiring machine, one rolling-machine, one pair rotary shears, two pairs bench shears, one double seamer, one groover, one squaring shears, one tin-folder, one lantern form, two vises, one grindstone, two fire-pots, one blow-horn stake, six soldering-coppers, one hollow mandrel stake, one beak-horn stake, one double-seaming stake with four heads, one square stake, one lot hand-tools, one die-holder and five dies, one crane and tackle, one bolt-cutter, two die stocks and cutters, two pipe-cutters, one forge, three lantern-holders, two wooden shovels, four iron shovels, three ice-cutters, five double ladders, twelve ladders, three long ladders, one pair scales; property and tools in hands of lamp-lighters, and all plans of routes, map, etc.; necessary equipment for washing wagons and cleaning horses and harnesses; furniture in office at shop.

Assigned to the next meeting and ordered printed.

COVE STREET BRIDGE.

Secretary of War Root has appointed Colonel Suter of Boston, Major Lockwood of Newport, and Major Fiske of Portsmouth, to hear testimony and report on the proposition to build another bridge across Fort Point Channel at Cove street.

Plans for this bridge were forwarded to the War Department last August, and in a letter from the Secretary of War to His Honor, Mayor Quincy, dated September 11, 1899 (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 38, page 630), approval of them was refused on the grounds that already there were six bridges across Fort Point Channel, besides a railroad bridge; that the commerce of the channel was large; that an additional bridge would constitute an obstruction to navigation, and that protests had been filed against the construction of such a bridge.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved October 31:

Permits to project signs, bay-windows, etc., viz.:

James R. Hamilton, sign, 209 Ruggles street, Ward 19.

Levi Brothers, sign, 983 Boylston street, Ward 11.

Isidor Levy, drum sign, 57 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 11.

Samuel Katz, sign, 19 Tremont row, Ward 6.

Remnant Clothing Company, illuminated sign, 353 Washington street, Ward 7.

Timothy Connolly, campaign transparency, 43 Dearborn street, Ward 17.

Timothy Connolly, campaign transparency, 107 Eustis street, Ward 17.

D. T. Connolly, campaign transparency, corner of Albany and Webber streets, Ward 17.

Daniel T. Connolly, campaign transparency, 925 Albany street, Ward 17.

Daniel T. Connolly, temporary sign, 919 Albany street, Ward 17.

W. L. Rugg, two signs, 324 Washington street, Ward 25.

Frank Scarpa, barber-pole, 114 Prince street, Ward 6.

A. J. Landry, sign, 51 Temple place, Ward 7.

Fred L. Smith, sign, 29½ Tremont street, Ward 6.

C. N. Campbell, illuminated sign, 17 Kneeland street, Ward 7.

McManus & Co., illuminated sign 670-672 Washington street, Ward 7.

Goodman & Fish, sign, 896 Washington street, Ward 7.

Walter L. Wiley, illuminated sign, 11 East Dedham street, Ward 9.

James J. Brock, illuminated sign, 560-562 Main street, Ward 4.

George F. Mansfield, sign, Tremont street and Mansfield place, Ward 3.

Hugh W. Bresnahan, campaign transparency, 31 Way street, Ward 9.

Rueter & Co., sign, 599 Main street, Ward 4.

Mrs. J. B. Wilson, sign, 11-15 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Randolph V. King, political transparency at Sammet block, Boylston street, Ward 22.

Thomas F. Clark, political transparency, 299 Bennington street, Ward 1.

William C. S. Healey, political transparency, 19 Lewis street, Ward 2.

W. C. S. Healey, political transparency, 112 Sumner street, Ward 2.

Daniel J. Lydon, campaign transparency, 316 Broadway, Ward 13.

M. J. McCullough, campaign transparency, 318 Broadway, Ward 13.

J. C. Spillane, three bay-windows and a cornice on Tremont street, near Carmel street, Ward 19.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following named estates and along the following named streets, said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters

adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestones, the owners of said estates to furnish the materials, viz.:

James S. Dorsey, 278-280 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 16, of brick.

Robert Garner, 19 Condor street, Ward 1, of brick.

Michael H. Burke, 35 Sagamore street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Enoch J. Shaw, 37 Sagamore street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

William J. Day, 8 Fenelon street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

B. F. Roach, 1175 Dorchester avenue, Ward 20, of brick.

Christina Single, 23 Schiller street, Ward 19, of brick.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to G. A. Cahill to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with ropes attached, as follows: One in front of 324 Newbury street, and one at or near the corner of Newbury and Hereford streets, Ward 11; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Webb Granite Construction Company to erect, maintain, and use guy-posts, with ropes attached, in the following-named locations, viz.: One in front of 25 Myrtle street, one in front of 12 Myrtle street, one in front of 41 Joy street, and one in front of 23 Joy street for use in building construction; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Norcross Brothers, to erect, maintain, and use one guy-post, with ropes attached, in and over A street, at storage yard, Ward 13; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons' to move a wooden building, flat roof, thirty-nine feet in length, by thirty feet in width, by twenty-two feet in height, from 14 Arlington avenue, across said avenue to the corner of Beacham street, Ward 4, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons to move a wooden building, flat roof, twenty-four feet in length, by sixteen feet in width, by ten feet in height, from 692 Saratoga street, across said street to lot 683 Saratoga street, Ward 1, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Eastern Cold Storage Company to lay, maintain, and use a twelve-inch conduit, with iron pipes encased therein, under and along Creek square, at the rear of 38 and 44 North street, Ward 6, as shown on a plan, dated October 16, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department. The work

to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That in addition to the sums heretofore allowed for clerical assistance in the office of the Register of Probate and Insolvency for the County of Suffolk, there be allowed, from October 1, 1899, and until otherwise ordered, the sum of \$1,800 per annum, to be paid from the treasury of the County of Suffolk, upon the official certificate of said Register countersigned by a Judge of Probate and Insolvency for said county.

The following were approved November 2, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George C. Cornan to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, five feet by two and one-half feet with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 805 Albany street, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Albert R. Whittier to construct, maintain, and use areas, with granite and sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 13 and 15 Exchange street, as shown on a plan dated October 23, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the estate of James L. Little to place, maintain and use sidewalk light covers over the present areas in the sidewalk in front of estate 175 Tremont street, Ward 7; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the estate of John P. Nichols to construct, maintain and use four areas, with covers of granite and iron grating, under and in the sidewalk in front of 11-17 Mount Pleasant avenue, as shown on a plan dated October 23, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain, and use double tracks on Swett street; from and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Hampden street to Massachusetts avenue, and thence on Massachusetts avenue to Edward Everett square, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections connecting with the existing tracks of said company in Northampton street, Hampden street and Edward Everett square, said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated August 21, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of the order.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company, to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system so-called as follows:

On Swett street from Hampden street to Massachusetts avenue, thence on Massachusetts avenue to Edward Everett square, with necessary connections with the existing electric system of said company.

And permission is hereby granted to the said West End Street Railway Company to erect, maintain, and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Western avenue, from the dividing line between the Town of Watertown and the City of Boston, to and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on said Western avenue and Market street, with necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks being shown, by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated September 28, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole

work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him; also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is hereby further granted to the West End Street Railway Company to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in said location, by the overhead system, so called, and to erect iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company, to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Atlantic avenue and Commercial street from and connecting with the company's tracks on said avenue at or near Foster's wharf, thence on said Atlantic avenue and Commercial street to and connecting with the company's tracks at or near Hull street; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated October 7, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of

this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending November 4, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	18.7
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898	19.8
Number of deaths:	
Males	90
Females	105
Total	195
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	202
Decrease	7

Of the 195 decedents, 187 were white and 8 colored; 116 were born in the United States, 76 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 41 were of American parentage, 125 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 29 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	58	9
Scarlatina	30	-
Typhoid fever	22	4
Measles	5	-
Totals	115	13

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	22
Pneumonia	19
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	19
Bronchitis	8
Marasmus	8
Violent causes	12
Total from principal causes	89
Total from infectious diseases	13
Total from other causes	93

Total from all causes	195
Deaths of children under 1 year	33
Deaths of children under 5 years	50
Deaths of persons over 60 years	48
Deaths in public institutions	55

DISBANDING OF FIRE COMPANY.

The following general order has been promulgated by Fire Commissioner Russell:

OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER.

Bristol Street, November 1, 1899.

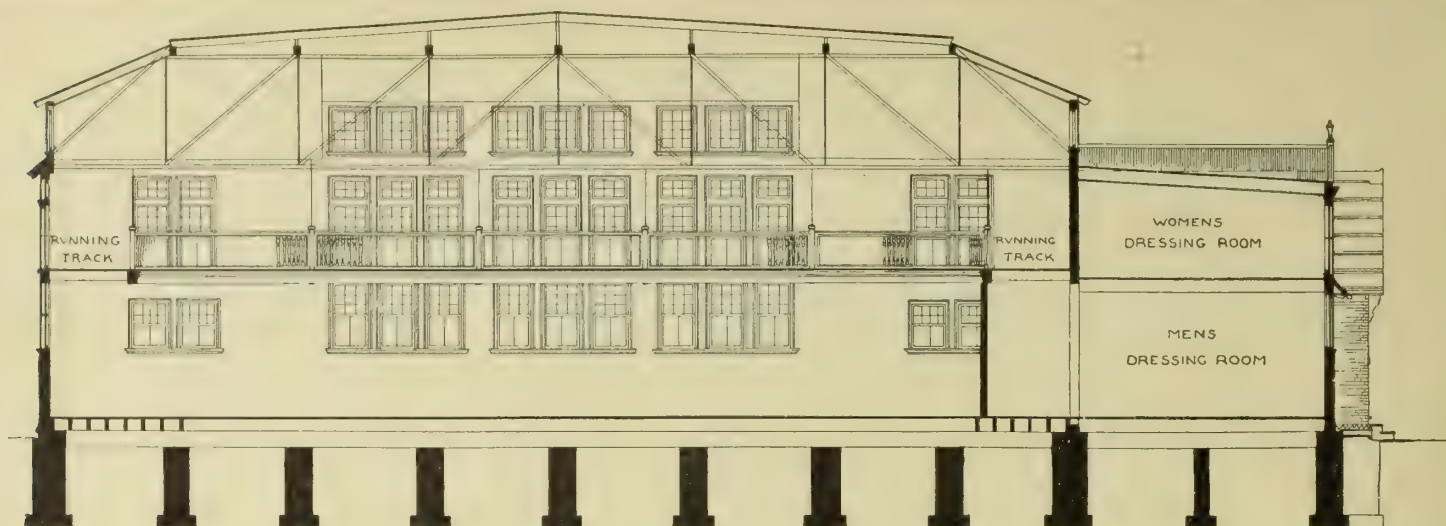
General Order No. 540.

The Department is hereby notified that Chemical Company No. 11 has been disbanded, to take effect at 10 o'clock A.M., this day, and Combination Ladder Company No. 8 organized and located in the same quarters.

Lieut. James J. Caine, Fred L. Sargent, W. H. McGinness, V. H. Richer, M. A. Riley, W. C. Stevens, P. J. Murphy.

Running card the same as assigned to Chemical 11.

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.



Scale $\frac{1}{4}$ " = 1 foot.

COMMONWEALTH PARK GYMNASIUM, SOUTH BOSTON. (Transverse Section.)

COMMONWEALTH PARK GYMNASIUM.

The ceremonies attending the formal opening of the new municipal gymnasium at Commonwealth Park, D street, South Boston, took place at the institution on Wednesday evening, November 1, 1899, in the presence of a large and representative gathering.

The municipal band was in attendance and rendered several selections during the evening. The singing of the male choir of St. Vincent's Church, sixty voices, was a feature of the evening's programme.

After the opening exercises, Mr. Thomas J. Lane, Chairman of the Bath Commission, spoke briefly and introduced His Honor Mayor Quincy, who referred to the event as being the first in-door gymnasium to be opened by the City of Boston, and so far as known the first municipal gymnasium to be erected in any city in the country. Being a public enterprise, it is open to all citizens of Boston, standing on the same footing as our streets, parks and schools. The structure represents an expenditure of \$28,000 of public money and should be to the body what the schools are to the mind.

Ex-Councilman Norris, through whose instrumentality the first appropriation for the gymnasium was secured, in behalf of the people of South Boston, offered congratulations on the completion of the building.

Remarks were also made by Commander John E. Gilman, of the G.A.R., and Rev. George J. Patterson, pastor of St. Vincent's Church.

The South Boston Gymnasium building for men and women, erected from plans prepared by the Engineering Department, Architect Division, F. W. Howard, Chief of Division, covers an area of approximately

10,000 square feet. The style of the building is English domestic architecture.

Provision is made for a gymnasium giving a floor area of approximately 6,800 square feet, with a clear height under trusses of eighteen feet. There is a running track, eighteen laps to the mile, around the walls of the building, suspended from the trusses. The finished floor of the building is maple, and the interior finish is of North Carolina pine. The running track, raised at corners, is padded and covered with rubber matting.

On the northerly side of the building on the first floor are located the office, coat-rooms and locker-rooms, giving accommodations for 200 men, dressing-rooms, toilet-rooms and shower bath-rooms. On the second floor, are the accommodations for women. The building is heated by steam from a boiler plant located in an adjoining brick building, covering an area 600 square feet. From this plant is supplied the hot water for bathing and toilet purposes. It is the intention to use the shower-room as a public bath.

The building was erected by contract with D. J. McKim & Co., builders, and the interior finish, plumbing and heating installed by the Repairs Division of the city. It is lighted by electric lights installed by the Electrical Construction Division of the city. The total cost of the building was \$28,000, authorized by loans of \$15,000 in July, 1896; \$5,000 in November, 1898, and \$8,000 in April, 1899.

The building has been thoroughly equipped with first-class apparatus and the management has been placed under the charge of Mr. John W. Bowler, formerly Superintendent of the Charlesbank Gymnasium

Alderman Prescho has received assurances from the City Government of Philadelphia that the Liberty Bell will be in Charlestown on Bunker Hill Day.

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building a sea-wall on the easterly line of Dorchester-avenue extension, between Congress and Summer streets, were opened at the office of the City Engineer on Monday, November 6, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
William L. Miller	\$47,374
William J. Lawler	48,288
Central Contracting Company	51,500
W. H. Ellis & Co.	53,400
Ross & Fowler	57,918

The contract was awarded to William L. Miller.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Street Department.

Proposals for macadam work in the following-named streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on October 30, 1899, viz.:

Warner street:

Bidders.	Bids.
T. F. Bradley	\$1,617 40
P. McGovern	1,794 60
J. McGovern	1,812 30
P. Doherty	1,876 90
D. E. Lynch	1,989 20
Collins & Ham	2,118 81

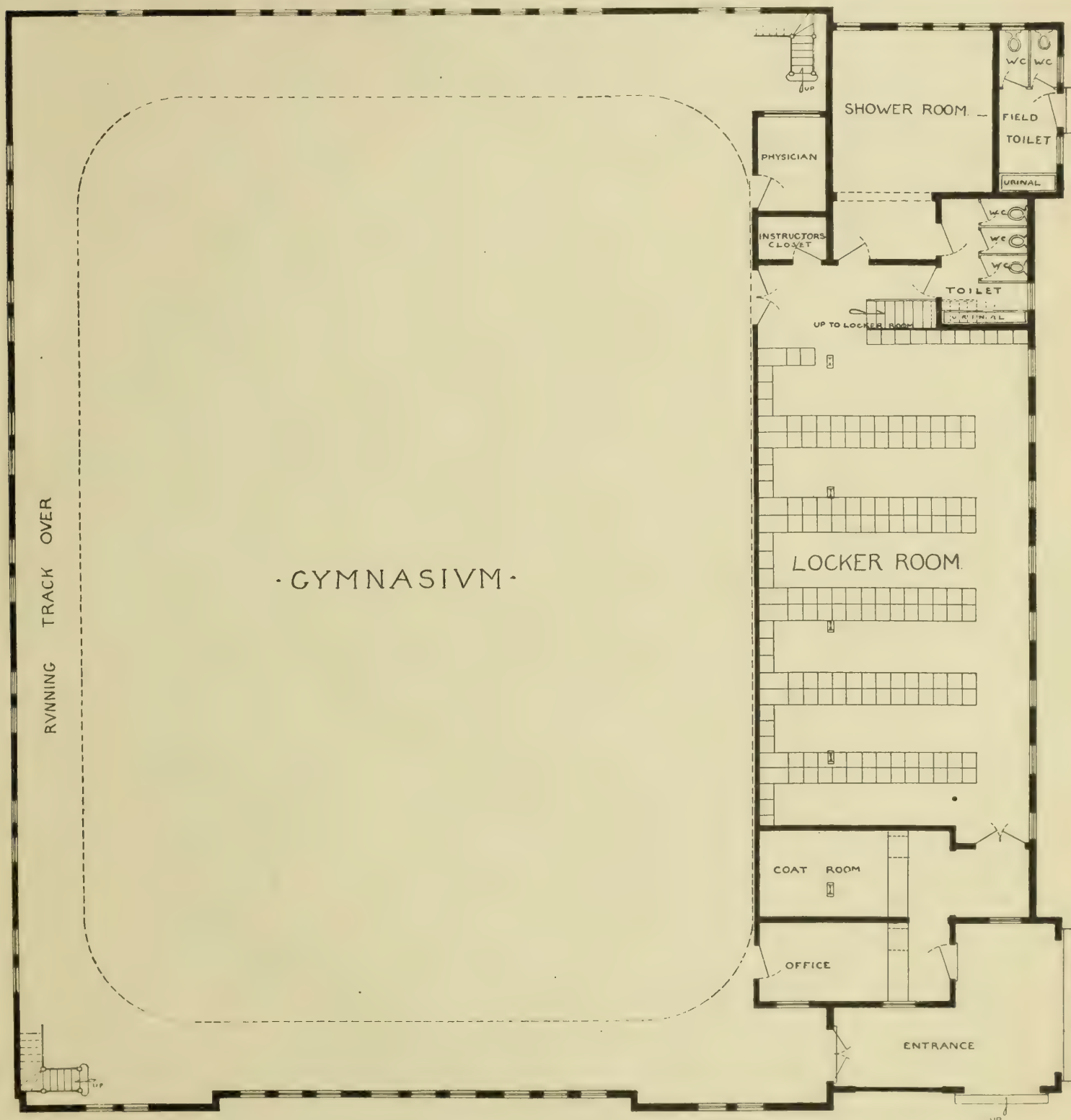
The contract was awarded to T. F. Bradley.

Annabel street:

J. McGovern	\$828 00
T. F. Bradley	838 25
P. McGovern	854 75
Collins & Ham	885 00
P. Doherty	892 50
D. E. Lynch	937 50

The contract was awarded to J. McGovern.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Scale $\frac{1}{4}" = 1 \text{ foot.}$

COMMONWEALTH PARK GYMNASIVM, SOUTH BOSTON. (Ground Floor Plan.)

Board Meetings.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at the women's department on October 26, 1899.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Goddard and Sanderson, and Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment had appointed a special committee to see if other pieces of land in the neighborhood of the hospital could be procured in the same way as the Seaverns land, and that, therefore, the Committee on Buildings and Grounds had taken no further steps in the matter, pending the action of the Committee of the Board of Apportionment. They report progress in painting the buildings, and that work had been undertaken upon the plans for a new building. They recommended procuring plans of the new Croyden hospital in England.

The Committee on Supplies reported that they did not think that a new steel body was necessary under the cow barn in the men's department.

The Committee on Finance recommended, in regard to the bill against Andrew B. Decoursy for the support of his wife, that the bill be placed on file.

It was reported that nothing had been done with reference to fire-escapes at the men's department, for which Mr. Flynn had made bids, Mr. Flynn being indisposed to undertake the matter.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with full powers.

Mr. Sanderson reported that certain pieces of ground in the neighborhood of the hospital, not belonging to the hospital and now uncultivated, were capable of raising a good crop of potatoes. He suggested that negotiations be made with reference to the use of the land, for a year or two, for raising potatoes.

The matter was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Sanderson and Goddard.

It was voted that a special draft of \$1,104.12 be made for the purchase of sugar, and a special draft of \$4,398 for the Electrical Construction Division in payment for the new electrical plant.

A letter was read from the secretary of the Paris Exposition managers, asking for an exhibit at the Paris Exposition of photographs of the hospital and its work.

Dr. Knapp and Mrs. Marion were appointed a special committee to confer with the Superintendent to procure photographs at an expense of not over \$100.

A letter was read from Dr. Thomas with reference to the price paid the pathologist for autopsies, and it was voted that hereafter \$25 be paid instead of \$10.

It was voted that persons in the employ of the hospital who were not citizens should take out naturalization papers if possible.

The Superintendent made a verbal report as to the financial status of the hospital.

The Chairman and Secretary were appointed a special committee to confer with regard to the special appropriation for remodelling the "A" building, and the financial condition of the hospital.

The Committee on Supplies were given full powers to purchase a new carriage.

It was voted that tea be purchased.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds were authorized to pay \$500, or any part thereof, on double windows at the men's department.

It was voted that the repairs upon the chimney of the chapel in the women's department be indefinitely postponed.

The Secretary was authorized to ask for the transfer of six women to the State hospitals on account of the crowded condition of the women's department.

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, October 20, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: The Acting Librarian's report; a communication, dated October 17, from Mr. James J. Dooling.

Ordered, That the Charlestown, East Boston and South Boston Branches, and Station "S" be opened on Sunday from November to April, inclusive.

The Acting Librarian reported a gift from Mr. Augustus Hemenway of \$200 for the purchase of photographs illustrating the rise and progress of Greek and Roman art.

Voted, To purchase a copy of the hymn "America" in the autograph of the author, Mr. S. F. Smith.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$568.29; to trust funds, 292.85; also items to the amount of \$45 from the sale of the Donaldson Library; chargeable to Fellowes Athenæum, \$30.90; to Station "P," \$8.44; miscellaneous articles \$441.77.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held November 1, 1899.

Present: Mr. Sproules (Chairman pro tempore) Mr. Pierce, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Quinn, Mr. Mullen, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Kerrigan and Miss O'Brien.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasury for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending October 10, 1899.

A letter from the Chairman returning thanks of himself and Mrs. Fowler for the wedding gift sent by members of the Board, and wishing the Overseers a pleasant and profitable winter, was read and placed on file.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor, giving notice of his approval of the appointment and salary of Charles A. Stoddard as visitor, was read and placed on file.

Circular No. 65 from His Honor the Mayor with regard to holiday October 14, was read and placed on file.

Notice was received from John S. Concanon, Chief of Civil Service Division of the

Auditing Department, that Charles A. Stoddard has been registered in that office as a visitor.

A communication from the secretary of the Board of Paris Exposition managers thanking the Board for photographs and information about the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers was read and placed on file.

A communication from the United States Department of Agriculture, with regard to the employment of laborers, was referred to the Committee on the Lodge.

The Committee on finance reported having examined the accounts for September and October and found them to be correct. The report was accepted and placed on file.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by Miss Rogers. The same was accepted and placed on file.

The monthly report of the Lodge for Wayfarers and the Woodyard was read by Mr. Kerrigan.

The same was accepted and placed on file.

The Committee on Supplies reported having contracted for fuel for delivery to the poor in the coming winter.

Voted, To approve the contracts.

The Committee on the Lodge reported that Mrs. Henley, who had done the teaming for the Lodge since the death of her husband, had sold out her teams to John Nolan of 98 F street, South Boston, and the committee recommended that Mr. Nolan be employed to do the teaming.

Voted, That John Nolan be employed as recommended by the Committee.

The Committee on Building reported the new boilers in place and in use, but the necessary work about them not fully performed.

The allowance for old boilers is to be \$31.39. The Committee was authorized to approve the bill for the boilers when the work is completed.

By request of the same committee an appropriation of \$25 was made for extra cleaning needed in Charity building.

On recommendation of the Medical Committee it was

Voted, That the cards from the Board of Health about consumption be distributed by the visitors to relatives of consumptives aided by the Overseers.

The Committee on burials reported that no bodies were delivered for dissection in October.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, October 16.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out and constructing Carlow street.

Awards were made to John E. Carlson of \$6,200 for damages occasioned his estate by the relocation of Cambridge street; and to William J. Miller, trustee, of \$600 for damages occasioned his estate by the relocation of Amory street.

It was voted to agree with R. C. Humphreys and Albert K. Teele, trustees, upon the sum of \$859, as payment for land taken for school purposes, and with William A. Bunton on the sum of \$37,462.50, as payment for land taken for an engine-house site.

Tuesday, October 17.

Public hearings were given in the matters of widening Freeport street, and relocating South street.

A petition was received for a sewer in Worthington street.

Orders were passed laying out Seaborn and Echo streets; and of notice of the Board's intention to lay out Shepton street.

It was voted to pay J. S. Spillane and J. N. Muldoon, \$16,085.22 as damages occasioned their estate on Francis street.

Wednesday, October 18.

An award of \$35 was made to P. J. Mulry for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of Burt street.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Blackwood street.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Northwood street, at East Boston.

Thursday, October 19.

Public hearings were given in the matters of laying out Kilton street, and of passage-way No. 905 in District No. 10.

Public alley No. 905 was ordered laid out, and Boylston street was ordered relocated.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Rill street, and in land, near Columbus avenue, of the New England Hospital for Women and Children, and for a sewer in Saratoga street.

Friday, October 20.

Awards were made of \$400 to Herman Esslinger for damages occasioned by Cornell street laying out; of \$438 and interest, from November 23, 1897, to J. R. Churchill for damages occasioned by the relocation of Tenean creek, and of \$662 and interest, from November 23, 1897, to J. E. V. Hayden for damages occasioned by the relocation of Tenean creek—all under advice from the Law Department.

An order was received from the City Council requesting that a hearing may be given in the matter of the advisability of laying out Puritan avenue.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Faneuil street, Surrey street and Bennett street.

Orders were passed to build sewers in Bowdoin street, Linden Park street, and Train street; and to build catch-basins in Adams, South, Wainwright and Sumner streets.

Monday, October 23.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Carter street.

An order of the City Council was received requesting the Board to widen Battery street, from Commercial street to the ferry.

Tuesday, October 24.

Authority was given to open the private way known as Kilton street.

Orders of notice were issued of the Board's intention to lay out Walworth street, in West Roxbury, and to relocate Hamilton street.

Wednesday, October 25.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to relocate Morton street.

An award of \$4,020.45 was made to J. Otis McFadden for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of Thane street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, September 18, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending September 16, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	—	—	—	6	—	2	—	11	4	
2...	—	4	—	1	—	—	1	—	11	2	
3...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
4...	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	3	
5...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	
6...	1	5	—	—	—	1	2	—	11	29	
7...	—	4	—	2	—	—	2	—	8	39	
8...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	7	
9...	—	4	—	1	—	—	2	—	5	21	
10...	1	2	—	1	—	—	2	—	4	17	
11...	2	3	—	—	—	1	2	—	15	21	
12...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7	
13...	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	
14...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	
15...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	
16...	4	3	—	2	1	—	6	—	6	18	
17...	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	
18...	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	8	6	
19...	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	15	13	
20...	3	5	1	—	—	—	2	—	4	36	
21...	7	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	3	14	
22...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	
23...	4	1	2	—	2	—	3	—	13	17	
24...	2	2	—	—	3	—	5	—	6	6	
25...	—	5	—	—	4	—	3	—	3	8	
T'ls..	35	45	8	8	18	2	34	—	144	300	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, October 23, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending October 21, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	73
Number of discharges of mortgages	19
Number of assignment of mortgages	1
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of bills of sale	2
Number of assignments of wages	52
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of married women's certificates	8

JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, November 1, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the three weeks ending October 28, as follows:

P. F. McGough has been appointed a call-substitute with call-man's pay and assigned to Ladder Company 9. George C. Dowling, of Chemical Company 4, has been given a veteran's certificate for seven years' service in the Department.

William G. Carley, of Engine Company 23, has been dishonorably discharged for intoxication.

Thomas J. Roche has been appointed on the special force of the fire-alarm branch. O. W. Flynn, driver for Chief of District 3, has been fined three days' pay for being absent without leave.

The resignation of T. J. Keenan, of Ladder Company 8, has been accepted, he so electing rather than stand trial on charge of neglect of duty.

A special draft has been drawn on the City Auditor in favor of William A. Bunton for \$37,706.16 in payment for land on Warren avenue taken for the purpose of an engine-house.

A keyless door has been placed on Box 239.

There have been purchased of L. H. Brockway two horses at \$150 each.

Orders have been drawn as follows:

Repairs Division, repair of roof of repair shop, \$225; John M. Brooks, caulking and painting hull of Engine 31, \$400; American Cereal Company, Schumacher stock feed, for November, December and January, for Districts 1 to 9, inclusive; Electrical Construction Division, 3,450 feet of Aerial cable for Columbia road.

The following transfers have been made:

J. F. McBride, Engine Company 10 to Engine Company 23; Thomas P. Higgins, Engine Company 23 to Engine Company 10; M. A. Riley, Engine Company 33 to Combination Company 8; W. C. Stevens, Chemical Company 12 to Combination Company 8; V. H. Richer, Engine Company 4 to Combination Company 8; P. James Murphy, Ladder Company 1 to Combination Company 8; D. F. Quinlan, Ladder Company 17 to Engine Company 33.

Combination Ladder Company 8 has been organized and located in the old quarters of Chemical Company 11 on North Grove street in accordance with General Order No. 540. (See THE CITY RECORD, page 739.)

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, November 4, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Jesse Tirrell, 500 First street, South Boston, eight horses; James P. Lawless, rear of 165 Union street, Ward 25, one horse.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending November 4, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	16	25	41
Negative	91	61	152
No growth	1	-	1
Totals	108	86	194

Typhoid diagnoses: Eighteen cases; three cases positive, fourteen negative and one case atypical.

Malarial diagnoses: Three cases; negative.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the month of October, 1899:

Immatured veal, 495 pounds; poultry, 1,285 pounds; hams, 250 pounds; ox-tails, 48 pounds; beef livers, 450 pounds; tainted fish, 8,460 pounds; apples, 2 barrels; pears, 2 barrels; cranberries, 1 bushel.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the month ending October 31, 1899.

Steers	916
New England cows	543
New England bulls	136
New York cows	20
Sheep	828
Calves	2,040
Total	4,483

During the month 3,700 pounds of diseased meat have been condemned.

The following is a summary statement of the work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during October, 1899:

Number of samples of milk examined:	
From wagons	834
From stores	552
Brought in by citizens	7
	1,393
Number of samples of vinegar examined,	76
Number of samples of butter examined,	36

Total samples	1,505
Number of complaints pending October 1,	20
Number of convictions	13
Warrants returned without service	2
Case not pressed	1
Number of complaints pending November 1	4
Total complaints	20
Amount paid in fines	\$215

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, October 9, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending October 7, 1899:

Cases pending	2
Number of applications	75
	77
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse	31
Long Island Almshouse	12
Charlestown Almshouse	2
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	7
Boston Insane Hospital	5
Westboro' Insane Hospital	4
Foxboro' Asylum	4
	65
Number of applications refused	3
Number of applications withdrawn	9
Cases pending	—
	77
Settlements investigated	78
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	3

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Registrar.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following is a summary showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed

in Boston during the month of October, 1899, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 654; total number of mortgages, 627; total amount of mortgages, \$3,962,341.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	136
South Boston	57
East Boston	63
Roxbury	101
Dorchester	162
West Roxbury	79
Brighton	31
Charlestown	25
Total	654

Commerce between the United States and Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands continues to grow with amazing rapidity. Figures furnished by the United States Treasury Bureau of Statistics show that the imports from these islands are 61 per cent. greater for September, 1899, than the corresponding months of 1898 or 1897, and the exports are 161 per cent. greater.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, October 30, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that no permits to make excavations in the city streets for building sewers or laying pipes, wires, etc., will be issued from the office of the Superintendent of Streets after November 15, 1899, except under an emergency or in case of extreme necessity. All persons or parties having any rights in the city streets are requested to forthwith apply for permits to make all necessary repairs to sewer or water connections, or any other pipes or structures needing attention, as all such applications will be refused after the above date.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

(COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.)

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK:

The New England Railroad Company represents that for the purpose of connecting its road with the Union Station, authorized to be constructed by Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896, it desires to extend its road from a point in the City of Boston, near the northerly end of its South Bay drawbridge to the grounds of the Boston Terminal Company, and for that purpose it is about to file a location of such an extension of its road, passing across and under West Fourth street and Broadway, public highways in said county, as in said act provided.

Wherefore, it asks you, after due notice and hearing, to determine the manner in which said extension of its railroad shall cross said highways, and any other highways and other ways within said county.

The New England Railroad Company,

By J. H. BENTON, JR., Attorney.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

November 8, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That a hearing be given before this Board, at the City Hall, in Boston, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of November, A.D. 1899, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and that notice of such hearing be given by the petitioner by publishing said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD, newspapers published in said county, for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least seven days before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

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Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, November 3, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Callender street, between Tucker and Don streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Monday, November 13, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The School Committee of the City of Boston invites proposals for erecting and completing a two-room wooden school building on Chestnut and Adams streets, Charlestown District, and furnishing a bond in the sum of \$1,000 for faithfully doing the work. The office copy of the contract and plans for the work may be seen, and the proposal to be used may be obtained, at the office of the School-house Agent, No. 30 Old Court House in said city.

The bidder must fill out and sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee before 4.30 o'clock P.M. of November 13, 1899, with a certified check payable to the city for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of School Committee of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, November 6, 1899.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston, to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Monday, November 13, 1899, for building a temporary bridge around Malden bridge over the Mystic river, in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at said office.

Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 6, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Winthrop street, at Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from Dennis street to Brook avenue and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-first day of November, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day,

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



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Room 71, City Hall,

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF EX-POLICE SERGEANT HURLBUT.

The death of ex-Sergeant Frank G. Hurlbut, of the police force, occurred at his home, 59 Rutland street, Tuesday morning, November 14, 1899.

Sergeant Hurlbut was born in Littleton, N.H., April 24, 1849. He was appointed on the Boston police force January 10, 1880, and assigned to Station 6, where he was made a sergeant, and later transferred to Station 4. Having become physically incapacitated for further duty he was retired from the force July 29, 1899.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the operations and expenses of the Street Department for the year 1898 (constituting Document 35—1899) has been submitted in print to His Honor Mayor Quincy. The document consists of two parts: Part I. containing the report of the Superintendent of Streets, with vari-

ous financial and general statistics appended, and Part II. containing the detailed reports of the seven deputy superintendents of bridges, ferries, paving, sanitary, sewer, street-cleaning and street-watering divisions; the report of the City Engineer on the work under his direction and the reports of the chief smoke inspector and the civil service clerks, together with statements concerning former officials and reports of the Department.

Following is a summary of the report of Superintendent of Streets Wells:

The expenditures of the Department for the year (ending January 31, 1899), under the various appropriations, were as follows:

Purpose.	Amount.
Maintenance	\$2,401,630 60
Street improvements (by wards),	407,860 44
Bridge, specials	45,334 06
Ferry, specials	2,137 12
Paving, specials	81,669 72
Sewer, specials	25,000 00
Laying out and construction of highways (Chapter 323, Acts 1897)	434,372 74
Blue Hill and other avenues, (Chapter 334, Acts 1895; Chapter 236, Acts 1898)	255,537 29
Stony brook improvement, New ferry landing (Chapter 435, (Chapter 530, Acts 1896)	94,434 76
Acts 1895)	79,135 68
New ferry-boats	50,463 60
South Union Station (Chapter 516, Acts 1896)	120,264 56
Sewerage works (Chapter 426, Acts 1897)	1,490,743 50
Total	\$5,488,584 07

CENTRAL OFFICE DIVISION.

With an appropriation of \$20,000, the expenditures of the Central office amounted to \$19,186.24, leaving a balance of \$813.76 which was transferred as follows: To the Street-cleaning Division, \$450.44; to the city treasury, \$363.32.

PAVING DIVISION.

Expenditures—Maintenance, \$726,255.20; specials, \$1,258,079.39.

This Division has charge of the maintenance and reconstruction of about 480 miles of streets.

The work done by the Division may be summarized as follows:

The construction of a new stone crushing plant in the Brighton District; paving and regulating fourteen streets with granite blocks, a total of about 137,738 square yards; paving 37,284 square yards of gutters; set-

ting and resetting 162,809 lineal feet of edge-stones; asphaltting 8,539 square yards on a concrete base; laying and relaying sidewalks, viz.: brick, 71,813 square yards; crushed stone, 25,390 square yards; artificial stone, 15,797 square yards.

Work has also progressed on thirty-two streets, laid out under Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1897, and twenty of these have been finished.

The average appropriation for new work under the general law (not assessable), since the consolidation of the Department, which took place in 1891, has been \$850,000 per year. The appropriation for 1898 was \$448,000. The regular work of the Division has been considerably handicapped by the drain made upon the maintenance appropriation owing to the heavy expense of snow removal, the amount of snowfall exceeding any in the history of the Department. The snow cost in this one year was \$172,963.

SEWER DIVISION.

Expenditures—Maintenance, \$337,376.27; specials, \$1,610,178.26.

The work done by this Division included the building of 38.37 miles of sewers and 671 catch-basins; flushing of 201 miles of sewers; removing 808 cubic yards of deposit from sewers and 8,670 cubic yards of sludge from the pumping-station; the cleaning of 6,061 catch-basins and removing therefrom 19,735 cubic yards of deposit.

In the last annual report was printed a copy of the "Act Relative to the Sewerage Work of the City of Boston," passed in 1897. This act has made it possible to accomplish much valuable sewer work. (The law being under discussion from two different directions, first in the Legislature, and secondly in the Supreme Court, the Superintendent gives an explanation of the reason and purpose of the act. The act since the date of the report has been declared unconstitutional. See THE CITY RECORD, No. 21, page 393.)

SANITARY DIVISION.

Expenditures, \$508,152.88.

The past year the collections of this Division were as follows: 394,937 loads, 54 cubic feet each, of house dirt and ashes; 57,764 loads of house offal.

The principal changes or improvements made in the Division during the past year have been as follows:

A contract has been closed with the New England Sanitary Product Company for the utilization of about 78 per cent. of the swill collected in the city daily. The plant is located in an isolated section of the city which is known as the Cow Pasture, was started on November 15 and is now treating daily about 130 or 140 tons.

There has also been put in force a third separation, viz.: separating the papers and other combustible waste from the ashes.

This waste is now being separated in 55 per cent. of our daily collections of ashes, and the same carted to a new plant which has recently been erected near Fort Hill wharf. The matter there will be sorted, the marketable portion culled out, and the balance burned.

There have also been purchased thirty new steel-bodied dumping wagons for collecting offal, and there has been built a new dumping-plant at Fort Hill wharf for the more expeditious and sanitary handling of the garbage. A similar plant, for a like purpose, is also being constructed on the Roxbury Canal at the foot of East Canton street, and will be ready for operation in a very short time.

With these changes in the methods of collection and disposal of garbage the system in Boston now surpasses that in use in any other city in this country. It is the purpose of the Department during the coming year to still further improve the service, and by January 1, 1900, there will be little room left, as far as can be seen, for improvement.

The horses of the Division are in excellent condition, many of the older ones having been replaced by the purchase of new animals. The stables have received such attention as has been possible from the maintenance appropriation and the shop work has been continued with excellent results, the greater part of the shoeing of the horses, building and repairing of carts, harnesses, etc., of the Department being done by the Division.

STREET-CLEANING DIVISION.

Expenditures, \$316,052.73.

The Division has removed 131,705 loads of dirt and emptied 27,148 public waste barrels.

The appropriation for the Street-cleaning Division work remaining about as in past years it has not been possible to extend the service, as recommended in the last annual report, to Dorchester, Brighton and East Boston.

A change has been made in the manner of doing the work in the West and North ends of the city from machine sweeping to hand sweeping, and the results attained have been so excellent that this method will be extended.

I again call attention to the failure on the part of the police to enforce the ordinances in regard to throwing waste materials into the streets, which, in certain sections of the city, makes it impossible to bring about better conditions without an expenditure of money which is unnecessary and unwarranted.

BRIDGE DIVISION.

Expenditures—Maintenance, \$129,253.03; special, \$11,006.04; new construction under charge of the City Engineer, \$34,328.02.

In the Bridge Division, owing to the fact that absolutely no new money was appropriated except for the regular maintenance, there has been no work of any considerable importance undertaken. The necessity for action in relation to many of the bridges is urgent. Some are in need of almost entire reconstruction, and others should be thoroughly overhauled.

Broadway, Charles river, Congress street, Mt. Washington avenue, Warren, Ferdinand

street and Hyde Park avenue, over Stony brook, bridges have been overhauled and repaired during the year.

Talbot-avenue bridge was completed this year, the entire work of grading and building the bridge so as to allow the street to pass under the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad (Midland Division), being done by the railroad company at an expense to the city of \$25,000.

FERRY DIVISION.

Expenditures—Maintenance, \$213,055.79; specials, \$131,736.40.

The receipts amounted to \$165,001.57 during the year. The traffic consisted of 12,182,842 foot passengers and 938,140 teams.

The new boat, "Governor Russell," just ready to go into commission, was purchased by the United States government for war purposes, for the sum of \$71,000, the exact cost to the city. Also, the propeller ferry-boat "East Boston" was taken for the same purpose, for which was paid the sum of \$57,500, making a total of \$128,500. A contract was made for another new boat, which will be completed by February 15, 1899. Another new boat should be built, unless both the boats sold to the United States government should be repurchased. Contracts for two new drops and tanks have been made, and these are now being put in place. Two slips have been sheathed at an expense of about \$4,000.

STREET-WATERING DIVISION.

Expenditures, \$138,728.57. Miles of streets watered, 409.95.

Prior to 1891, any watering of the city streets was done by private subscription. In that year a change was made, the city undertaking the watering of all macadam streets, leaving the paved streets still to be watered by the abutters. This method was unsatisfactory in many ways.

The past year another change was inaugurated, the city undertaking the watering of all public streets, whether paved or not, assessing the cost of the work on the abutting estates, under authority of the statute authorizing all cities of 50,000 inhabitants and over to do street-watering by special assessment. Under this act, however, it was not possible to assess by districts. The line was drawn to substantially include the territory within four miles of City Hall, and all estates within this line abutting on public streets were assessed five cents per front foot for the street watering, the portion of the city outside of the four-mile limit being cared for out of the general tax levy.

The statute should be amended so that it would be possible to assess the watering by districts, in order that the sections of the city requiring and receiving the greater service and the greater benefit should pay proportionally.

One electric watering car was in service during the season, and gave excellent satisfaction. It was not possible to extend the system, owing to certain uncontrollable conditions.

The Department records show that there are 3,473 persons eligible for employment in the several divisions, and of that number 3,208 were upon the January, 1899, pay-rolls.

The total length of public streets in the city is 479.47 miles.

FANEUIL HALL REPAIRS.

The work of reconstructing and preserving the historic Faneuil Hall building, which for a number of years has been regarded as being in an unsafe condition, and likely in case of a serious fire to be totally destroyed, is now practically completed.

The repairs and improvements to the building have been very extensive. New foundations have been substituted for the old ones, and the structure itself, with its steel frame, terra cotta partitions and brick arches, has been made thoroughly fire-proof. Within, the building has been entirely refitted; heating and ventilating apparatus has been installed, and plumbing and electric work carefully arranged.

The first appropriation for reconstructing the building was made under an order of the City Council, approved by His Honor the Mayor, June 14, 1898, authorizing a loan of \$80,000. To cover the cost of heating and ventilating, plumbing and electrical work, (items which were not included in the first contract) an additional loan of \$23,000 was authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on January 24, 1899. Besides these loans, an appropriation of \$1,500 was made by the Board of Apportionment on October 12, 1899, for furnishing the building, making the total amount of money granted for reconstructing and furnishing the building \$104,500.

The work on the building proper, which was begun in September, 1898, was done by Messrs. Woodbury & Leighton; the plumbing and electrical work by the Repairs Division and the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department, respectively; the heating and ventilating apparatus by the Boston Furnace Company, and the furnishings by the Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company, Cobb, Buzzell & Co., and Allen, Long & Co.

Contracts with these firms were made by the Architect Division of the Engineering Department in behalf of the city, and the repairs and alterations performed under its supervision.

VISIT OF PHILADELPHIA OFFICIALS.

The officials of the City of Philadelphia, who arrived in Boston, Thursday, November 9, 1899, for the purpose of spending a few days in this city inspecting some of its public institutions and advanced municipal undertakings, took their departure for Philadelphia, Sunday evening, November 12, well pleased with what had been an enjoyable and profitable visit.

The visiting delegation consisted of Hon. Samuel H. Ashbridge, Mayor of Philadelphia; Abraham L. English, Director of Pub-

lic Safety; George G. Pierie, Chief of Bureau of City Property; James L. Miller, President of Select Council; Wencel Hartman, President of Common Council; Select Councilmen Jacob J. Seeds, William Van Osten, William H. Garrett, Samuel B. Gilpin, Henry Clay and George W. Sunderland; Charles B. Hall, Sergeant-at-Arms Common Council; G. W. Kochersperger, Chief Clerk Common Council; Thomas Dugan, Coroner; Jacob Wildemore and Hugh Black, City Commissioners, and Hon. David H. Lane.

The gentlemen were met at the South Station on their arrival by Chairman Barry, of the Board of Aldermen, Aldermen Berwin and Colby, ex-Alderman Lee, Clerk of Committees John F. Dever and Deputy Superintendent of Police Pierce. They were escorted to the Parker House, which was made their headquarters while in Boston. The entertainment of the visitors was in charge of Clerk of Committees Dever, delegated by His Honor Mayor Quincy.

Friday and Saturday were spent in trips of inspection about the city. The garbage plant at Cow Pasture, the sewerage system at Moon Island and the public institutions at Deer Island, the Public Library, the Elevated Railroad structure, the subway and the New England Coal and Gas Company's works at Everett were visited during the two days.

On Saturday evening a banquet was tendered the visiting officials by the city at Hotel Bellevue. Sunday afternoon, before their departure for Philadelphia, the guests were shown over Boston's park system.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on December 5, 1899, an examination will be held in any city in the United States where it has a board of examiners for the position of clerk in charge of proposals and purchases, bureau engraving and printing, Treasury Department.

The Department states that it is desirable that competitors should have experience in the purchasing, and be familiar in a general way with the following classes of supplies: Paper, engraver's and plate printer's supplies, binder's supplies, dry colors, chemicals, etc. They should also be somewhat familiar with the form of specifications, contracts and requisitions required in transacting the business of large business houses engaged in handling the supplies mentioned.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to fill the position of clerk in charge of proposals and purchases, bureau engraving and printing, Treasury Department, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. All such citizens are invited to apply. They will be examined, graded, and certified, with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown by the grade attained by them in the examination.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375) to Mr. E. E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office, Boston, Mass., or to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., which should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington, D.C.

SALE OF CHRISTOPHER GIBSON SCHOOL FUND LAND.

The land in Dorchester, with the buildings thereon, belonging to the Christopher Gibson School Fund, held in trust by the Board of Aldermen, was sold at public auction, November 11, 1899, by Messrs. Holbrook & Co., auctioneers.

The land was divided into some thirty-seven lots, the larger ones varying in size from 4,000 to 8,000 square feet each. The average price paid per foot was about thirteen cents. The highest price paid was thirty-six cents, the lowest five cents per foot.

There were five buildings on the land, the price paid for them being \$100, \$115, \$205, \$236 and \$325 each.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following general orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

November 6, 1899.

General Order No. 636.

I. Patrolman William H. Hubbard, of Division 9, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for thirty-one and eight-twelfths years, and having been pronounced physically incapacitated by the physician to the Board of Health, it is hereby ordered, His Honor the Mayor having approved the same, that the said Patrolman William H. Hubbard be retired from active service and placed upon a pension roll with pay at the rate of \$600 per annum, being one-half of the annual compensation received by him in the office from which he is retired; said retirement to take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock this P.M.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman James E. Collins, of Division 16, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, in that on July 22, 1899, he left his route without permission, the Board finds the said Patrolman Collins guilty, and sentences him to a forfeiture of three days' pay.

III. In the matter of the complaint made by J. H. Wilkinson et al. against Sergeant Rufus G. Fessenden, of Division 2, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police

Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board orders the complaint to be dismissed, the complainants having failed to appear at the time and place set for the hearing.

IV. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolmen George N. Durkee, George L. Shattuck and John E. Nowland, all of Division 9, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the Board finds the said Patrolmen Durkee, Shattuck and Nowland not guilty, and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

V. In the matter of the complaint made by John Costello against Patrolman William C. Nugent, of Division 13, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board finds the said Patrolman Nugent not guilty, and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

VI. In the matter of the complaint made by Joseph Auringer against Patrolman Willie H. Burns, of Division 14, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board finds the said Patrolman Burns not guilty, and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

VII. All notices concerning hearings, revocation of licenses, or other business, before the Board of Police, forwarded to the several stations to be served on parties at interest, must be served promptly and a return made on the copy provided for the purpose without delay.

VIII. Section 1 of Rule 2 of the Rules and Regulations is hereby amended by inserting after the words "Chief Inspector" on the fifth line of said section the words "Examiner of Claims," so that as amended said section will read as follows:

"1. The police force of the City of Boston shall consist of a Superintendent, deputy superintendent, chief inspector, examiner of claims, captains, inspectors, lieutenants, sergeants, patrolmen, reserve men, who shall rank in the order above named; matrons, clerks, employees, to such number as the needs of the service may require.

"Officers of the same grade will take precedence according to the date of their warrants. Where two or more officers of the same grade are appointed on the same day, the man first named in the order of appointment shall be the ranking officer."

November 8, 1899.

General Order No. 637.

The Civil Service Commissioners having certified that Capt. William H. Dyer is eligible for promotion to the rank of "Examiner of Claims" in the Police Department, it is, therefore, hereby ordered that the said Captain Dyer be, and he hereby is, promoted to the rank of "Examiner of Claims" in the police force of the City of Boston.

He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

This order will take effect at 8 o'clock A.M., Friday, the tenth instant.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

At its meeting on Thursday, the ninth instant, the Common Council voted to adjourn till Thursday, November 23, 1899, at 7.45 P.M.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Wednesday, November 8, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Appointment of Constable.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 8, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Victor Weimar a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of Edward W. Kelly, who was removed from the position of Constable on November 6, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

Veto—Removal of Trees.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 5, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return without my approval an order passed by your Board granting permission to Frank G. Coburn & Co. "to remove such trees from Eutaw street, East Boston, as may be necessary to facilitate the erection of the new Chapman School building." I am informed by the Superintendent of Public Grounds that his Department has removed one of the trees referred to, and that the others are good trees and do not interfere with the new building, and therefore should not be removed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered and the Board refused to grant permission over the Mayor's veto.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., on Thursday, November 9, 1899, President Kiley in the chair.

The following message from His Honor the Mayor was received:

Veto—Election Returns.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 4, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I return herewith without my approval the order providing for the receiving of election

returns at City Hall, at the State and city elections, for the reason that there is no unexpended balance in the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses, to which this expense—which is a considerable one—would be chargeable. I have requested the Board of Apportionment to provide by transfer enough money to meet the expense of receiving returns for the city election and am willing to approve the order, if confined to the city election.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The order was indefinitely postponed.

Under a suspension of the rules, the following order was offered and passed:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be directed to make arrangements for receiving and announcing election returns in the Common Council Chamber on the evening of the day of the coming city election and that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer a sum sufficient to pay for the expense involved.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved November 9, 1899:

Ordered, That the expense of the hearings held by the Committee on Market Department relative to a public market in Park square, be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted for the driving of horses, at a greater rate of speed than is allowed by ordinance, on Blue Hill avenue, west side, between Talbot avenue and Morton street, from the present time to April 1, 1900.

The following were approved November 10, 1899:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to convey to the United States government the land on Long Island required by the War Department for an enlargement of the parcel of land on said island already owned by the United States government and used for military purposes, at a price of \$1,200 per acre.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston prepare a plan of a boulevard or parkway connecting the Dorchester District with the proposed parkway or boulevard in Atlantic in the City of Quincy, to be laid out by the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners.

Ordered, That the expense of ringing the bells on the various holidays of the year 1899 be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved November 8, 1899:

Permits to project campaign transparencies, viz.:

James F. Finnegan (three petitions), at 107 Leverett street, at 48 Leverett street, and at 161 Cambridge street, corner of North Russell street, Ward 8.

D. F. O'Connell, at corner of Hanover and Cross streets, Ward 6.

Ward 11 Democratic Committee, corner of West Cedar and Cambridge streets, Ward 11.

John J. Cronin, at 92 Main street, Ward 5.

James F. Dooley, at 61 Palmer street, Ward 7.

Randolph V. King, at 12 Poplar street, Ward 23.

Edward G. O'Hara, at 54 Bunker Hill street, Ward 3.

Morris L. Morrison, at 107 Leverett street, Ward 8.

W. J. Rourke, at 107 Eustis street, Ward 17.

The following were approved November 9, 1899:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Little, Brown & Co., sign at 254-256 Washington street, Ward 6.

Victor A. Delamere, sign at 1452 Dorchester avenue, Ward 24.

Rosary Ciccolo, two barber poles at 36 Beach street, Ward 7.

Jacob Sandler, sign at 27 Staniford street, Ward 8.

Simon Polimer, two pawnbroker's signs at 2020 Washington street, Ward 18.

J. M. Vacassovich, two signs, one at 2 Stuart street, and the other at 175 Dartmouth street, Ward 10.

C. W. Wingate, sign at 16 Bromfield street, Ward 7.

International Heater Company, V-shaped sign at 47 Union street, Ward 6.

O. E. Berry, illuminated sign at 694 Washington street, Ward 7.

Lipman Harris, sign at 6-8 Salem street, Ward 6.

O'Brien Brothers, illuminated sign at 179 Federal street, Ward 7.

David Stein, sign at 7 Miller street, Ward 5.

Gus De Stefong, sign at 96½ Summer street, Ward 7.

D. T. Connelly, sign at 23 East Lenox street, Ward 17.

J. W. Broome, two barber poles at 201 Cambridge street, Ward 8.

Mme. De Were, sign at 6 Winter street, Ward 7.

Wah Lee, sign at 2 Sevier street, Ward 4.

P. Terrile, sign at 280-282A Commercial street, Ward 6.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates, said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the material specified, with granite edgestones, the owners of the estates to furnish the said materials, viz.:

Shareff Brothers, 387-389 Blue Hill avenue and Brunswick street, Ward 20; of artificial stone.

F. M. & A. G. Frost, corner of Commonwealth avenue and Winslow road; of artificial stone.

Arthur H. Flint, 922 East Fourth street, Ward 14; of brick.

Mrs. Harriet Hackett, 7 Schuyler street, Ward 21; of brick.

George A. Medbery, 5-11-13 Schuyler street, Ward 21; of brick.

William Smith, 18-20 King street, Ward 19; of artificial stone.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to D. H. Andrews to close the roadway on Ipswich street, between Charlesgate West and Boylston street, to public travel for thirty days, or during the necessary bridge construction.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Lynde street, from Union street to Sixth street, Ward 5, to public travel during necessary construction on said street.

The following were approved November 10, 1899:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:

Fort avenue, three poles, thirty-five feet in height by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet.

Humphreys street, three poles, thirty-five feet in height by fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, seven feet; date of plans, October 30, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to L. A. Christopher, to lay, maintain and use a one and one-half inch iron-pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 397 Dudley street, Ward 20; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Moses Williams et al., trustees, to construct maintain and use areas, with granite covers, under and in the sidewalk, in front of estate on Pemberton square, Ward 6, as shown on a plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor October 31, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to remove a tree standing in front of 6 Winthrop street, Ward 2, said tree being an obstruction to public travel; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim one tree in front of estate 10 Mercer street, South Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead and dangerous tree standing in front of 48 Paris street, Ward 2; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Permit to the Eastern Cold Storage Company to project an awning at 28-32 North street, Ward 6.

Permit to Pierce J. Grace to project an awning from Columbia Theatre, over Washington street, Ward 9.

Permit to Freeman Nickerson et al., trustees, to project one bay-window over Central square and two over Saratoga street from building 35 Central square, Ward 1.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1899.

The following is a statement by the Board of Health of deaths for the month of October, 1899, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	541,827
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	18.63
Death rate for corresponding month, 1898	20.33
Number of deaths:	
Males	410
Females	431
	841
Condition:	
Married	254
Single	443
Widows	102
Widowers	31
Unknown	11
Color:	
White	818
Colored	23
Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	164
Under 2 years	193
Under 5 years	240
Deaths by diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	7
Under 2 years	10
Under 5 years	10
All ages	14
Nativity:	
United States	509
Ireland	180
England	22
Scotland	11
Germany	9
British America	50
Italy	12
Russia	14
Other countries	25
Unknown	9
Parentage:	
American	169
Irish	309
English	22
Scotch	10
German	19
British American	54
Italian	20
Russian	30
Other countries	69
Mixed	48
Unknown	91
Still-births during the month	37

Causes of Death.

I. ZYMOTICS.	
Alcoholism	7
Croup	2
Cholera infantum	9
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	6
Diarrhoea	2
Dysentery	3
Diphtheria	32
Rheumatism	1
Scarlatina	2
Syphilis	1
Septicæmia	5
Typhoid fever	25
Whooping-cough	4
Other Zymotic diseases	2
	101
II. CONSTITUTIONAL.	
Cancer	38
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	15
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	35
Phthisis pulmonalis	104
Other Constitutional diseases	22
	214
III. LOCAL.	
Apoplexy	33
Bright's disease	7
Bronchitis	29
Heart disease	74
Meningitis	18
Nephritis	22
Pleurisy	3
Pneumonia	82
Other Local diseases	121
	389
IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.	
Inanition	8
Old age	19
Premature birth	17
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	9
Other Developmental diseases	14
	67
V. VIOLENT.	
Accidental	44
Homicidal	2
Suicidal	9
Other Violent causes	5
	60
Unknqwn causes	10

DUMPING OF SNOW.

The Harbor and Land Commissioners have granted a license to the City of Boston to dump snow and ice from the bridges the coming winter, with the proviso that none shall be dumped into Fort Point channel below Mt. Washington-avenue bridge and the further proviso that none shall be dumped from bridges connecting with other municipalities without their consent.

A despatch from Rome states that Antonio Di Blasi, the Italian who killed James M. Ellis, a foreman in the Street-cleaning Division of the Street Department on May 23, 1898, has been sentenced to serve six years in prison.

The Board of Assessors has notified the City Government, by a communication to the City Clerk, dated November 2, 1899, that the number of persons liable to enrollment in the militia, in the City of Boston, is 96,765.

Awards of Contracts.

Street Department.

Proposals for macadam roadway in the following-named streets have been opened by the Superintendent of Streets, viz.:

Esmond street, bids opened November 9:

Bidders.	Bids.
T. F. Bradley	\$2,452 50
Philip Doherty	2,615 00
D. E. Lynch	2,903 00
James McGovern	2,990 00
Collins & Ham	3,226 50

The contract was awarded to T. F. Bradley.

Edison Green, bids opened November 9:

James McGovern	\$3,149 50
T. F. Bradley	3,279 50
John F. Cullen	3,310 50
Philip Doherty	3,385 00
Collins & Ham	3,790 50
D. E. Lynch	3,888 00

The contract was awarded to James McGovern.

Callender street bids opened November 13:

John F. Cullen	\$3,757 00
T. F. Bradley	3,958 00
Philip Doherty	4,061 00
P. McGovern	4,414 50
D. E. Lynch	4,983 00
C. E. Trumbell & Co.	6,659 00

The contract was awarded to John F. Cullen.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

Boston, October 25, 1899.

A regular meeting of the Trustees was held at the Hospital on October 25, 1899, at 5.35 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Burnham and Keany, the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Dr. Keany was elected Secretary pro tempore.

It was voted to allow and pay to the Public Buildings Department, Repairs Division, the sum of \$3,329.70 for labor, materials, etc., furnished the Boston City Hospital, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings.

It was voted to rescind the vote of the meeting of July 12, 1899, in regard to payment of draft of \$3,000 to Kerrens Driscoll.

It was voted to rescind the vote passed October 11, 1899, in regard to payment of special draft of \$3,000 to Kerrens Driscoll.

It was voted to allow and pay to Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$3,000, subject to the approval of the Law Department of the City of Boston, the same being tenth payment on account of his contract of August 14, 1897, for erection of laundry building; said amount

to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, new laundry building, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent as follows:

(1.) Nominating, under Rules 8 and 11, Dr. Edward Stanley Abbot as assistant superintendent. The same was referred to the Committee on Service, who immediately re-reported favorably, and the nomination of Dr. Abbot was confirmed.

(2.) Endorsing sundry nominations and promotions of house-officers by Dr. McCollom, resident physician at the south department.

The same was referred to the Medical Committee, with full powers.

It was voted that the work of installing the steam-pipe conduit from Ward F to the Vose house, including the old nurses' home and the out-patient department building, be given to the Repairs Division of the Public Buildings Department for the sum of \$3,300.

It was voted that the contract for steam mains be given to Lynch & Woodward for the sum of \$2,388, to which His Honor the Mayor has assented, and that the President be authorized to sign the same, to be charged to hospital buildings, improvements.

A communication was received from the secretary of the visiting staff, informing the Trustees of the following nominations made for the advisory staff of the south department: Drs. George W. Gay, E. M. Buckingham, C. M. Green and the visiting pathologist, ex-officio. The same was referred to the Medical Committee, who at once reported favorably, and the nominations were confirmed.

A communication was received from the secretary of the senior staff, recommending that Rule 2, page 13, lines 10 and 11, where the word "physicians" occurs, substitute therefor the word "surgeons," so that the second paragraph will read, "Two surgeons for diseases of the throat; two assistants to the surgeons for diseases of the throat." This communication was referred to the Medical Committee.

A communication was received from Drs. Blake and Green, of the gynecological service, nominating Dr. Franklin S. Newell as fourth assistant visiting physician for diseases of women for the term of six months, beginning December 1, and said nomination was confirmed.

FRANCIS J. KEANY, Secretary pro tem.

Library Department.

Friday, October 27, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, De Normandie, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Communication from the Board of Aldermen, dated October 23; the Acting Librarian's report.

Salaries were fixed as follows, to take effect November 1: Shelf department, John Eberhart, C special, \$13; Bates Hall, Pierce E. Buckley, grade B, \$12; Albert J. Plunkett, grade D special, \$9; special libraries, Charlotte Kelly, grade D special, \$9; issue department, M. Florence Cufflin, grade C special, \$13.

Ordered, That Station "M" be transferred from C. E. Johnson & Co., 940 Dorchester

avenue, to Smith Brothers, 1002 Dorchester avenue, November 8.

Bill allowed: Lamson Consolidated Store Service Company, final payment on contract, \$500; for which the President was authorized to sign a special draft.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$496.66; to trust funds, \$280.64; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$25.04; to Station "P," \$3.64; miscellaneous articles, \$483.58.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, October 16, 1899.

The sixty-first regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square, on Monday, October 16, at 10 A.M.

The report of the committee on Rules and Service was read.

Voted, That the Law Department of the city be consulted as to the possibility of forbidding trespass on the shore of Long Island.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to subscribe for eight copies of the daily newspapers, for use at Long Island.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds recommended to the Board that the estimate of the Repairs Division, amounting to \$1,800, for plumbing in power-house, Long Island, be approved and the work ordered done. Also that the estimate of Woodbury & Leighton, for building brick trenches for drains beneath boiler and pump-room floors for \$375, be approved; that special grading amounting to \$75, not included in the contract of O'Rourke & Nelson, be authorized, and that the extension of the chimney stack by E. Hodge & Co., at a cost of \$618, be approved.

Voted, That these recommendations of the Committee be accepted and adopted.

Voted, That a return-main from centre wing in the Hospital to the women's building (estimate of Cleghorn-Egglee Company of cost for same, \$240) be approved and the work ordered done.

Voted, That the question of providing sewers and drains for the power-house, etc., at Long Island be referred, with power, to the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The question in regard to the fulfilment of contract of O'Rourke & Nelson was referred to the Finance Committee with power to secure enforcement by the Board.

Voted, That the recommendations of the Committee on Rules and Service that the Superintendent of Long Island be authorized to purchase (1) fire hose for salt water system; (2) furnaces for cottages Nos. 1 and 2; (3) water-closet for cottage No. 1; and (4) material for new floors, men's building, be referred to the Finance Committee with power.

Voted, That the rules for the running of the steamer "John Howard," as submitted by the Committee on Rules and Service, be accepted and adopted.

Voted, That the recommendation of the visiting medical staff in regard to the employment of a third house-officer be accepted and adopted.

The Superintendent of Long Island recommended that Mr. John Galvin, night officer, be appointed relief officer, to fill the vacancy

caused by the resignation of Mr. Lane, who has accepted a position on Rainsford Island

Voted, That this recommendation be adopted and that Mr. Galvin be appointed to the position at a salary of \$30 per month, dating from October 23.

The following appointments at the monthly salaries stated were confirmed:

Mary Sullivan, cook, \$25; Clarence J. Barker, night watchman, \$25; Maude Nielson, probationer, \$10; Agnes J. Hasenfuss, probationer, \$10; E. J. Gladding, orderly, \$25; Margaret A. Kelley, housekeeper, \$30.

Circular No. 65 from His Honor the Mayor was read.

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Bath Department.

Following is a summary showing the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of October, 1899, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

OCTOBER.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount received.
1 . .	644	159	19	46	868	\$14 48
2 . .	167	63	14	21	265	2 98
3 . .	220	69	12	32	333	3 69
4 . .	403	98	24	42	567	7 71
5 . .	324	88	18	23	453	7 86
6 . .	221	79	36	42	378	4 93
7 . .	623	148	227	359	1,357	13 94
8 . .	629	165	14	42	850	13 94
9 . .	205	62	7	15	289	4 75
10 . .	286	88	16	37	427	6 67
11 . .	305	98	10	22	435	7 13
12 . .	511	158	26	59	754	8 58
13 . .	402	111	31	88	632	11 30
14 . .	587	169	75	197	1,028	10 44
15 . .	752	199	21	78	1,050	13 70
16 . .	375	97	17	39	528	17 76
17 . .	377	103	14	43	537	8 32
18 . .	432	163	31	71	697	10 93
19 . .	401	187	66	79	733	10 39
20 . .	321	88	27	43	479	6 71
21 . .	522	103	201	321	1,147	10 44
22 . .	551	156	19	72	798	14 28
23 . .	252	111	56	79	498	5 34
24 . .	322	99	31	68	520	6 48
25 . .	478	123	42	78	721	11 76
26 . .	475	112	22	51	660	11 33
27 . .	324	101	41	73	539	8 72
28 . .	563	159	240	321	1,283	12 61
29 . .	727	233	28	63	1,051	16 85
30 . .	320	111	11	29	471	8 43
31 . .	150	89	22	31	292	3 28
Totals,	12,869	3,789	1,418	2,564	20,640	\$295 73

NOTE.—Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Building Department.

Old Court House, September 25, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved

and disapproved, for the week ending September 23, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	4	3	-	-	-	4	3	-	3	-
2...	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	1
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
4...	1	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	2	4
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
6...	2	9	1	1	1	-	11	2	9	30
7...	-	6	-	1	-	1	9	1	10	39
8...	-	1	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	9
9...	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	9	16
10...	-	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	28
11...	-	6	-	2	2	-	6	5	13	28
12...	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	2	4	10
13...	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	6
14...	-	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	2
15...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2
16...	5	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	2	13
17...	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	9
18...	-	2	-	-	1	-	2	1	2	12
19...	-	-	2	-	5	1	-	-	15	24
20...	4	2	3	1	4	2	4	7	10	27
21...	8	2	1	1	14	1	3	-	4	22
22...	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	6	5
23...	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
24...	-	2	-	-	-	1	4	1	9	13
25...	3	7	3	-	2	-	8	5	6	10
T'ls.	31	54	10	8	33	14	77	26	128	322

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, October 30, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office during the week ending October 28, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	110
Number of discharges of mortgages	7
Number of assignments of mortgages	6
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	3
Number of bills of sale	1
Number of assignments of wages	46
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	4
Number of ship liens	1
Number of married women's certificates, 17	

J. T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, November 11, 1899.

The following applications have been made for the occupancy of stables:

James P. Lawless, rear of 165 Union street, Ward 25, one horse; hearing November 16, at 11 o'clock. Walker Brothers, 206 Norfolk street, Ward 24, ten additional horses; hearing November 24, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Jessie Tirrell, second rear of 500 First street, Ward 14, eight horses; W. W. Win-

chell, rear of 672 Harrison avenue, Ward 9, six horses.

The following petitions have been rejected: John Trey, 565 Eighth street, Ward 15, and William Barrett, Langdon street, Ward 17.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending November 11, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	25	15	46
Negative	89	60	146
No growth	2	-	2
Totals	116	75	191

Typhoid diagnoses: Sixteen cases; four cases positive, ten negative and two atypical. Malaria: Two cases; negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending November 11, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	18.6
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	19.6
Number of deaths:	
Males	106
Females	88
Total	194
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	200

Decrease 6

Of the 194 decedents, 188 were white and 6 colored; 126 were born in the United States, 67 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 47 were of American parentage, 133 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 14 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	62	5
Scarlatina	23	-
Typhoid fever	14	6
Measles	15	-
Totals	114	11

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	25
Pneumonia	20
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	28
Bronchitis	5
Marasmus	9
Violent causes	11

Total from principal causes	100
Total from infectious diseases	11
Total from other causes	83

Total from all causes 194

Deaths of children under 1 year	43
Deaths of children under 5 years	57
Deaths of persons over 60 years	52
Deaths in public institutions	64

The Board of Education of New York City has estimated that for 1900 the Department will require \$17,041,773, an increase of over \$4,000,000 over the amount required in 1899.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, November 1, 1899.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company respectfully petitions your honorable Board for location for two poles on Bow street, Charlestown, between Mason and Arrow streets, as shown on accompanying plan.

This application is made necessary by extensive changes which are being made in the adjoining railroad property where the poles have formerly been located.

E. B. PILLSBURY, Superintendent.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 8, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Friday the seventeenth day of November at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing about 82,000 cubic yards, more or less, of good clean earth or gravel filling in Bennington street, between Wordsworth street and the Revere town line, East Boston District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, November 17, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing about 9,000 cubic yards, more or less, of good, clean earth or gravel filling in Ashley street, between Breed and Walley streets, East Boston District, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, November 17, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

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BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 10, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the private way, at Dorchester, known as Rockville street, be laid out as a highway, from Blue Hill avenue to Oakland street, with the name of Rexford street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-fourth day of November, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day,

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

Old Court House, November 11, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the list of qualified voters, both men and women, are now being posted in the several precincts, and copies of the same may also be examined at this office. The central office, Old Court House, Court square, is open daily, Sundays excepted, from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M., and evening sessions will be held at the following places every week day, from 6 to 10 P.M., for the registration of voters (men and women), from November 11 to November 22, inclusive, for the ensuing municipal election, and the correction of any errors that may appear upon the lists.

The payment of a tax as a prerequisite for voting is not now required, but men not already assessed must present a tax bill for the current year, or a certificate from the Assessors before they can be registered.

Ward 1—Tapping School-house, Lexington street.
Ward 2—Armory building, Maverick street.
Ward 3—Old Winthrop School-house, Bunker Hill street.

Ward 4—Bunker Hill Grammar School-house, Baldwin street.

Ward 5—City Hall, City square, Charlestown.

Ward 6—Ward-room, North Bennet street.

Ward 7—Pierpont School-house, Hudson street.

Ward 8—Wells School-house, Blossom street.

Ward 9—Old Franklin School-house, Washington street.

Ward 10—Rice School-house, Appleton street.

Ward 11—Prince School-house, Exeter street.

Ward 12—School-house, West Concord street.

Ward 13—Spelman Hall, West Broadway.

Ward 14—700 East Fourth street.

Ward 15—Court-room, Dorchester and West Fourth streets.

Ward 16—Winthrop Hall, Upham's Corner.

Ward 17—Vine Street Chapel, corner Dudley street.

Ward 18—Old Bath-house, Cabot street.

Ward 19—Old Pumping Station, Elmwood street.

Ward 20—Ward-room building, Meeting House Hill.

Ward 21—Dudley Street Opera House, Dudley street.

Ward 22—Tomfohrde Hall, Boylston Station.

Ward 23—Minton Hall (Ward-room), Hyde Park avenue.

Ward 24—Dorchester Hall, Field's Corner.

Ward 25—Old Town Hall, Washington street, Brighton.

Registration will close on Wednesday, November 22, at 10 o'clock P.M.

LINUS E. PEARSON,

TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,

GEORGE P. SANGER,

JOHN H. DONOVAN,

Board of Election Commissioners.

NOTICE.

Boston, October 30, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan to be filed. A plan of locations is filed, dated October 30, 1899.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Maverick street, near Frankfort street, Ward 2.

Western avenue, at Market street, Ward 25 (one pole).

Green street between High and Bartlett streets, Ward 3.

Also to remove a pole from Maverick street, near Frankfort street, Ward 2.

Also to remove from Western avenue, at Market street, Ward 25, one pole.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 8, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Friday, the seventeenth day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notices to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the East Boston Free Press, Boston Traveler, Boston Journal, Brighton Item, Boston Post, Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
(COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.)

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK:

The New England Railroad Company represents that for the purpose of connecting its road with the Union Station, authorized to be constructed by Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896, it desires to extend its road from a point in the City of Boston, near the northerly end of its South Bay drawbridge to the grounds of the Boston Terminal Company, and for that purpose it is about to file a location of such an extension of its road, passing across and under West Fourth street and Broadway, public highways in said county, as in said act provided.

Wherefore, it asks you, after due notice and hearing, to determine the manner in which said extension of its railroad shall cross said highways, and any other highways and other ways within said county.

The New England Railroad Company,

By J. H. BENTON, "JR., Attorney.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

November 8, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That a hearing be given before this Board, at the City Hall, in Boston, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of November, A.D. 1899, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and that notice of such hearing be given by the petitioner by publishing said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD, newspapers published in said county, for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least seven days before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Your petitioners being a majority of the Directors of the Newton and West Roxbury Street Railway Company respectfully represent that they have completed the preliminary organization of said company, and have published their articles of association with all their stockholders in the manner required by law, and have otherwise so complied with the statutes of this Commonwealth as to be in a legal position to apply for a location.

Your petitioners pray for the following locations in the City of Boston for a single track, viz.: Commencing at the boundary line between Boston and the City of Newton on Baker street and extending thence through Baker street to Mt. Vernon street, thence through Mt. Vernon street to La Grange street, thence through La Grange street to its intersection with Centre street, its terminus; or by such other streets or ways as your Board may determine, with the necessary turnout and connections.

Your petitioners pray that they may have leave to build and operate a railway along said line by the overhead or trolley system of electric power and to that end that they may have leave to erect the necessary poles for the support of an overhead trolley system.

Respectfully submitted.

HORACE B. PARKER,

THOMAS F. CAREY,

WILLIAM J. CARLIN,

ARTHUR R. DINN,

RUSSELL A. SEARS,

Majority of Directors.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 8, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioners to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of November, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume II.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1899.

Number 47.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

At its meeting held Friday, November 17, 1899, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the appointment by His Honor the Mayor of Victor Weimar to be a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1900.

DEATH OF EX-POLICE CAPTAIN JONES.

The death of Mr. William K. Jones, an ex-captain of the Boston police force, occurred at the home of his daughter, 29 Beacon street, Hyde Park, on November 21, 1899.

Mr. Jones was born at Boston in 1824. He was appointed on the Boston watch in 1849, serving as a member until its abolition in 1855, shortly after which, under the reorganization of the police of the city, becoming Captain of Station 2. He continued in charge of this station until 1861, when he was retired. In 1863, Mr. Jones was reappointed on the police force as a detective, serving in this

capacity until 1870, when the grade of detective was abolished.

Mr. Jones was also a volunteer fireman of the Boston Fire Department in its early days.

With the exception of five years, two of which were spent in Chelsea and three in Hyde Park, Mr. Jones had made Boston his home. During the past ten years he had led a retired life.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DRUNKENNESS.

The Committee on the Penal Aspects of Drunkenness, appointed on January 11, 1899, to investigate the working of the laws for the punishment of drunkenness, has submitted its report to His Honor Mayor Quincy, by whom, on November 17, it was transmitted to the City Council (see page 758). The Committee consists of Mr. J. G. Thorp, President of the Massachusetts Prison Association, Chairman; Prof. Edward Cummings, of Harvard University; Rev. F. B. Allen, of the Episcopal City Mission; Prof. E. Spencer Baldwin, of Boston University; Mr. John Koren, of the Institutions Registration Department; Miss Annette P. Rogers, of the Boston Overseers of the Poor; Mrs. Rachael E. S. Thorndike, formerly a member of the same Board, and Mr. James F. Wise, of the Committee on the Summer Municipal Camp for Boys.

The report, which has been issued as a city document — Document 158, 1899 — covers nearly fifty-five closely printed pages. Copies may be obtained of the City Messenger, City Hall.

REPORT ON RANDIDGE FUND EXCURSIONS.

Penal Institutions Commissioner Marshall, director in charge of the excursions given by the city to the children of Boston during the summer months, at the expense of the income from the fund left by George L. Randidge, has presented his report for 1899 to His Honor Mayor Quincy, by whom, on November 17, it was transmitted to the City Council. (See page 757.)

As in 1898 the picnic grounds were located at Long Island to which the children were transported on the city's steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee." The excursions began on July 5 and continued until September 8, a period of fifty-seven secular days, all of which, with the exception of five, being utilized. Games were arranged for the children, and sea-bathing was enjoyed under the care of experienced swimmers. Lunch was provided for the children at noon.

Two Sunday excursions were also given to representatives of the Hebrew free schools. These were simply harbor outings, no landing being made.

The total number of children carried was 16,105 as against 13,531 in 1898, an average each day of 298. The transportation of this large number was accomplished without the slightest accident.

Outside of the sum spent for permanent equipment, amounting to \$42.27, the cost of maintenance of the excursions was \$2,128.96 as against \$2,008.81 in 1898. The per capita expense was 13.2 cents. In 1898 it was 14.8 cents.

Through the courtesy of the Boston Elevated Railway Company car rides to the number of about 24,000 were furnished without charge.

Mr. Marshall makes the recommendation that some system of forestry be adopted for Long Island in order to provide shade for the picnic ground.

OPENING OF THE NEW CHARLESTOWN BRIDGE.

The new Charlestown bridge will be publicly opened on Monday, November 27, 1899, at 11 o'clock. There will be no special ceremonies in connection with the event.

Chairman Crocker, of the Boston Transit Commission, will deliver the bridge to His Honor Mayor Quincy, who will respond briefly in behalf of the city.

The people will assemble on the draw, which will remain open during the exercises, and at their conclusion the draw will be closed, the gates swung back and the bridge declared ready for public travel.

BOSTON PORTO RICO RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The executive committee of the Boston Porto Rico Relief Committee met at Mayor Quincy's office, Tuesday, November 21, 1899, and made final disposition of the funds in its possession. Besides Mayor Quincy, and Messrs. Lamont G. Burnham, Robert T. Burnett, U. K. Pettingill, Elwyn G. Preston and Francis Dumaresq, members of the executive committee, there was also present Mr. W. H. S. Lothrop, who has been in Porto Rico the greater part of the time since the disastrous hurricane and flood on August 8 last, and who explained to the committee the present condition of affairs in Ponce. He stated that while there had been the greatest need of food in the past, it having been necessary to feed as many as 40,000 women and children at one time in Ponce (the men not being supplied with food except in payment for work done), the great demand at the present time was not for food, but for shelter, and that the relief committee at Ponce, composed of ninety of its most representative and reliable citizens, which has had charge of the relief work done there, and which has carried on this work exceedingly well, feels that the best use that could be made of the funds still remaining at the disposition of the committee in Boston would be to expend the same in building a number of very moderate-priced houses.

These would be rented for a small sum, only sufficient to pay the expense of superintendence and of keeping them in repair, to persons who could not otherwise obtain shelter. Such houses as are proposed would cost a little over \$150 apiece, and would be rented for \$1 or \$2 a month. The Town of Ponce is willing to give land for the purpose on the hill back of the village, and by this means shelter during the rainy season would be provided for a large portion of the 200 or 300 persons who may be seen every night in the square in Ponce, sleeping out in the open air in both wet and dry weather.

After a consideration of the matter, the executive committee passed the following vote:

Voted, That the Mayor of Ponce, Porto Rico, ex-officio, Mr. Robert A. Miller, President of the Board of Charities of Ponce, and Mr. W. H. S. Lothrop, be chosen by this committee as trustees, to be known as "Trustees of the Boston Relief Settlement," to whom shall be paid all moneys remaining in the hands of this committee; that the said trustees have full discretionary powers to expend the same in building houses, to be known as the "Boston Relief Settlement," and to administer the said settlement; and that the Treasurer of this committee be authorized and requested to pay to the said

trustees, upon their request, any funds in his possession as Treasurer of this committee.

The Boston Porto Rico Relief Committee was formed on August 12, 1899, in response to a call issued to citizens by His Honor Mayor Quincy. The Committee consisted of eighty-eight gentlemen and organized by the selection of His Honor Mayor Quincy as Chairman, Mr. Charles H. Cole, Secretary and Mr. Francis H. Peabody, Treasurer.

Two days later an executive committee, with full powers, was appointed, consisting of the above-named officers and Messrs. Robert M. Burnett, Elwyn G. Preston, Ubert K. Pettingill, Francis Dumaresq and Lamont G. Burnham. Messrs. De Ford & Co. were designated as distributing agents of all supplies sent by the committee to Porto Rico.

Appeals to the public for funds were issued at once, and generous responses were received. Supplies, consisting of clothing, fish, flour, etc., were purchased, and immediately forwarded to the relief of the sufferers. A schooner loaded with bananas, sweet potatoes and lumber was chartered from Jamaica and despatched to Porto Rico.

The total amount of money received by the committee in contributions for the relief of the inhabitants of Porto Rico was \$26,700. Of this sum there remains in the hands of the Treasurer an unexpended balance of \$5,800, which, as indicated by the vote of the committee, will be used for the establishment of a "Boston Relief Settlement."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SINKING-FUNDS DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-funds for the year ending January 31, 1899, has recently been submitted to His Honor the Mayor. The report constitutes Document 32—1899, and includes the reports of the Treasurer and Examiner of Accounts.

The transactions for the year are shown in the following table:

Amount of cash in treasury January 31, 1898	\$4,190,019 97
Receipts during the year	7,498,039 43
	\$11,688,059 40
Payments during the year	8,028,590 75
Amount of cash January 31, 1899	\$3,659,468 65
Total amount of investments January 31, 1898	\$23,388,350
Investments purchased during the year	4,570,980
Investments matured during the year	4,107,000
	23,852,330 00
Amount of funds January 31, 1899	\$27,511,798 65

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Boston, November 16, 1899.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the office of Wheelwright & Haven, Tremont building, Boston, on Thursday, November 16, 1899, at 3.30 P.M.

Present: All the members.

The Commission examined sketch drawings of the proposed new bridge, prepared by Mr. E. H. Wheelwright, and considered the probable cost of building a bridge such as that shown in the drawings.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That the schedule of bills and payrolls, presented by the Chief Engineer of the Commission for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, amounting to \$3,333.39, be certified by the Commission for payment by the respective cities of Boston and Cambridge.

The bill of the Street Department, paving division, of the City of Boston, for work done and material furnished in constructing an approach to the temporary bridge on the Boston side, in accordance with the vote passed on July 17, was received.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to approve the bill of the Street Department, paving division, of the City of Boston, amounting to \$1,279.17, for labor and materials supplied by it in making an approach to the temporary bridge on the Boston side, \$572.61 of said amount to be paid by the City of Boston, the City of Cambridge having paid an equal amount for labor on the approach to the temporary bridge on the Cambridge side, and the remainder, \$706.56, to be paid, half by the City of Boston and half by the City of Cambridge.

Notice of the decision of Messrs. Moses Williams, James J. Costello and William H. Hart, appointed under "agreement for arbitration," ratified and confirmed by the Commission on July 1, 1899, as arbitrators to adjudge the damage to Michael M. Cunniff from the taking by the Commission of his property at the corner of Cambridge and Charles streets, the amount of their award being "one hundred and seventy thousand (170,000) dollars, with interest upon said sum from the eighteenth day of February, 1899, less such sum as said Cunniff has collected as rent for said premises since February 18, 1899, or shall hereafter collect as such rent by consent of said Cambridge Bridge Commission," was received.

The notice was placed on file, and, on motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That in accordance with the award of the arbitrators to adjudge the damage to Michael M. Cunniff from the taking of his property at the corner of Charles and Cambridge streets, there be paid to Michael M. Cunniff by the City of Boston, as part of the cost of laying out and construction of an approach to the new Cambridge bridge, on the Boston side, the sum of one hundred and seventy thousand (170,000) dollars, plus \$850, one-half of the compensation of said arbitrators, and interest at the legal rate from February 18, 1899, less such sum as said Cunniff has collected as rent for said premises since February 18, 1899, provided that said Cunniff shall deliver to the City of Boston a deed satisfactory to the Law Department of the City of Boston to the estate taken by

the Commission, situated upon the corner of Cambridge and Charles streets, in Boston, and containing 13,916 square feet, more or less.

A bill, amounting to \$183.10, was received from the Cambridge Electric Light Company, for installing five arc lights on the temporary bridge.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was Voted, That the above bill be referred to Mayor Champlin, the said bill to be paid by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, if approved by him.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to lease, upon such terms and conditions as he considers proper, to Michael M. Cuniff, such portion of the property taken by the Commission at the corner of Cambridge and Charles street as is not needed at present by the Commission, the amount received under said lease to be credited to the sinking fund for the redemption of the Cambridge bridge loan issued by the City of Boston.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, the following resolution and order were adopted:

Resolved, In accordance with, and as authorized by, the provisions of Chapter 467 of the Acts of 1898, that in the opinion of this Board the public necessity and convenience require, and it is deemed necessary for carrying out the provisions of said act, to take a certain piece or parcel of land west of the easterly line of the westerly abutment of the proposed Cambridge bridge, said abutment being shown on a plan marked: "Plan of Proposed Relocation of Pier and Bulkhead Lines at the Boston and Cambridge Ends of Cambridge Bridge," dated April, 1899, and signed by William Jackson, Chief Engineer, said parcel of land being bounded and described as follows, viz.:

A certain parcel of land supposed to belong to J. A. McGinty, formerly to G. L. Damon, bounded as follows, viz.:

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Main street at its intersection with the easterly line of First street in the City of Cambridge; thence running northerly along said line of First street 150.38 feet to its intersection with the southerly line of Broad canal; thence easterly along said southerly line 74.72 feet to its intersection with the pier and bulkhead line of Charles river; thence south-westerly along said pier and bulkhead line 172.63 feet to its intersection with the northerly line of Main street at the point of beginning; containing 5,604 square feet.

The above described parcel of land is shown on a plan entitled: "Plan of Charles River Parkway—Section A," drawn by L. M. Hastings, City Engineer of the City of Cambridge, dated August 23, 1899, and on file in the office of the City Engineer, Cambridge, Mass., a copy of a portion of said plan showing the above described taking to be filed at the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds.

And, whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return of the order of notice issued therefor; it is therefore

Ordered, That the parcel of land hereinbefore described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of better-

ments, for carrying out the provisions of said act, and as part of the approach to the new Cambridge bridge, in agreement with the provisions of said Chapter 467 of the Acts of 1898, according to the aforesaid plan of such taking made by L. M. Hastings, City Engineer, Cambridge, Mass., dated August 23, 1899, and entitled: "Plan of Charles River Parkway—Section A"; and this Board doth adjudge that the damage to the estate, taken as hereinbefore described, including payment for land taken, cost of removal and damage to buildings, and all other damages is the sum of \$4,203.

Adjourned, on motion of Commissioner Leavitt, to meet on Monday, November 20, at 3.30 P.M., at the office of Wheelwright & Haven, Tremont building.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

FREE CHAMBER CONCERTS.

The third free chamber concert in the present series will be given on Tuesday evening, December 5, at the Hancock School, North End. The programme will be rendered by the municipal string quartette, a pianist and a vocalist.

The two concerts given thus far have been largely attended. The demand for tickets has been great, in some cases more persons applying than the halls have been able to accommodate, and in this connection the Music Commissioners desire to announce that applications for tickets by local organizations should be made well in advance of any date, to insure receiving the full number. Tickets may be obtained at the office of the Music Commissioners, 64 Pemberton square.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of imports and exports, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of October, 1899, as compared with the corresponding month of 1898:

	Imports.		Exports.	
October, 1899 . .	\$4,964,422		\$10,750,611	
October, 1898 . .	3,379,938		10,572,418	
	Entered.		Cleared.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
October, 1899 . .	186	194,479	173	173,869
October, 1898 . .	144	154,049	162	146,507
Passengers arrived, October, 1899 . . .	2,915			
Passengers arrived, October, 1898 . . .	2,494			

MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, NO. 8.

Monthly Bulletin of the Statistics Department, No. 8, has recently appeared. It contains the August additions to the regular tables of statistics, with an appendix containing an analysis of the exempted property of the City of Boston in 1898, by classes, and also a statement regarding the revenue derived by cities in the United States from markets.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason street building, at 7.30 P.M., on November 14, 1899, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Bowdlear, Calderwood and Strange.

The appointments and confirmations presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting were approved.

The following was passed:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of an additional teacher in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and passed:

(1.) That "Elements of Comparative Zoölogy," by J. S. Kingsley, published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a supplementary reading-book in the high and Latin schools.

(2.) That Campbell's "Observational Geometry," published by Harper & Bros., be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin schools.

(3.) That "Syllabus of Propositions in Geometry," published by Harvard University, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin schools.

(4.) That "Elementary Lessons in Zoölogy," by James G. Needham, published by the American Book Company, be authorized for use as a text-book in the high schools.

(5.) That "Song Echoes from Child Land," by Harriet S. Jenks and Mabel Rust, published by Oliver Ditson & Co., be authorized for use as a reference book in kindergartens, one copy to be supplied each kindergarten.

(6.) That the pamphlet edition of "Quintus Curtius," published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Latin Schools.

(7.) That "Cone's Sound Charts" be authorized for use in the primary and grammar schools.

(8.) That the Board authorize the expenditure of \$128 for making connections for electric power and lighting at the Frederick A. Whitney School-house.

(9.) That there be paid to Albert K. Teele and Richard C. Humphreys, trustees, under the will of Edmund J. Baker, the sum of \$859.50 as payment for their land on Dorchester avenue, at Dorchester, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, September 16, 1896, and November 17, 1897, upon the said trustees giving to the city a deed for said land so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

(10.) That from the various sums appropriated for purposes named out of the amounts granted the School Committee under Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 as amended by Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, the following transfers be made to the appropriation, Gilbert Stewart lot, enlargement, the same being unexpended balances not required for

the purposes for which they were originally appropriated:

Temporary wooden building in yard of Noble School-house	\$0 23
Temporary wooden building in yard of Morton-street School-house	53
Temporary wooden building in yard of old Gibson School-house	63
Temporary wooden building in yard of Frothingham School-house	4 06
Temporary wooden buildings, furnishing	6 61
New grammar school-house, Harris District	4 76
Old Gibson School-house yard, grading	22 00
Gilbert Stuart School-house lot, grading	290 67
Cudworth School-house lot, grading	227 91
Mayhew School-house, furnishing	302 10
Total	\$859 50

(11.) That Ida P. Wait, principal of the Florence-street Kindergarten, be placed upon the second year of service in her rank, to date from September 13, 1899.

(12.) That the salary of the janitor of the Evening High School be established at the rate of \$130 per month, to date from September 25, 1899, until otherwise ordered, which salary shall be in full compensation for all services rendered in connection with said school.

(13.) That the salary of the janitor of the Municipal Court-house School, Dorchester street, South Boston, be fixed at the rate of \$300 per annum, to date from September 13, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(14.) That additional compensation at the rate of \$8 per month, except during July and August, be allowed and paid the janitor of the Tyler-street School, for extra services in moving furniture in the Denison House Kindergarten, daily, to date from October 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(15.) That Samuel T. Jeffers, janitor of the Norcross School, be paid at the rate of \$22 per month, for services as janitor of the Bigelow Evening School, now located in the Norcross building, for the term 1899-1900.

(16.) That the salary of the janitor of the North Margin-street School be fixed at the rate of \$300 per annum, to date from October 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(17.) That Florence M. Kilburn, assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from October 10, 1899.

The resignations of four teachers presented by the Superintendent were accepted.

On the report of the Superintendent leave of absence was granted to ten teachers, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board.

The Superintendent presented the following:

(1.) The appointments of two temporary teachers, which were approved.

(2.) The reappointment of one temporary teacher which was approved.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, it was ordered

(1.) That the Baker-street Primary School-house, West Roxbury, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Cutting, Bardwell & Co., for erecting the Winship School building, Brighton, in the sum of

\$1,990.56, for erection of retaining wall, including granite steps and underpinning, and brick facing in connection with same.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, for the Committee on School-houses, it was

Ordered, That the bond required of the School-house Agent, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, shall be in the penal sum of \$5,000.

Mr. Gallivan, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following:

Ordered, That the salaries of special teachers of commercial branches in high schools be fixed at the several rates per annum, and from the dates specified: Brighton High School, \$1,200, from October 16, 1899; Charlestown High School, \$1,500, from October 3, 1899; Dorchester High School, \$1,500, from October 3, 1899; East Boston High School, \$1,200, from November 1, 1899; Girls' High School, \$1,200, from November 1, 1899.

Passed.

Mr. Coolidge, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following:

Ordered, That the amount paid by William H. Brown of Marblehead, Mass., for tuition from October 17, 1899, to February 1, 1900, of John F. Brown, a non-resident pupil in the Mechanic Arts High School, \$29.54, be abated, said pupil having left the school October 17, 1899.

Passed, under suspension of the rules.

Resolutions on the death of Larkin Dunton, LL.D., for twenty-seven years Head Master of the Boston Normal School, presented by Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on Normal School, were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

On motion of Mr. Brett, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That there be allowed in each of the following-named high schools, and from the several dates specified, a special teacher of commercial branches, which branches shall include one or more of the subjects of phonography, typewriting, book-keeping, commercial geography and commercial law; the same to be in place of such special teachers of any of said subjects whose employment has heretofore been authorized by the Board; Brighton High School, October 16, 1899; Charlestown High School, October 3, 1899; Dorchester High School October 3, 1899; East Boston High School, November 1, 1899; Girls' High School, November 1, 1899.

Mr. Nichols, for the Committee on Truant Officers, offered the following:

Ordered, That the accompanying rules and regulations for the truant officers of the City of Boston, prepared by the Committee on Truant Officers, be hereby approved by this Board, and that 2,000 copies of the same be printed.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, it was

Ordered, That a second special class be formed and carried on under the direction of the Superintendent, in some suitable room of a public school building, making the number of such special classes two in all.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following:

Ordered, That a special instructor of cookery be employed two evenings a week in the Lyman Evening School for the remainder of the term 1899-1900, and that the salary of said teacher be fixed at the rate of \$2 per evening of actual service.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, it was

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board, October 10, that the use of the lot at the corner of Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown, be granted to the boys attending the Charlestown High School as a playground be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Brett, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools and the Committee on Normal School, acting jointly, consider and report to this Board as soon as may be, upon the advisability of establishing the Girls' Latin School and Normal School in the same building.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings consider the expediency of providing accommodations for a primary class and a kindergarten at Central Station, in the Longfellow District, West Roxbury.

IMMIGRATION DURING OCTOBER.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the month ending October 31, 1899:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Armenian	2	2	—
Dutch and Flemish	1	1	—
English	398	176	222
Finnish	198	121	77
French	2	1	1
German	12	9	3
Greek	1	1	—
Hebrew	18	8	10
Irish	769	221	548
Italian (Southern)	7	7	—
Polish	1	1	—
Scandinavian	529	170	359
Scotch	35	16	19
Syrian	3	2	1
Welsh	11	6	5
Total	1,987	742	1,245
Tourists or passengers en route	146	—	—
Total immigration for October, 1899	2,133	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS. — STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division —	
Maine	30
New Hampshire	36
Vermont	4
Massachusetts	1,314
Rhode Island	103
Connecticut	18
New York	131
New Jersey	10
Pennsylvania	26
Total	1,672
South Atlantic Division —	
Maryland	1
Virginia	4
Total	5

North Central Division —	
Ohio	5
Illinois	107
Michigan	66
Wisconsin	17
Minnesota	45
Iowa	8
Missouri	1
North Dakota	8
South Dakota	13
Nebraska	3

Total 273

South Central Division —	
Louisiana	1

Total 1

Western Division —	
Montana	3
Wyoming	3
Colorado	9
Utah	3
Washington	5
Oregon	5
California	8

Total 36

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division	1,672
South Atlantic Division	5
North Central Division	273
South Central Division	1
Western Division	36

Total 1,987

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following general orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

November 13, 1899.

General Order No. 638.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman George F. Finn, of Division 12, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, in that he left his route without permission, entered a dwelling-house and remained there for a period of twenty-five minutes, the Board finds the said Patrolman Finn guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of fifteen days' pay.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Reserve Officer Jacob S. Butler, of Division 16, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, in that he repeatedly neglected to ring in his "on duty" calls, the Board finds the said Reserve Officer Butler guilty and sentences him to be dismissed from the police force of the City of Boston.

III. In the matter of the complaint made against Sergeant Edwin Piper, of Division 11, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Incapacity, the Board finds the said Sergeant Piper guilty as charged in the complaint and sentences him to be reduced to the rank of patrolman in the police force of the City of Boston.

IV. Sergeant Edwin Piper is transferred from Division 11 and assigned for duty as a patrolman on Division 9. He will report to the commanding officer of that division at 7.45 o'clock A.M., Tuesday, the fourteenth instant.

November 14, 1899.

General Order No. 639.

Deputy Superintendents William H. Pierce and James M. Coulter and Captain George W. Wescott are hereby appointed a board of examiners to examine and inspect the reserve police officers named in this order who have served the probationary term of six months or more as to their qualifications for appointment as patrolmen in the police force. The said board will report the result of its examination to the Superintendent as soon as it is completed.

The board will meet in the "drill hall" Station 16, at 10 o'clock, A.M., Wednesday, the twenty-second instant, and the following-named reserve men will then and there attend for examination:

Division 1 — Weller C. French, Thomas M. Towle, Edwin H. Fitts, Henry C. Wadleigh, John M. F. Little, Malcolm D. Blue.

Division 2 — Charles M. Tighe, Almon L. Daniels, Elijah L. Nickerson.

Division 3 — Joseph D. McDonald, Patrick J. McAuliffe.

Division 4 — George A. Whitney, John Hughes, James Hanlon, Asa G. Howland, Linwood L. Leavitt.

Division 5 — Peter H. Rogers, William Macbeth, Edward A. Ryan, Howard J. West, Wilbur L. Melvin.

Division 6 — Athanasius McGillivray, Irving Elder, Freeman C. Webber, James M. Breen, Norman A. Eaton, Michael J. Feeley, John P. Walsh.

Division 7 — James H. Jacobs,

Division 9 — William F. Hutchinson, John J. Fitzgerald, Howard P. Kempton, Frederick J. Thorn.

Division 10 — Joseph J. McGillivray, Michael J. Hartnett, Frederick M. Rooney, Vernon F. Stockman, John Worsdale, Matthew Killen, Peter J. Norton.

Division 11 — Perley Miller, Thomas J. Norton, Herbert E. Stevens, Daniel J. Gavin, Michael J. Quirk.

Division 12 — John Coffey, James J. Mullen, Alden S. Calder.

Division 13 — Vernon J. Hickey.

Division 14 — Bartholomew Merchant.

Division 15 — Charles A. Culhane, Walter S. Crockett, William A. Sayward, Thomas McTigue.

Division 16 — William P. O'Brien, William H. Pelton, John J. Maguire, Martin Brock, Edward V. Doe, Michael J. Trainer.

Liquor License Detail — Allen W. Alger, William F. Cassidy, Frederick G. Higgins, John O'Neil, Jeremiah J. Riordan.

November 14, 1899.

General Order No. 640.

In the matter of the complaint made by Franz H. Krebs, jr., and Isaac Smithkins against Capt. Edward F. Gaskin, Lieut. Forrest F. Hall, Sergt. George A. Rohrer, jr., and Patrolmen Thomas F. Fallon, Orlando F. Lailor, Jeremiah N. Mosher, William T. Maguire and Daniel E. Fitzgerald for alleged violation of law and neglect of duty at a caucus held in Ward 8 in this city on the twenty-sixth of September, current, the Board finds the said Captain Gaskin, Lieutenant Hall, Sergeant Rohrer and Patrolmen Fallon, Lailor, Mosher, Maguire and Fitzgerald not guilty and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Friday, November 17, 1899, at 3 o'clock, Chairman Barry presiding.

Absent — Alderman O'Toole.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Appointment of Grain Measurer.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 17, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint James C. Bell a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1900.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

Report Concerning Summer Excursions.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 17, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith the report of Mr. E. C. Marshall, director in charge of the Randidge Fund Excursions for the past season, and I recommend that the same be printed as a city document.

This report certainly makes a gratifying showing as to the large results obtained through the income of the Randidge Fund, and I feel that Mr. Marshall, who has for the second time taken charge at my request of these excursions, in addition to the performance of his regular duties as Penal Institutions Commissioner, and without extra charge, should be complimented upon the showing made, and particularly upon the entire absence of any accident in connection with the care and transportation of such a large number of children. I believe that the showing made by the city in this line of excursion work is a unique and creditable one, and that the beneficent intentions of the donor of the fund have been realized in a larger way than he could have anticipated.

I commend this report to the consideration not only of the City Council, but all public spirited citizens, as showing how much can be accomplished in the line of philanthropic work at a comparatively insignificant expenditure of money by the intelligent utilization of the organization and facilities of the city government.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Annexed was the report referred to, for abstract of which see page 753.)

Ordered printed and sent down.

Report Concerning Drunkenness.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 17, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a report of the Committee on the Penal Aspects of Drunkenness, appointed by me on January 11, 1899, and I recommend that it be printed as a city document, and that provision be also made for printing 2,500 extra copies.

This carefully considered report, made unanimously by a representative committee, whose members are well qualified to make a valuable analysis of the workings of existing methods of dealing with the punishment of drunkenness and ascertaining their defects, should prove an interesting public document, not only in Boston but elsewhere, and should lead to the adoption of more rational methods of dealing with this important problem. I feel that the members of the Committee are entitled to the thanks of the city for their painstaking work.

While I have not been able to take any part in the work of the Committee, I am in hearty sympathy with the main conclusions arrived at. It has longed seemed to me that the fine system of punishing drunkenness, as in operation at present, was entirely indefensible from any standpoint.

Its financial results are comparatively insignificant, even upon the face of the figures, while in reality the amounts received from those who pay their fines are far more than counterbalanced by the cost of maintaining in confinement those who do not; while from the standpoint of meting out to all, without regard to social condition, the equal justice which is assumed to prevail under democratic institutions, it is certainly a gross anomaly to let off, practically without punishment, those who are able to pay fines, while inflicting a heavy penalty upon those who are too poor to purchase exemption from imprisonment.

I know of no more glaring instance of injustice daily inflicted, upon a large scale, than the operation of the system of imposing fines for the offence of drunkenness, with imprisonment as the alternative for non-payment. The present practice seems to me unworthy of a civilized democratic community; it is unscientific, uneconomic and unjust, and if it can be even modified in the directions suggested by the Committee, great good will certainly result.

With the main recommendation of the report—that probation work should be considerably extended and systematized—I think that every intelligent observer must agree. This certainly seems the most hopeful line of work, and the one in support of which it should be the most easy to unite those of all shades of opinion upon the general aspects of the liquor problem.

The circumstances which lead to arrests for intoxication are of infinite variety, and to deal with these cases in mass, without some intelligent effort to individualize each case, and to deal with it according to the special circumstances surrounding it, is neither scientific, humane nor economical; I believe that it would be a direct economy to the public treasury to double the expense of probationary investigation, while the indirect benefits of extending this work would be far reaching.

The excellent beginning which has been made in this line of work is the one bright spot in our record in dealing with the punishment of drunkenness; the extension and better organization and co-ordination of that work may yet give to this community the high rank in respect to the treatment of drunkenness which it has already won in so many other lines of reformatory and philanthropic effort.

In contrast to the crude and old-fashioned method of dealing only with symptoms, the modern scientific spirit, which is at last in our day being applied to the problems connected with crime and pauperism, seeks to ascertain the causes of moral and social disease, and to diminish their influence, if it cannot altogether remove them.

To deal with every person arrested for intoxication in the same manner would be an absurdity. We have already made some progress in the classification of cases by law, and the exercise of discretionary powers by the judges does much to alleviate present conditions, but there can be no question that what is now most needed is the extension of individual investigation and of the probation system.

If the fine system is to continue as at present, the recommendation of the Committee that time should be allowed to those arrested for drunkenness in which to pay their fines is certainly a wise and practical one.

The expenditure of all available money is the usual incident of such a case of intoxication as leads to an arrest, and the alternative of immediate payment of a fine, instead of imprisonment, offered to the unfortunate victim is, in a great majority of cases, a hollow mockery.

If the community desires pecuniary compensation for his offence, he should at least be placed upon probation long enough to show his disposition and ability to earn the amount of the fine imposed; if incarceration is the only proper penalty for drunkenness, then the opportunity of escaping it through the payment of a fine should not be allowed to those who are pecuniarily more fortunate than their fellows.

I trust that this report will be carefully read by the members of the City Council,

and that it will lead to the support by the authorities of the city, and by the public generally, of such legislative action as is required in order to carry its principal recommendations into effect.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Annexed was the report referred to, which has been printed as a public document. See page 753.)

Ordered printed and sent down.

Veto—Garbage Hearings.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 10, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval, the order passed by your Board authorizing certain expenditures in connection with hearings to be given by a committee of your Board relative to the garbage plant at the Calf Pasture, for the reason that I find by the proceedings of your Board at its last meeting that such committee has already made a report which fully covers the ground and takes a definite position in respect to the matter, by directing application to be made by the City Solicitor to the courts.

While I can see no objection to a proper inquiry through a committee as to the conditions which have been complained of, it does not seem to me a proper procedure for a committee to report first in a matter which takes a definite position upon matters in controversy, and then to put the city afterwards to the expense of reporting hearings.

If this matter needs any further investigation, the committee of your Board should not have made what is practically a full report, in that it finally disposes of the matter; if, on the other hand, it does require investigation, the order reported by the committee should be rejected, upon the ground that it is at least premature.

I must, therefore, await further action by your Board before giving my assent to the expenditure of money for the purpose of conducting an investigation.

If your Board rejects the order reported by the committee, I shall be glad to approve an order providing for meeting the expense of public hearings; if, however, it chooses to pass the order reported, the whole matter is in the hands of the City Solicitor and the courts.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The communication was referred to the Special Committee on Investigation of Garbage Plant.

Decorations for Library.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 17, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a copy of the resolution adopted by the Trustees of the Public

Library, at their last meeting, and in accordance with their position I recommend the passage of the accompanying order, providing for the application of the sum of \$2,500 from the income of the Phillips Fund to the purposes recommended by the Trustees. Some sculptural decoration of the interior courtyard of the library is much needed to complete its effect, and I trust that the amount named may be devoted to this purpose, and that it may lead, as suggested by the Trustees, to additions to the fund for this purpose from private individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The following is a copy of the resolution adopted by the Trustees of the Public Library at meeting held November 10:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library have heard with pleasure of the proposed application of a portion of the income of the Phillips Fund to the decoration of the central courtyard of the library.

They are also entirely in sympathy with the proposal to place bronze medallions in suitable places on the walls, but they regard the central fountain as the feature of the courtyard most urgently in need of decorative treatment, and would therefore suggest that the chief part of the amount now available be set aside to form a nucleus of a fund to be raised by subscription for the purpose of providing a decorative fountain, and that a single medallion head of some distinguished literary New Englander be placed in a suitable position in the courtyard.

It is thought that such a medallion, together with the bust of Gen. F. A. Walker, now soon to be placed in position, will serve to suggest the gift of similar memorials of other citizens who have deserved well of their city and State.

Following is the order referred to:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars be appropriated from the income of the Phillips Street Fund, to be expended by the Trustees of the Public Library toward a fountain for the interior courtyard of the library building, and any other works of sculpture to be placed in said courtyard.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, November 27, at 3 P.M.

The value of imports to the United States for the ten months ending October amounted to \$658,375,129 as against \$527,734,608 for the corresponding period 1898; the exports from the country amounted to \$1,029,242,286, as against \$987,897,010 for the ten months in 1898.

Board Meetings.

Children's Institutions Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of the recent meetings of the Children's Institutions Trustees:

On October 11, 1899, plans for the repairs at the House of Reformation were exhibited and explained.

It was voted that the City Architect be requested to draw up specifications in accordance with plans submitted and to ask for bids on steam heating from the leading firms in this business, and to give the Repair Division specifications for construction, plumbing, etc. It was also voted that the wires be extended to the Superintendent's house, and that the house itself be wired, provided the balance from the loan for repairs will permit.

On October 17, 1899, on nomination by the medical staff of the Parental School, Mr. Frank W. Sleeper was appointed house-officer at the Parental School for the ensuing year.

On October 30, 1899, a report from the City Engineer having been read, it was voted to refer the matter of fire protection at the House of Reformation and also the question of a fire drill to the Finance Committee with full powers.

It was also voted that the Secretary be requested to write to the Board of Trustees of the School for Feeble-Minded urging the need of increased accommodation for still more City of Boston children who need the training of this school.

On November 3 the Committee on Schools was authorized to spend the sum of \$479, being the balance of the building appropriation for completing, furnishing and equipping the new temporary wooden school buildings at the Parental School.

On November 10 it was voted to approve the appointment of Mr. Alfred L. Leighton, deputy superintendent of the House of Reformation.

On recommendation of the Superintendent, it was voted that two firemen be engaged for the House of Reformation.

The Finance Committee reported that new hose and standpipe had been ordered for the House of Reformation, and that the old hose at the Marcella-street Home had been transferred there.

It was voted that Christmas presents be prepared for the placed-out children at a cost not to exceed \$150.

A letter having been read from the Common Council asking that the Marcella-street Home grounds be used as a playground for children, it was voted that the Secretary be authorized to reply that if the City Council will furnish police protection and be responsible for contingent repairs at the Marcella-street Home, the Trustees will be glad to open the yard as a playground.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street on Thursday, November 9, 1899.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Connelly, Goddard and Sanderson and Dr. Knapp.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Goddard was elected Chairman pro tempore.

The bills of the month, amounting to \$8,940.41, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman pro tempore was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$3,430.48, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman pro tempore was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The bills for repairs on the "A" building, amounting to \$2,999.48, were referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for approval, and the Chairman pro tempore was authorized to sign the draft for that amount. The bills for the board of the insane in the State hospitals, amounting to \$43,555.16, were referred to the Committee on Insane in other Hospitals for approval, and the Chairman pro tempore was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The report of the Superintendent was read, accepted and placed on file.

The question of the employment of teachers in massage and cooking in the training-school was referred to the Committee on Service with full powers.

The question of laying out and building roads at the men's department was referred to a special committee, consisting of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds and Mr. Sanderson, with full powers.

The question of the purchase of a light express wagon, tip-cart, a sideboard, two barber chairs, one dozen wardrobes, one dozen light stands and two dozen chairs for nurses' lecture-room was referred to the Committee on Supplies, with full powers.

On recommendation of the Committee on Finance, the bill against Harvey Smith for the support of his wife, Mary A. Smith, was cancelled.

The Committee on Supplies report progress in buying carriages.

The question of the purchase of fruit and beef was discussed.

The Committee on Service presented a list of lectures for the training-school for the coming year.

The Committee on Service were given full powers to inquire into the changes in the list of names upon the pay-roll.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported that Mr. Flynn had agreed to furnish the fire-escape.

The Visiting Committee presented their report, which was accepted and placed on file.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds were instructed to report in regard to planting trees between the cemetery stables, on Canterbury street and the hospital grounds. They were given full powers to provide for painting the windows in the corridors of the men's department.

A letter was read from Mr. James J. Wilson, a patient in the men's department, asking for his release. The Secretary reported that he was a victim of delusions, and no action was taken.

Mr. Sanderson reported that owing to the probability of getting more land belonging to the hospital no action had yet been taken in relation to hiring land for raising potatoes.

It was voted that the Trustees approve of the purchase of the parcels of land in the vicinity of the hospital, as arranged by the Board of Apportionment, and that they urged the confirmation of that purchase by the Board of Aldermen. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Board, conveying to them the vote of the Trustees and to invite the Board of Aldermen to visit the institution and see its needs.

The population at the hospital on November 8, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In house	237	247	484
On visit	7	5	12
Totals	244	252	496

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, November 3, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Dwight, and Lincoln.

Received: Circular No. 66 from the Mayor; the Acting Librarian's report; the Auditor's monthly exhibit.

The Acting Librarian read a letter from Mr. Louis Prang, under date of October 30, 1899, presenting to the Library a bronze bust of Alois Senefelder, the inventor of lithography; also twenty-nine folios of proofs of all the prints made in his establishment, together with plates of a collection of ceramics now in preparation.

Voted, That the President be directed to convey to Mr. Louis Prang the thanks of the Trustees for his most interesting gift.

The request of the North Bennet Street Industrial School for a daily delivery of books was granted, and the school added to the list of regular delivery stations under the name, Station "W."

An application for a special privilege card was granted.

Salaries were fixed as follows: Alice A. Keleher, ordering department, grade C, \$10.50, November 1; Alice F. Sumner, South Boston branch, grade D, \$7, November 4; William D. Kelley, West End branch, grade D, runner division, \$5.50, November 4; Irene E. Henderson, West Roxbury branch, grade E, \$4.50, November 4; Nellie L. Cuniff and Mary A. Reynold, issue department, grade D, special, \$10 each, November 13.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$228.69; to trust funds, \$184.36; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$23.46; to Station "P," \$16.95; miscellaneous articles, \$583.88.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Park Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held November 13, 1899:

The Board took sundry parcels of land on the south-west side and in the rear of Commonwealth avenue, containing 80,282 square feet, for an addition to the Chestnut Hill Park, under the provisions of Chapter 274 of the Acts of the year 1899.

Voted, That the City Engineer be authorized to build and maintain through Charlestown Playground a roadway from the proposed temporary Malden bridge to Alford street, to be used only during the construction of the new bridge to Malden.

Voted, That the elevations above seventy feet shown on plans of house for George A. Draper on Commonwealth avenue, submitted by Peabody & Stearns, be approved, and that the Chairman endorse said approval on the plans.

Voted, That the elevations above seventy feet shown on a plan of apartment house for Mr. G. P. Ridgeway on Commonwealth avenue, submitted by Edward W. Clark, builder, be approved, and that the Chairman endorse said approval on the plan.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Thursday, October 26.

Orders were received from the Board of Aldermen requesting the Commissioners to take action in the matters of laying out Vinson street, and of relocating Hamilton street.

Friday, October 27.

It was voted to pay the Boston Terminal Company \$172,997 as damages occasioned its estate by the widening and extension of Cove street.

Tuesday, October 31.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out Shepton street, at Dorchester, from Dorchester avenue to Florida street.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Dorchester avenue and in Barry and Walter streets, and an order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Blackwell street.

Awards were made of \$4,450.04 to Susan C. Bryer for damages occasioned by the extension of Columbus avenue, of \$8,800 to William C. Brackett for damages occasioned by the relocation of Boston street, and of \$75 to Mertie A. Ryder for damages occasioned by the laying out of Burt street.

It was voted to file changes on plan O 42, in Board of Survey plans in Plat 8.

A petition was received for changing the name of Bothnia street to St. Cecelia's street, for a catch-basin in Bradshaw street, corner of Gleason street, and for a sewer in P and other streets, South Boston.

Wednesday, November 1.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out Northwood street.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Belvidere street and a petition from the Board of Health was received for the laying out of Public alleys Nos. 1101 and 1102.

Authority was given to open the private way designated as High Rock way, at Allston Heights.

Thursday, November 2.

A public advertised hearing was given on the petitions before the Board for the extension of Temple street, at West Roxbury, from Ivory street, crossing the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, to Centre street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments has been issued by His Honor the Mayor:

Circular No. 67.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 23, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: I desire to call your attention to Circular 52, issued at the beginning of the present year, (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 3, page 26), requesting the insertion in construction contracts, wherever practicable, of a clause requiring that only citizens of the United States shall be employed by contractors, and that employees of contractors shall only be required to work the number of hours, and shall receive the full rates of pay established in the several trades.

You are directed to cause to be inserted in every such contract made by you in future a provision substantially in the following form, which has been framed in the light of experience, and with the view of guarding against evasions of the spirit, as well as of the letter, of such clause:

"Article . The contractor shall not unless otherwise authorized in writing by the (insert the title of the officer signing the contract on behalf of the City of Boston) employ on any work done within the limits of said city any persons other than citizens of the United States, giving preference in all cases first to registered voters, and second to other citizens, of the City of Boston, nor shall he in any case pay them less wages, nor keep them at work more hours, than the wages and hours prevailing in said city in the several trades at which such employees work,—which wages and hours shall be those established by the trades unions of the several trades in which the wages and hours so established prevail,—nor make any deduction from their pay on account of any food, shelter, or transportation furnished by the contractor; shall, when requested by the (insert "engineer," "architect," or "superintendent," as the case may be), keep deposited with him a full and correct list of all the employees engaged on such work, giving the name, residence, citizenship, trade, rate of pay, and hours of labor of each, together with such proof of citizenship, in the case of employees not registered voters in said Boston, as he may require, and notify him of the time of payment of the employees, and permit him or his representative to examine the contents of any pay envelope to determine whether the provisions of this article are being complied with; and shall, when requested by him, dismiss any employee, and not allow to be again employed on the work any employee so dismissed."

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Awards of Contracts.

Park Department.

Proposals for building iron fences at Charlestown Heights, the Strandway and Charlestown Playground were opened at the office of the Park Commissioners on November 8, 1899, as follows:

Fence, Charlestown Heights, 425.5 feet.

Bidders.	Bids.	
	3-foot fence, per foot.	4-foot fence, per foot.
Van Dorn Iron Works Company	\$1 05	\$1 18
James Russell Boiler Works Company	1 34	1 48
W. A. Snow & Co.	1 35	1 35

The contract was awarded to the Van Dorn Iron Works Company.

Fence, Strandway, 1,143.1 feet:

Bidders.	Bids.	
	2-rail, per foot.	Boston pipe fence, per foot.
James Russell Boiler Works Company	\$1 89	\$1 89
W. A. Snow & Co.	2 00	1 73
George T. McLauthlin Company	2 18	2 25
Van Dorn Iron Works Company	2 60	—

The contract was awarded to the James Russell Boiler Works Company for the two-rail fence, omitting the fence on the wharf, a length of 212 feet 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and reducing the total cost to \$1,755.81.

Charlestown playground, Alford street, picket fence, 1,181.5 feet:

Bidders.	Per foot.
Van Dorn Iron Works Company	\$1 46
James Russell Boiler Works Company	1 72
W. A. Snow & Co.	1 67

The contract was awarded to the Van Dorn Iron Works Company.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for furnishing 82,000 cubic yards of earth or gravel filling in Bennington street, between Wordsworth street and the Revere town line, East Boston District, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on November 17, as follows:

Bidders.	Per cubic yard.	Bids. Cents.
Jones & Meehan		53
D. F. O'Connell		59
Bell & Co.		66
S. J. Donovan		68
J. J. Quigley		70
C. E. Trumbull & Co.		76
P. McGovern		79 $\frac{1}{2}$

The contract was awarded to Jones & Meehan.

Proposals for furnishing 9,000 cubic yards of earth or gravel filling in Ashley street, between Breed and Walley streets, East Boston District, were opened at the office of

the Superintendent of Streets on November 17, as follows:

	Per cubic yard.	Cents.
H. & D. Burnett		44
L. F. Leary		55
William Carr		57
C. E. Trumbull & Co.		56
D. F. O'Connell		59
Bell & Co.		60
Jones & Meehan		63
J. J. Quigley		65
P. McGovern		74

The contract was awarded to H. & D. Burnett.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending November 18, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	21.8
Number of deaths:	
Males	102
Females	99
Total	201
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	222
Decrease	21

Of the 201 decedents, 197 were white and 4 colored; 122 were born in the United States, 78 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 42 were of American parentage, 138 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 21 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	100	8
Scarlatina	59	—
Typhoid fever	21	4
Measles	14	—
Totals	194	12

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	15
Pneumonia	27
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	28
Bronchitis	8
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	16
Total from principal causes	101
Total from infectious diseases	12
Total from other causes	88
Total from all causes	201

Deaths of children under 1 year	42
Deaths of children under 5 years	58
Deaths of persons over 60 years	36
Deaths in public institutions	52

It is calculated by the United States Bureau of Education that there are 10,000 public libraries in the United States, including all kinds but Sunday-school libraries. These contain some 40,000,000 volumes and 20,000,000 pamphlets. In Massachusetts there are 500 public libraries, containing 7,000,000 books and 1,500,000 pamphlets.

Canvass of Bids.

Metropolitan Water Board.

Proposals for stripping 650,000 cubic yards of surface soil from 313 acres in the Wachusett Reservoir, hauling it from one-third of a mile to three miles and depositing it in the westerly portion of the North Dike, Clinton, were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board, on November 17, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
John A. Doolittle & Co., New Haven,	\$230,685
Long & Little, Leominster	238,500
National Contracting Company, New York	252,550
Nawn & Brock, Boston	262,725
Moulton & O'Mahoney, Boston	308,500

NOTE.—One hundred and sixty-five acres will require grubbing and clearing. In addition to the soil excavation there will be 80,000 cubic yards of earth and gravel excavation required for forming a portion of the dike.

The bids were taken under advisement.

WILLIAM N. DAVENPORT, Secretary.

School Committee.

Proposals for furnishing the school furniture for the Mechanic Arts High School were opened at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee on October 25, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
George S. Perry & Co.	\$1,104 25
Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company	1,014 00
Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Company	989 50

The bids were taken under advisement.

Proposals for erecting a temporary building, Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown, were received by the Committee on New Buildings at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee on November 13, 1899, as follows:

William I. Mabie	\$4,000
William Mahoney	3,400
David J. McKim	3,399
Angus MacDonald	3,398
Haliwell & Barry	3,220
Gifford & Lawrence	3,100

The bids were taken under advisement.

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Street Department.

Proposals for building a head-house for the South Ferry were opened on November 8, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.	Extra piles. Each.
D. J. McKim	\$31,000	\$3 50
Morrison Brothers	31,745	2 38
William L. Miller & Co.	36,998	3 00
William H. Ellis & Co.	37,447	4 00
W. H. Keyes & Co.	42,500	3 00

The bids were taken under advisement.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Department Communications.

Bath Department.

The following table shows the number of baths taken daily at the East Boston Gymnasium during the month of October, 1899:

OCTOBER.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1	80	-	40	-	120
2	275	-	-	-	275
3	-	35	-	40	75
4	80	-	150	-	230
5	-	10	-	50	60
6	190	-	-	-	190
7	150	-	175	-	325
8	60	-	30	-	90
9	215	-	-	-	215
10	-	31	-	43	74
11	104	-	186	-	290
12	-	34	-	31	65
13	190	-	-	-	190
14	140	-	96	-	236
15	60	-	57	-	117
16	197	-	-	-	197
17	-	70	-	40	110
18	122	-	208	-	330
19	-	50	-	40	90
20	212	-	-	-	212
21	210	-	220	-	430
22	209	-	-	-	209
23	66	-	30	-	96
24	-	90	-	54	144
25	120	-	190	-	310
26	-	47	-	70	117
27	275	-	-	-	275
28	180	-	248	-	428
29	95	-	40	-	135
30	239	-	-	-	239
31	-	42	-	60	102
Totals	3,469	409	1,670	428	5,976

NOTE.—At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, November 6, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office during the week ending November 4, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	107
Number of discharges of mortgages . .	19
Number of assignments of mortgages . .	6
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of wages	33
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of married women's certificates, .	9

City Hall, November 13, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending November 11, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	86
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	17
Number of assignment of mortgages . . .	4
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1

Number of attachments	2
Number of bills of sale	6
Number of assignments of wages	43
Number of married women's certificates .	9

The following accident notices were filed:
November 8—Henrietta J. Campbell, personal injuries caused by loose plank in walk in Public Garden.

November 9—Benjamin Finkelstein, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in Haverhill street, near Haymarket square.

November 11—Joseph Towle, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk at 101 Pleasant street, Ward 7.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Building Department.

Old Court House, October 2, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending September 30, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1 . . .	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	1
2 . . .	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
3 . . .	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
4 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
5 . . .	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
6 . . .	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	33	-
7 . . .	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	24
8 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	6
9 . . .	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	6	11
10 . . .	1	5	1	-	-	-	-	2	7	22
11 . . .	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	17	-
12 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-
13 . . .	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	4	-
14 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-
15 . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	4	-
16 . . .	1	2	-	-	3	-	-	1	5	7
17 . . .	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	-
18 . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	13	-
19 . . .	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	10
20 . . .	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	43	-
21 . . .	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	1	4	9
22 . . .	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	2	-
23 . . .	3	7	-	-	2	-	-	2	10	17
24 . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	7
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T'ls..	29	52	8	3	6	-	16	118	257	-

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, November 13, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending November 11, as follows:

James H. Smith has been appointed a call substitute for Ladder Company 16 and Thomas Maguire for Ladder Company 7. Harry D. Fowler has been appointed a call substitute, with call-man's pay, for Engine Company 45.

Lieut. G. H. Nichols, of Engine Company 17, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a pair of runaway horses on Meeting House Hill, September 26.

Capt. George B. Reiley, of Engine Company 28, has been granted a veteran's certificate for twenty-five years' service in this Department.

The following promotions have been made: Hoseman P. W. Lynch, of Engine Company 37 to assistant engineer, and transferred to Engine Company 23; assistant engineer John E. Pomeroy, of Engine Company 44, has been promoted to engineer of the same company; Harry E. Richardson, hoseman of Engine 38-39, has been promoted to assistant engineer of the same company.

John H. Buckley, of Engine Company 40, has been fined three days' pay for neglect of duty. Joseph H. Rose, of Ladder Company 4, has been dishonorably discharged for continued absence without leave. Edward A. Shea, of Engine Company 1, has been dishonorably discharged for continued absence without leave.

The resignation of P. J. Doherty, of Engine Company 1, has been accepted, he so electing rather than stand trial on charge of intoxication.

An order has been drawn on Welch & Hall for two horses at \$147.50 each.

Orders have been drawn for a supply of hay, straw and horse feed for the months of November, December and January as follows:

District 1—Carstensen Brothers, hay at \$15.50 per ton and straw at \$15.50 per ton.

Districts 2 to 9, inclusive—Scott & Bridge, hay at \$16 and straw at \$15 per ton.

District 10—H. B. Robinson, hay at \$16 and straw at \$16; "H—O" feed at \$21 per ton.

District 11—John Loring & Co., hay at \$16.50, straw at \$16.50; "H—O" feed at \$21 per ton.

District 12—W. B. Whittemore, hay at \$16.50, straw at \$16; "H—O" feed at \$21 per ton.

The following transfers have been made: Thomas E. Kiley, Engine Company 41 to Chemical Company 12; Edward H. Murtagh, Ladder Company 15 to Engine Company 44; George H. Acres, Engine Company 44 to Engine Company 37; John M. Sullivan, Tower 2 to Engine Company 23; Charles P. Boudreau, Ladder Company 3 to Tower 2.

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Health Department.

Old Court House, November 18, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Walker Brothers, 206 Norfolk street, Ward 24, ten additional horses; hearing November 23, at 11 o'clock. Fred L. Williams, 111 Haven street, Ward 24, eight horses; hearing December 1, at 11 o'clock. William A. Stetson, Commonwealth avenue, Ward 25, four horses; hearing December 1, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions have been granted: Samuel H. Whitwell, 335 Newbury street, Ward 11, ten horses; James P. Lawless, rear of 165 Union street, Ward 25, one horse.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following

report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending November 18, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	24	20	44
Negative	107	35	142
No growth	5	—	5
Totals	136	55	191

Typhoid diagnoses: Four cases; three cases negative, one case atypical.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, October 16, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending October 14, 1899:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications	71	
Number of Admissions:		
To State Almshouse	27	
Long Island Almshouse, Observation Hospital, Deer Island	20	
Boston Insane Hospital, Westboro' Insane Hospital	5	
Foxboro' Asylum	2	
	5	
	3	
	—	62
Number of applications refused	4	
Number of applications withdrawn	5	
Cases pending	—	71
Settlements investigated		74
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children		2

28 Court Square, October 23, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending October 21:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications	102	
Number of admissions:		102
To State Almshouse	41	
Long Island Almshouse	18	
Charlestown Almshouse, Observation Hospital, Deer Island	2	
Boston Insane Hospital, Worcester Insane Hospital	6	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	8	
Foxboro' Asylum	6	
	1	
	9	
	—	91
Number of applications refused	5	
Number of applications withdrawn	6	
Cases pending	—	102
Settlements investigated		126
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children		18

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, November 6, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending November 4, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	140	8
Females	19	5
Total	159	13

Offences:

Against the person	11	2
Against property	20	6
Against public order and decency	131	5
Total	162	13

Discharges:

Males	160	9
Females	22	3
Total	182	12

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence	144	9
Permit of Commissioner, Payment of fine	18	1
Transferred to Concord Reformatory	20	1
	—	1
Total	182	12

Population:

October 28, 1899	1,306	489
Committed since October 28, 1899	159	13

Total	1,465	502
Discharged since October 28, 1899	182	12

November 4, 1899 1,283 490

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, October 23, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending October 21, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	715
Defects reported	55
Defects corrected	36
Notices of new work received	49
Feet of dead wire removed	9,600
Feet of dead wire retained	275
Outriggers removed	19
Poles set	20

John Livingston, an employee of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, while assisting in running wires on poles on Hyde Park avenue, near Walk Hill street, was instantly killed, Friday, October 13; the wire which he was handling having made an accidental contact with high potential wires.

The selection of pole locations of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company on Bow street, Charlestown, and Boston street, at Edward Everett square, has been approved.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	483
Notices of new work received	236

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

Employees of the Department, together with those of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, located entrances of underground service pipes at 104 Mt. Vernon street and at 170 Tremont street.

In company with employees of the Boston Electric Light Company, entrances for proposed underground service pipes were also located at 74 Federal street and at 9 Hayward place.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	10
Building connections	31
Pole connections	5
Repairs	2
Lamp connections	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	44
Building connections	20
Lamp connections	17
Pole connections	6
Repairs	14
Cable drawings	25

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, November 13, 1899.

Your petitioner, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, respectfully petitions for permission to erect and locate its poles, and place and maintain its wires thereon, in the following streets and public ways:

Neponset avenue, between Quincy bridge and Taylor street, five poles; Taylor street, six poles; Rice street, two poles; Franklin street, five poles; Walnut street, one pole; Fulton street, four poles; Tenean street, thirty one poles; Freeport street, sixty-four poles; Auckland street, fifteen poles; Bay street, eight poles; Spring street, four poles; Sydney street, thirty poles; Crescent avenue, twelve poles; Buttonwood street, seventeen poles; Locust street, seven poles; Washington avenue, nineteen poles; Wendell street, three poles; Preble street, ten poles; Vinton street, nine poles; Dorchester street, eleven poles; Middle street, one pole; Tuckerman street, one pole; West Ninth street, fourteen poles; D street, nine poles; West Seventh street, eight poles; C street, twenty-one poles; West Second street, sixteen poles; West Third street, two poles; Granite street, eighteen poles; West First street, two poles; Mount Washington avenue, eight poles; the same being in a continuous line, together with private rights, from Neponset bridge to the last-named street; all as shown by blue dots on the plan made by H. G. Hunter, civil engineer, dated November 11, 1899, filed with the Superintendent of Streets.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company agrees to reserve space on said poles, and to otherwise conform to the ordinances of the City of Boston.

American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By WILLIAM E. DURGIN, District Superintendent.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 17, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday the twenty-seventh day of November at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the South Boston Inquirer, Boston Globe, THE CITY RECORD and Dorchester Beacon.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 20, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the private way, at Roxbury, leading from Linden Park street to Lamont street, be laid out as a highway, with the name of Craven street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the fifth day of December, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited to furnish proposals for the erection and completion of an ambulance stable, to be located on National street, South Boston. A certified check for \$500, payable to the City of Boston, must be furnished, and will be held as security for the carrying out of the proposal. A satisfactory bond in the sum stated in the contract will also be required. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Architect Division, Engineering Department, Room 70, City Hall, Boston. The bidders must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the same, and leave it at the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, Room 30, Old Court House, Boston, Mass., before 12 o'clock M., of Tuesday, November 28, 1899, at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and read. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city. The proposal and check should be enclosed in an envelope, indorsed "Proposal for Ambulance Stable."

JOHN DROHAN,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

NOTICE.

Boston, November 13, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police-signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

- Congress street, Ward 13 (one pole).
- South street, at Poplar street, Ward 23 (one pole).
- Ashmont street, near Waldorf street, Ward 24 (two poles).
- Also, to remove one pole from Congress street, Ward 13.
- Also, to remove one pole from South street, at Poplar street, Ward 23.
- Also, to remove two poles from Ashmont street, near Waldorf street, Ward 24.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 17, 1899.

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Passed.
A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 21, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the private way, at Dorchester, known as Birch street, leading from Lauriat avenue to Callender street, be laid out as a highway, with the name of Betts street, and constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the sixth day of December, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest. J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:

Respectfully represents the Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, which petitions that it be granted the right and authority to erect and maintain poles with wires thereon for its long distance service to be erected in Mt. Washington avenue, Granite street, West Second street, A street, C street, West Seventh street, D street, West Ninth street, Dorchester street, Vinton street, Preble street, Wendell street, Washington avenue, Locust street, Buttonwood street, Crescent avenue, Sydney street, Spring street, Bay street, Freeport street, Tenean street, Franklin street, Walnut street, Taylor street, Neponset avenue.

A plan of said streets showing the proposed locations of said poles is herewith presented. Said poles are to be a part of a system of poles constituting the long distance line of said petitioner, which extends from Boston to Providence, R.I., and is to be connected with wires in the conduits laid in the streets of the City of Boston by your petitioner.

The Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company,
Z. S. HOLBROOK, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 17, 1899.

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Passed.
A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
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NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:

Respectfully represents the Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, which petitions that it be granted the right and authority to erect and maintain poles for its long distance service, to be erected upon the site of existing poles in Mt. Washington and Dorchester avenues, Granite, West First, B, West Sixth, D, West Ninth, Dorchester and Swett streets, the said existing poles having been located by your honorable body by its order of May 5, 1884, formerly owned by the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company, and now owned by your petitioner. A plan of said streets showing the location of said existing poles is herewith presented.

These poles are a part of a system of poles which extends from Boston to Springfield, Massachusetts, and is to be connected with wires in the conduits laid in the streets of the City of Boston by your petitioner.

The Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company,
Z. S. HOLBROOK, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 17, 1899.

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Passed.
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Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
(COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.)

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK:

The New England Railroad Company represents that for the purpose of connecting its road with the Union Station, authorized to be constructed by Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896, it desires to extend its road from a point in the City of Boston, near the northerly end of its South Bay drawbridge to the grounds of the Boston Terminal Company, and for that purpose it is about to file a location of such an extension of its road, passing across and under West Fourth street and Broadway, public highways in said county, as in said act provided.

Wherefore, it asks you, after due notice and hearing, to determine the manner in which said extension of its railroad shall cross said highways, and any other highways and other ways within said county.

The New England Railroad Company,
By J. H. BENTON, JR., Attorney

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ACTING AS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
November 8, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That a hearing be given before this Board, at the City Hall, in Boston, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of November, A.D. 1899, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and that notice of such hearing be given by the petitioner by publishing said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD, newspapers published in said county, for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least seven days before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, November 20, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Rowe street, between Ashland and Sharon streets, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, November 24, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

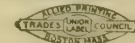
Boston, November 20, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Seymour street, between Canterbury street and Brown avenue, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Friday, November 24, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting on Monday, the twenty-seventh instant, voted to confirm the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor: (1) James C. Bell, to be a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1900; (2) William H. Powers, to be a Constable for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of Edward J. Holland, removed.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM HICHBORN.

The death of Mr. William Hichborn, general foreman at the Charlestown Navy Yard, occurred suddenly on Wednesday, November 22, 1899.

Mr. Hichborn was born at Salem, Mass., August 1, 1830. He secured employment at the Charlestown Navy Yard in 1845 as a boy. Passing through the various grades of service he became general foreman, which position he held at the time of his death.

In 1869, or five years before the annexation of Charlestown to Boston, Mr. Hich-

born represented the Second Middlesex District, of which that city was a part, in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, serving as a member of the Joint Committee on Prisons.

THE NEW CHARLESTOWN BRIDGE.

The exercises attending the formal opening of the new Charlestown bridge were held at the bridge on Monday, November 27, 1899, at 11 o'clock. About 200 invited guests, representing the public, professional and business life of the city, State and nation, were gathered on the opened draw, while hundreds of people witnessed the ceremonies from the connecting ends of the bridge.

At 11 o'clock, Hon. George G. Crocker, Chairman of the Boston Transit Commission, which had charge of the construction of the new bridge, addressed the assembled company as follows:

YOUR HONOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ACTING MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES, OF THE STATE AND OF THE CITY, DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS: When the government of the company of Massachusetts Bay was, in the summer of 1630, transferred to this country, the Governor, John Winthrop, first took up his abode in what was then called, not Charlestown, but Charlton. Three meetings of the Board of Assistants in August and September were held there, but a scarcity of water in that district and the abundance of good springs on the opposite side of the river, led the Governor in the autumn to move across the peninsula which had been known as Shawmut or Trimountaine, and to which the Board of Assistants had on September 7 given the name of Boston.

On the ninth of November, at the fifth meeting of the Board, being the second held in Boston, it was ordered that whosoever should first notify the Governor that he was willing to undertake to set up a ferry between Charlton and Boston should be allowed to collect certain specified tolls thereon. An entry made under date of the fourteenth of June of the following year (1631) shows

that the operation of the ferry had then been undertaken by Edward Converse.

Nine years later, in 1640, this ferry franchise was by the General Court granted to Harvard College. For 146 years thereafter the profits derived from it went to promote the cause of education at that institution.

In 1785 John Hancock, Thomas Russell and others were incorporated with power to build a bridge between Boston and Charlestown, "where an ancient ferry had been established." The corporation was authorized to collect tolls for the term of forty years, and during that term was required to pay £200 each year to the college.

On the seventeenth of June, 1786, the Charles-river bridge, the first bridge connecting Boston with the mainland, was opened with much ceremony, including the firing of cannon, a civic procession and a grand dinner with many toasts and speeches. This bridge which we now overlook is, therefore, in its one hundred and fourteenth year.

By the Act of the year 1894, which authorized the construction of the subway, the Boston Transit Commission was instructed to build a bridge across the Charles river, between the Charles-river bridge and the Fitchburg Railroad bridge. The completed work is now before you. The engineers have been William Jackson, the City Engineer, and his assistant, John E. Cheney. Of their care and skill the structure is the proof and will be the memorial.

Your Honor, the bridge is ready to be opened by you for public use.

May it prove to be worthy of a crossing which for 268 years has been a part of the life of our country; may it prove to be adapted not only to the present needs, but to those also which the future may develop; may it prove to be a commendable addition to the long list of notable works of public improvement which have been conceived and accomplished in the administrations of Nathan Matthews, jr., and Josiah Quincy.

In the absence of His Honor Mayor Quincy, Acting Mayor Barry, in accepting the custody of the bridge on behalf of the City of Boston, responded as follows:

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMAN: To-day we look at one of the finest bridges undoubt-

edly which there is in Massachusetts, and we might also say we have a bridge second to none outside the City of New York and Brooklyn. This bridge has been built, and it has been built well. Every particle of work done upon it has been satisfactory, both to the Rapid Transit Commissioners and to the engineers of the Engineering Department of the City of Boston.

This bridge, I also want to say, was built by the will of the people, and not by a direct vote of either branch of their representatives. The Legislature of Massachusetts gave to the City of Boston and its citizens the right to accept the act which empowered the city to borrow, I believe, \$6,000,000, or rather \$7,000,000. It was through the will of the people that the act was accepted which made it possible for this bridge to be built.

And so the bridge, as you see it to-day, gentlemen, is due to the votes of the people, for the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council and the Mayor—these had practically nothing to say in the matter. The vote was submitted directly to the people. Afterwards the act stipulated how the bridge should be built, the direction and other matters in its construction.

It is now completed, and we cannot look upon it without recalling some of the historic associations of the place. I am carried in recollection especially to the days of Paul Revere, for it was along here that he came in his famous ride. It was here that his horse remained while he gave the alarm. It was here that he watched the old church. But you remember he had to come across this section of his route in a row-boat, because there was no bridge built here until 1785. Only think what his feelings would be were he here to witness these proceedings.

What would he say were he able to look at the vast crowds of people gathered here in front of this bridge and about these approaches. More people, in fact, than our whole population in those days of 1776, for Boston then had but little more than 4,000 residents within its borders, while to-day our numbers as a city community reach 550,000 within municipal limits alone, and in the larger radius at least 1,000,000 people. We have indeed grown since then to be a great city, and there is no doubt that we shall grow yet more in the future—that we shall take more territory still on the outside of our present boundaries, and become in every sense a large and a great city.

Now, this undertaking was a thing which our growing population needed. And certainly there is not one among you who doubts that Boston will reap much and will be well repaid for the effort in the public advantages which must result from the com-

pleted work. It is a means of quick communication to what is practically almost another city—that section which stretches there on the other side with its forty odd thousand people.

The bridge connects us with large centres of population like Malden and Lynn—with urban populations who will always use this road as one of their great thoroughfares. As Acting Mayor of the City of Boston, therefore, it gives me great pleasure to be here to-day, and to say a few words on this occasion, and especially for the Rapid Transit Commissioners, who have so faithfully performed their duties, and also in behalf of the officials of the City of Boston.

At the conclusion of his address, Acting-Mayor Barry pressed the button which started the electric motors and, as the great draw gradually swung into position, the bridge was declared open to public travel.

When the draw had been closed, Acting-Mayor Barry, President Kiley, of the Common Council, and Messrs. George G. Crocker and Charles H. Dalton, of the Boston Transit Commission, entered a carriage and, followed by four more carriages containing the other members of the Commission, its Chief Engineer and lady guests, was driven across the bridge to Charlestown. Ten special electric cars, containing the several hundred invited guests, were next sent across the bridge, after which the gates were opened to the general public.

In the pamphlet entitled "The Ferry, 1630; the Charles-river Bridge, 1785; the Charlestown Bridge, 1899," containing a historical statement prepared for the Boston Transit Commission by its Chairman, and submitted at the opening of the bridge, is found the following:

By Statutes 1894, Chapter 548, which provided for the construction of the subway, the Boston Transit Commission was required to construct a bridge over Charles river between the Charles-river bridge and the Fitchburg Railroad bridge.

Soon after the organization of the Commission, William Jackson, the City Engineer, was selected as the chief engineer, and Mr. John E. Cheney as assistant engineer, for this purpose.

After a study of the traffic conditions and several public hearings, the Commission reached the conclusion that a drawless bridge was desirable, but when the attempt was made to secure the requisite permits from the State and from the United States, it was found that at least two or three years would undoubtedly be consumed before these permits could be obtained, while, on the other hand, the effort might not ultimately prove successful. The idea of a drawless bridge was therefore re-

luctantly abandoned, but the height which would have been appropriate for such a bridge was retained, so that this bridge will not prove a barrier when the other bridges above it are raised and freed from draws.

The general plan of the bridge, after it was determined upon, and before any of the work of construction was begun, had to be submitted to the Harbor and Land Commission and to the Secretary of War for approval. The license of the Harbor and Land Commission was issued November 27, 1895, and that of the Secretary of War, December 27, of the same year.

The next six months were consumed in making, by means of borings, an exact study of the river bottom, in preparing construction plans, and in drawing up specifications.

On July 20, 1896, the contract for the construction of eight piers was awarded, and the actual work of building the bridge was begun on August 15, 1896. This work has therefore taken a little over three years.

The total length of the bridge and approaches is 1,920 feet, of which 1,090 feet is over the water. It is a steel bridge on stone piers. Its width is 100 feet, which is divided into two sidewalks each 10 feet wide, two roadways each 29 feet wide, and a central space for street-car tracks 22 feet wide. From this central space team traffic is not excluded except in so far as the posts carrying the elevated railroad tracks may operate as a barrier. The fixed spans are 85 feet each, and the draw span 240 feet, the draw resting on a central pier, on each side of which is a passage for vessels 50 feet wide. The height of the under side of the draw above mean high water is 23 feet. This draw weighs 1,200 tons, and rests on seventy solid steel wheels running on a circular track having a diameter of 54 feet.

The Act of 1894 required the Commission in constructing the bridge to have regard to its use for railway purposes. Three years later the Legislature (Acts 1897, Chapter 500), authorized the Boston Elevated Railway Company to construct its tracks across the bridge. The grade of the approaches to the bridge nowhere exceeds 3 per cent.

The chief contractors engaged upon the work have been Messrs. Woodbury & Leighton and Dennis F. O'Connell, who built the approaches to the bridge; Messrs. Perkins, White & Co., who built the piers and draw foundations; the A. & P. Roberts Company, which furnished the steel for eight spans of the superstructure and put it in place; the Pennsylvania Steel Company, which furnished and erected the steel for the two remaining spans and the draw, and Miller & Shaw, who installed the machinery for moving the draw.

No limit was placed upon the amount of money which the Commission was author-

ized to expend for this bridge. The amount thus far paid out is about \$1,100,000. There are still outstanding some claims which have not yet matured, and also sundry large claims for damages for land taken and for changes of grade in the vicinity of the approaches to the bridge.

The Act of 1894 authorized the Boston Transit Commission, upon the completion of the new bridge, to remove the Charles-river bridge. The license issued by the War Department of the United States made this removal compulsory. This work has been contracted for.

OFFICIAL RETURNS ON STATE ELECTION.

The following tables constitute the official returns of the Board of Election Commissioners on the number of votes cast in the City of Boston at the State Election, November 7, 1899, for the State offices of Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor and Attorney-General. (For votes cast for Governor, see page 769):

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

WARDS.	Bates, R. *	Mack, D.	Roberts, P.	Skinner, D. S. N. P.	Stevens, S. L.	Scattering.	Blanks.
1 . . .	1,949	621	13	15	33	-	60
2 . . .	1,151	1,617	15	58	54	-	386
3 . . .	566	1,337	7	17	30	1	150
4 . . .	608	927	9	19	44	-	102
5 . . .	593	1,154	11	11	22	-	125
6 . . .	701	1,641	17	38	65	-	472
7 . . .	515	1,151	9	23	40	-	223
8 . . .	706	1,549	21	89	73	-	147
9 . . .	757	1,366	14	59	69	-	154
10 . . .	1,657	429	18	18	37	-	73
11 . . .	1,714	500	22	7	14	3	156
12 . . .	1,398	820	17	21	41	-	130
13 . . .	249	1,782	14	28	89	-	179
14 . . .	1,004	1,681	11	29	63	-	197
15 . . .	759	1,344	11	24	75	-	98
16 . . .	1,265	1,135	24	39	66	-	113
17 . . .	806	1,649	17	43	70	-	192
18 . . .	829	1,540	12	27	113	-	208
19 . . .	759	1,922	12	47	142	-	234
20 . . .	2,081	1,068	27	19	49	-	101
21 . . .	1,794	1,017	29	15	43	-	95
22 . . .	1,658	1,245	24	59	144	-	210
23 . . .	1,680	1,216	13	31	95	-	180
24 . . .	1,782	1,007	23	22	63	-	88
25 . . .	1,396	949	17	26	39	-	122
Totals...	28,377	30,667	407	784	1,573	4	9,195

* Elected by vote of the State.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Bradley — D. S. N. P.	1,303
Lewis — P.	767
Lloyd — D.	29,470
McDonald — S. L.	2,408
* Olin — R.	26,007
Blanks	6,090
Total	66,045

* Elected by vote of the State.

TREASURER AND RECEIVER-GENERAL.

* Bradford — R.	26,105
Flynn — D.	30,538
Griffin — P.	525
Nagler — S. L.	1,839
White — D. S. N. P.	841
Blanks	6,161
Total	66,009

* Elected by vote of the State.

AUDITOR.

Brown — D.	29,950
Forsstrom — S. L.	1,893
* Kimball — R.	25,532
McDonald — D. S. N. P.	1,452
Palmer — P.	480
Scattering.	1
Blanks	6,711
Total	66,019

* Elected by vote of the State.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Barr — D. S. N. P.	1,347
* Knowlton — R.	26,690
Morrison — D.	29,452
Perley — P.	456
Skahan — S. L.	1,852
Blanks	6,223
Total	66,020

* Elected by vote of the State.

NOTE. — R. signifies Republican; D. Democratic; P. Prohibition; D. S. N. P. Democratic Social Nomination Paper; S. L. Socialist Labor.

The following shows the official returns of the number of votes cast in the City of Boston, by districts, for Councillors, at the State election, November 7, 1899:

SECOND DISTRICT — WARDS, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.¹

* William W. Davis, Republican . . .	10,143
Thomas J. A. Johnson, Democratic . .	7,121

¹The balance of this district comprises the First Bristol and the First and Second Norfolk Senatorial Districts.

* Elected.

THIRD DISTRICT — WARDS 1, 3, 4, 5.¹

* Oliver H. Durrell, Republican . . .	3,351
John W. Lucas, Democratic	4,354

¹The balance of this district is composed of Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop and the First, Second and Third Middlesex Senatorial Districts.

* Elected.

FOURTH DISTRICT — WARDS 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 25.

Theodore P. Dresser, Republican . . .	13,707
* Charles I. Quirk, Democratic . . .	21,241

* Elected.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its meeting held on Monday the twenty-seventh instant, the Board of Aldermen voted to adjourn till Monday, December 4, 1899, at 3 P.M.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, November 27, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Veto — Clothing on Poles.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 20, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature votes passed by your Board granting permission to Charles Goldstein to project a pole on which to hang clothing at corner 55 Cross street, and 37-39 Salem street, and to Joseph Freed to project a pole, on which to hang clothing at 9 Salem street, the said poles to be ten feet above the sidewalk.

I understand that the Committee on Building Department have had a number of similar applications referred to them, and that they have not recommended the granting of permission for the reason that the law provides that no part of a sign shall be less than ten feet above the sidewalk, whereas these applications state that the pole itself is to be only ten feet above the sidewalk, and this would make it necessary for the clothing, which is in reality the sign, to be placed below the limit established by law. I am of the opinion that this is the correct view to take of the matter, and that poles on which to hang clothing should be placed at such a height that the clothing hanging thereon would not come within less than ten feet of the sidewalk. At any rate, I do not think that leave should be granted on these petitions, while it is refused on others exactly similar.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The votes whereby the said permission was granted were reconsidered, and the Board refused to grant permission over the Mayor's objections, the vote being — yeas, 0; nays, 10.

Veto — Sign, Dorchester Avenue.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, November 20, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval a vote passed by your Board granting permission to W. E. O'Brien & Co. to project a sign at 1208 Dorchester avenue, Ward 20, the said sign to project four feet six inches.

The law provides that an unilluminated sign shall not project more than one foot, and the enclosed vote is therefore illegal.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the said permission was granted was reconsidered, and the Board refused to grant permission over the Mayor's objections, the vote being—yeas, 0; nays, 10.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, November 23, 1899, at 7.45 P.M. President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Chapman School Contract.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 23, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting information as to "why the contractor, Frank G. Coburn, to whom the contract was awarded for building a school-house in East Boston at a cost of \$85,000, was allowed to add over \$7,000 to his original figure, after the bids had been opened and contract signed?"

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

November 14, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, October 24, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that they be informed why the contractor, Frank G. Coburn, to whom the contract was awarded for building a school-house in East Boston at a cost of \$85,000, was allowed to add over \$7,000 to his original figure after the bids have been opened and contract signed, report that the facts in connection with this contract were fully set forth in a report presented to the Board at its meeting of September 26, and they recommend that a copy thereof be transmitted to the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

For the Committee,

E. I. ALDRICH, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

(A copy of the report of September 26, referred to in the above communication of the School Committee, may be found in the School Committee's minutes printed in THE CITY RECORD, No. 40, page 653.)

Placed on file.

Dorchester High School Entrance.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 23, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting that some alteration be made in the entrance on the west side of the new high school building in Dorchester.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

November 14, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, October 24, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, with regard to the entrance to the new high school building in Dorchester, report that although no change in the original plans of this building, with regard to the entrance referred to, has as yet been made, the matter has for some time been under consideration both by the committee and the architects; and your committee recommend that the Common Council be informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the architectural effect of the western façade of the completed structure will be fully consonant with the dignity and importance of the entire building.

For the Committee,

E. I. ALDRICH, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Placed on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following general orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

November 19, 1899.

General Order No. 641.

I. The following transfers, promotion and retirement in the police Department are hereby ordered:

SERGEANT.

Walter E. Bruce, Division 4 to Division 11.

PATROLMEN.

George A. Burg, Division 1 to Division 14; Patrick J. Bench, Division 1 to Division 11; John A. Gleeson, Division 1 to Division 14; William T. Lewis, Division 1 to Division 15; Henry M. Thompson, Division 1 to Division 7; Michael T. Barretta, Division 1 to Division 3; George H. Boothby, Division 1, to Division 16; Daniel J. Hart, Division 1 to Division 15; Hollis W. Engley, Division 2 to City Prison; George W. Watts, Division 2 to Division 11; William O. Dupee, Division 2 to Division 1; James H. Atwood, Division 3 to Division 13; Edward W. Burns, Division 3 to Division 11; Daniel F. Houghton, Division 3 to Division 15; Francis T. Power, Division 3 to Division 9; Alonzo W. Sherburne, Division 3 to Division 13; Charles E. Keith, Division 3 to

Division 13; John C. Miller, Division 3 to Division 1; Bernard Doherty, Division 3 to Division 11; Robert Carroll, Division 4 to Division 2; Lindell Cleveland, Division 4 to Division 12; Chester E. Pierce, Division 4 to Division 15; Fred J. Jacobus, Division 4 to Division 12; William R. Ford, Division 4 to Division 13; Frank N. Harrington, Division 4 to Division 15; John F. Mitchell, Division 7 to Division 15; Joseph A. Delaney, Division 13 to Liquor License Detail; Charles H. Bertsch, Division 13 to Division 3; John H. McDonald, Division 13 to Division 1; Edward B. Randall, Division 14 to Division 10; John J. Welch, Division 14 to Division 4; John W. Lothrop, Division 14 to Division 4; Joseph H. Neal, Division 15 to Division 4; John J. Downey, Division 15 to Division 4; Charles Hill, Division 15 to Division 11; Arthur H. Barker, Division 15 to Division 2; Murray Munro, Division 15 to Division 3; Michael J. Goff, Division 16 to Division 4; John F. Welch, Division 16 to Division 1; John McLean, Division 12 to Division 16; John F. Egan, Division 6 to Division 10; Clarence M. Dunbar, Division 6 to Division 16; Patrick J. Lahey, Division 5 to Division 3; James J. Rafferty, Division 16 to Division 5; George E. Aldrich, Division 10 to Division 16; William S. Drake, Division 16 to Division 6; Charles E. Bullard, Division 15 to Division 1; Thomas F. Donahue, Division 4 to Division 16.

RESERVE OFFICERS.

Asa G. Howland, Division 4 to Division 16; Wilbur L. Melvin, Division 5 to Division 16; Peter J. Norton, Division 10 to Division 3; Thomas J. Norton, Division 11 to Division 3; Herbert E. Stevens, Division 11 to Division 3; Daniel J. Gavin, Division 11 to Division 1; Perley Miller, Division 11 to Division 5; John Coffey, Division 12 to Division 1; James J. Mullin, Division 12 to Division 3; Vernon J. Hickey, Division 13 to Division 1; Bartholomew Merchant, Division 14 to Liquor License Detail; William A. Sayward, Division 15 to Division 3; William H. Pelton, Division 16 to Division 10; Allen W. Alger, Liquor License Detail to Division 1; Frederick G. Higgins, Liquor License Detail to Division 16; Jeremiah J. Riordan, Liquor License Detail to Division 4.

II. The Civil Service Commissioners having certified that Patrolman James F. Hickey of Division 3 is eligible for promotion to the rank of sergeant in the Police Department, it is, therefore, hereby ordered that the said Patrolman Hickey be, and he hereby is, promoted to the rank of sergeant in the police force of the City of Boston, and assigned for duty on Division 4.

He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. Assistant-keeper Thomas Fitzgerald, of the City Prison, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for thirty-four years, and having arrived at the age of sixty-five years it is, therefore, hereby ordered, His Honor the Mayor having approved the same, that the said Thomas Fitzgerald be retired from active service and placed upon a pension-roll with pay at the rate of \$638.75 per annum, being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him in the office from which he is retired.

IV. This order will take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock P.M., Monday, the 20th instant.

Wards.	Precinct 1.				Precinct 2.				Precinct 3.				Precinct 4.				Precinct 5.				Precinct 6.				Precinct 7.				Precinct 8.				Precinct 9.				Totals.					
	Crane — R.	Coates — P.	Peare — S. L.	Porter — D. S. N. P.	Crane — R.	Coates — P.	Peare — S. L.	Porter — D. S. N. P.	Crane — R.	Coates — P.	Peare — S. L.	Porter — D. S. N. P.	Crane — R.	Coates — P.	Peare — S. L.	Porter — D. S. N. P.	Crane — R.	Coates — P.	Peare — S. L.	Porter — D. S. N. P.	Crane — R.	Coates — P.	Peare — S. L.	Porter — D. S. N. P.	Crane — R.	Coates — P.	Peare — S. L.	Porter — D. S. N. P.	Crane — R.	Coates — P.	Peare — S. L.	Porter — D. S. N. P.	Coates — P.	* Crane — R.	Paine — D.	Peare — S. L.	Porter — D. S. N. P.	For all gubernatorial Candidates.				
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2	84	5	16	8	246	76	2	7	3	290	122	..	4	1	237	79	3	11	13	257	60	12	7	4	229	114	5	6	1	203	63	2	11	3	316	90	4	17	22	209		
3	160	3	4	2	88	96	3	10	4	232	114	4	5	2	182	51	4	7	4	331	51	6	6	4	309	32	3	5	4	232	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
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LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOHN H. DONOVAN,
Board of Election Commissioners.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved November 21, 1899:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be directed to make arrangements for receiving and announcing election returns in the Common Council Chamber on the evening of the day of the coming city election, and that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer a sum sufficient to pay for the expense involved.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved November 21, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Michael Bowen, to place, maintain, and use a coal-hole opening not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, in the sidewalk on the Russell-street side of estate, 31 Oak street, Ward 4; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to L. P. Soule & Son, to erect, maintain, and use a guy-post with the necessary ropes attached thereto in and over Pemberton square, on the northerly side, at or near Tremont row, Ward 6; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company, to move a wooden building, flat roof, thirty-two feet in length, by twenty-two feet in width, by twenty-four feet in height, from present location on Gerard street, along said street about one hundred feet, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Thomas B. Black, to erect, maintain, and use guy-posts with the necessary ropes attached, as follows, viz.: One post on Howard avenue; one post on Woodward Park street for use in building construction; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Elevated Railway Company to erect, maintain and use two guy-posts with ropes attached thereto in and over Beacham street on the southerly side, between Arlington avenue and West street, and to stretch two guy-wires over and across said Beacham street, the work to be completed on or before December 31, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Augustus P. Loring et al., trustees, to construct, maintain and use areas with granite and sidewalk lights and two coal-hole openings, each not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, under and in the sidewalk on the corner of Joy and Myrtle streets, Ward 11, as shown on a plan dated November 9, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. & P. M. Ahern to move a wooden building, flat roof, eighteen feet in length, by twelve feet in width, by ten feet in height, from 28 Stanwood street, along said street to the corner of Blue Hill avenue and said street, Ward 20, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Albert McDonald the sum of \$3.75 in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs on August 30, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That the Auditor of the County be authorized to allow for payment to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the sum of \$68.78 assessed on the County of Suffolk by the Massachusetts Highway Commission under the authority of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1894.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Albert D. Cassidy, two barber poles, 334 Warren street, Ward 21.

Downing & Dodge, sign, 158 Court street, Ward 6.

Morris Ableman, transparency, 48 Levrett street, Ward 8.

William J. Donovan, campaign transparency, Maverick square, corner Winthrop street, Ward 2.

John R. Murphy Club, Ward 11, campaign transparency, 156 Cambridge street, Ward 11.

Durnin, McLaughlin & Co., sign, 43 Fulton street, Ward 6.

Frederick W. Day, stereopticon cloth for campaign purposes, Maverick street, near Bremen street, Ward 2.

A. Gertrude Wood, sign, 67 Warren street, Ward 10.

Henry Penn, illuminated sign, 17 Chapman place, Ward 7.

J. A. Mahoney, illuminated sign, 985 Boylston street, Ward 11.

George R. Wiley, a druggist mortar at 93 Stoughton street.

Ralph G. Howe, illuminated sign, at 538B Tremont street, Ward 9.

Order authorizing payments of State Aid to soldiers and sailors and their families for the month of November.

Permits for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.: M. L. Jennings, et al., evening of November 13.

Josiah Quincy, evening of November 22. Social Democratic City Committee, evening of December 8.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates and the following-named streets, said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width,

and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestones, the owners of said estates to furnish the said materials, viz.:

A. C. Chisholm, Harrishoff street, West side, 138 feet from Humboldt avenue, Ward 21, of gravel.

John R. Watts, 210-212 East Eagle street, Ward 1, of brick.

S. N. George, 62 Roslin street, Ward 24, of artificial stone.

Davis & Diamond, 341-357 Heath street, Ward 22, of brick.

Catherine Humboldt, Walter street, at corner of Hewlett street, Ward 23, of gravel.

E. D. Berrigan, 192 Neponset avenue, Ward 24, of artificial stone.

George E. Crossin, 24 King street, Ward 19, of artificial stone.

Thomas Butler & Co., 124 Charlestown street and 33 Medford street, Ward 8, of artificial stone.

Simon Goldsmith, Seaver street, corner Humboldt avenue, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

John J. Johnston, 15-31 Hollander street, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

Frederick W. Kennedy, Harrishoff street, between Harold street and Humboldt avenue, Ward 21, of gravel.

Mary B. W. Lawson, 27 Cobden street, Ward 21, of brick.

Peter F. O'Brien, 15-17 Scotia street, Ward 10, of brick.

The following were approved November 23, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to trustees of Tufts College, to construct, maintain, and use a coal-hole opening eighteen inches in diameter, with iron cover of rough upper surface under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 68 Eliot street, Ward 7; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John P. Gallagher to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, five feet by four feet, with a wooden cover under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 3 Liverpool street, Ward 2; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The next regular meeting of the Common Council will be held on Thursday, December 7, 1899, at 7.45 P.M.

Candidates for certificates to teach Wood-working, Cookery and Sewing will be examined on Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9, at the School Committee rooms. To be admitted to the examination a candidate must be a graduate of the Boston Normal School or a graduate of a State Normal School, or a college graduate, or have had one year's experience in teaching school.

Awards of Contracts.

Street Department.

Proposals for macadam road work on the following-named streets were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, viz.:

Rozella street; bids opened November 23:

Bidders.	Bids.
T. F. Bradley	\$1,022 50
Collins & Ham	1,167 50
P. McGovern	1,260 90
J. McGovern	1,292 40
D. E. Lynch	1,417 80

The contract was awarded to T. F. Bradley.

Seymour street; bids opened November 24:

T. F. Welch	\$2,281 60
P. Doherty	2,325 60
T. F. Minton	2,482 60
D. W. McKinney & Co.	2,530 01
P. McGovern	2,738 80
J. McGovern	2,878 60
D. E. Lynch	3,629 00

The contract was awarded to T. F. Welch.

Rowe street; bids opened November 24:

P. Doherty	\$1,506 50
T. F. Welch	1,725 50
D. W. McKinney & Co.	1,822 51
P. McGovern	1,830 50
T. F. Minton	1,870 00
D. E. Lynch	2,695 00

The contract was awarded to P. Doherty.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Department Communications.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, November 20, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office during the week ending November 18, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	92
Number of discharges of mortgages	14
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of assignments of wages	44
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1
Number of married women's certificates,	8

The following accident notices were filed:

November 15—George O. Hall, injuries to horse, caused by blasting in Glenway street. Alexander McIntosh, personal injuries, caused by bay-window extending over sidewalk at 14 Highland avenue. George V. Mills, personal injuries, caused by alleged unguarded excavation in State street. John Flavin, personal injuries, caused by being thrown from hack by wheels catching in improperly constructed tracks on Atlantic avenue.

November 16—Alfred J. Harold, personal injuries, caused by collision with team of City of Boston.

J. T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Building Department.

Old Court House, October 9, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending October 7, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	2	2	—	—	—	1	2	2	4	4
2...	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	—	3	1
3...	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	2
4...	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—
5...	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—
6...	1	9	—	—	1	15	2	8	35	—
7...	—	6	—	—	1	—	5	8	6	46
8...	3	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	6	20
9...	—	2	—	1	—	—	3	2	11	12
10...	—	1	—	—	—	—	7	2	7	16
11...	—	3	—	—	—	—	4	3	10	28
12...	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	5	10	13
13...	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	6
14...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	5
15...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
16...	2	—	1	—	5	2	2	—	4	7
17...	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
18...	—	3	—	—	—	5	1	1	1	12
19...	1	1	—	—	—	—	5	2	1	12
20...	4	6	—	—	—	5	5	7	6	50
21...	2	1	—	—	—	1	3	6	4	18
22...	—	1	—	—	—	2	2	1	1	3
23...	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	1	5	7
24...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	7
25...	1	2	—	—	1	1	14	5	9	10
T'ls.	19	44	5	1	9	18	91	50	109	327

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Health Department.

Old Court House, November 25, 1899.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Adelaide L. Morse, 168 Seaver street, Ward 21, three horses; hearing December 7, at 11 o'clock. D. Mulvey, 3847 Washington street, Ward 23, three horses; hearing December 7, at 11 o'clock. Susan R. Chase, 5 Tucker street, Ward 24, two horses; hearing December 1, at 11 o'clock.

The petition of George A. Lowry for the occupancy of a stable on 299 Marginal street, Ward 2, was granted.

The petition of Walker Brothers on 206 Norfolk street, Ward 24, was withdrawn.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending November 25, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	39	18	57
Negative	72	41	113
No growth	4	1	5
Totals	115	60	175

Typhoid diagnoses: Ten cases; negative. Malarial diagnoses: Two cases; negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, October 30, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending October 28, 1899:

Cases pending	—	91
Number of applications	91	91
Number of Admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	43	
Long Island Almshouse,	14	
Charlestown Almshouse,	1	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	6	
Boston Insane Hospital,	3	
Danvers Insane Hospital,	1	
Worcester Insane Hospital	2	
Foxboro' Asylum	5	
Epileptic Hospital	1	
Number of applications refused	9	
Number of applications withdrawn	6	
Settlements investigated	102	
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	7	

28 Court Square, November 6, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending November 4, 1899:

Cases pending	—	78
Number of applications	78	78
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	23	
Long Island Almshouse	20	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	3	
Boston Insane Hospital	5	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1	
Worcester Insane Hospital	6	
Foxboro' Asylum	3	
Number of applications refused	10	
Number of applications withdrawn	6	
Cases pending	—	78
Number of settlements investigated	96	
Number of settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	17	

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, November 13, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending November 11, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	89	13
Females	15	2
Totals	104	15

Offences:		
Against the person . . .	10	3
Against property . . .	14	8
Against public order and decency	83	5
Totals	* 107	† 16
Discharges:		
Males	150	6
Females	27	2
Totals	177	8
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence, Permit of Commis-sioner	158	7
Payment of fine	4	—
Released on bail	13	1
Died	1	—
Totals	177	8
Population:		
November 4, 1899 . . .	1,283	490
Committed since No-ember 4, 1899	104	15
Totals	1,387	505
Discharged since No-ember 4, 1899	177	8
November 11, 1899 . . .	1,210	497

* Three committed charged with two offences each.
† One committed charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending November 25, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.6
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	17.7
Number of deaths:	
Males	118
Females	107
Total	225
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	181
Increase	44

Of the 225 decedents, 220 were white and 5 colored; 152 were born in the United States, 72 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 55 were of American parentage, 148 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 22 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	70	11
Scarlatina	38	2
Typhoid fever	13	4
Measles	31	1
Totals	152	18

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	20
Pneumonia	34
Heart disease	25
Bronchitis	13
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	10
Total from principal causes	105
Total from infectious diseases	18
Total from other causes	102
Total from all causes	225

Deaths of children under 1 year	53
Deaths of children under 5 years	74
Deaths of persons over 60 years	41
Deaths in public institutions	54

In Syracuse, N.Y., there has recently been established a municipal lodging-house. During the two months the house has been running 466 lodgers have been accommodated, from whom the city has secured 1,864 hours of work. Citizens of the city are provided with tickets to distribute to those seeking charity entitling bearers to admission to the lodging-house, with its privileges, in return for four hours' work.

Commander S. R. Selfridge, Inspector of the Second Lighthouse District at Boston, and Commander W. Maynard, Inspector of the eighth district at New Orleans, have exchanged places.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police-signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Mansfield street, between Alcott and Cambridge streets, Ward 25 (five poles); also to remove five poles from Mansfield street, between Alcott and Cambridge streets, Ward 25. Plan dated November 16, 1899.

To erect five poles on Spring Park avenue, between Adelaide, Clive streets, Ward 22. Plan dated November 13, 1899.

To erect five and to remove four poles on South street, near the Rosindale station, Ward 23. Plan dated November 14, 1899.

To erect forty-six poles and to remove forty-six poles on Washington street, between Norfolk and River streets, Wards 20 and 24. Plan dated November 7, 1899.

To erect and to remove poles: One on Blue Hill avenue and West Cottage street, Ward 21; one on Blue Hill avenue at Columbia road, Ward 20; and one on Geneva avenue, Ward 20. Plans dated respectively March 13, 1899, April 13, 1896, and November 18, 1899.

To erect and to remove one pole on East Cottage street, between Clifton and Batchelder streets, Ward 17. Plan dated November 7, 1899.

To erect six poles on Walcott street, between Columbia road and Erie street, Ward 20; six poles on Seaver street, between Columbia road and Erie street, Ward 20; eight poles on Erie street, between Walcott and Washington streets, Ward 20; ten poles on Summer street, from Stoughton street to one pole past Conrad street, Ward 20; and eight poles on Quincy street, between Stanley street and New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, Wards 16 and 20. Plans dated November 17, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 27, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the fourth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Traveler, Brighton Item, Boston Journal, Jamaica Plain News, Boston Post, Dorchester Beacon, Roxbury Gazette, Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDINANCES OF 1899, CHAPTER 3.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

RELATING TO TREES.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 47 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting a new section, to be Section 105 of said Chapter, and by renumbering Section 105 so as to be Section 106; said new section to be as follows:

"Section 105. No person shall attach any wire to a tree belonging to the city, or in any street, except by bending wire around a part of the tree, over blocks painted substantially the color of the tree, and so placed as to protect the tree from injury."

In Board of Aldermen, October 23, 1899.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

DAVID F. BARRY, Chairman.

In Common Council, November 2, 1899.

Concurred.

DANIEL J. KILEY, President.

Approved, November 4, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 21, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Geneva avenue be relocated as a highway, at Dorchester, from Bowdoin street to Columbia road, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the sixth day of December, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest:

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, November 18, 1899.

The undersigned respectfully asks for leave to erect two poles on Park street, Charlestown District, ten inches square at base and thirty-five feet high, for electric wires, at points marked by red dots on plan drawn by Charles A. Pearson, dated October 28, 1899.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company,

GEORGE B. NEAL, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 27, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday the fourth day of December at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Charlestown Enterprise, and THE CITY RECORD.

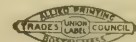
Passed.

A true copy.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

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BOSTON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1899.

Number 49.

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF CAPT. MARTIN L. WHITE.

Capt. Martin L. White, of Division 15 of the Police Department, died suddenly at his home, 16 Savin street, Roxbury, Friday, December 1, 1899.

Captain White, who was the oldest captain in years of service in the Department, was born at Marblehead, Mass., August 2, 1837. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he enlisted in the United States Navy, serving on different vessels until his honorable discharge in 1864.

On June 23, 1865, Captain White was appointed a patrolman on the police force of Boston and assigned to duty at Division 2. In 1868 he was promoted to be a sergeant, but in 1871 resigned the position and returned to patrol duty. Later in the same year, however, he was again promoted to a sergeantcy, and in 1873 was made a lieutenant. When the police force was reorganized in 1878 he was made a captain and assigned to Division 9. For the last eight years he had been in command of Division 15.

During his long service in the Department, Captain White had been connected with many important police cases, in some of which he took a very prominent part, and always with unusual skill and ability.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

His Honor Mayor Quincy has issued the following circular to heads of departments:
Circular No. 68.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 1, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby requested to submit your estimates of receipts and expenditures for the coming fiscal year to this office on or before the twentieth of this month. These estimates of expenditure should include nothing but the current or ordinary department expenditures.

Heads of departments are expected to keep any increases in the estimates for the coming fiscal year over the actual and estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year down to the lowest possible point, as the city will only have a very slightly increased revenue next year.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

RESIGNATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PAUPER INSTITUTIONS TRUSTEES.

His Honor Mayor Quincy has received the resignation of Prof. William T. Sedgwick, who has been Chairman of the Pauper Institutions Trustees since the organization of the Board in 1897. The following letters are self-explanatory:

Boston, October 30, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor of the City of Boston.

DEAR SIR: It is with sincere regret that I feel compelled, by the pressure of other duties, to resign my office as a Trustee of Pauper Institutions.

From yourself, and from my fellow-Trustees, and from the executive officers and employees of the Department, I have

received constant and generous sympathy and co-operation; of which I desire to express my appreciation, and for which I wish to return my thanks.

I shall be glad to have my resignation take effect on or before December 1.

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 6, 1899.

PROF. WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK, 20 Chestnut Street, Boston.

DEAR SIR: I have received with much regret your resignation as a member of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees, and having now appointed your successor, I hereby now accept the resignation, to take effect from this date.

I am sorry that other duties prevent you from continuing in this position, and I desire to express my appreciation of the value of the services which you have rendered to the city as Chairman of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees during the year and one-half of its existence. The work of getting the new machinery into regular working order and making the necessary changes in the administration of the Pauper Institutions has been a responsible and delicate one, and I feel that you are to be congratulated upon the condition in which you are now able to leave the Department.

I am glad that you are willing to continue in the service of the city as Institutions Registrar, which office you have been temporarily filling, and I take pleasure in enclosing a permanent appointment to this position, to serve, in accordance with your own desire, without pay.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 6, 1899.

PROF. WILLIAM T. SEDGWICK, 20 Chestnut Street, Boston:

DEAR SIR: You are hereby appointed Institutions Registrar for the term ending April 30, 1900, to serve, in accordance with your own desire, without pay.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The resignation of Professor Sedgwick was made known to the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on December 4, 1899, and Mrs. Alice N. Lincoln, Secretary of the Board, was elected Chairman for the balance of the year ending April 30, 1900. Mr. Walter Hunnewell, of the Trustees, was elected Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs. Lincoln's election to the Chairmanship.

APPOINTMENT OF PAUPER INSTITUTIONS TRUSTEE.

His Honor Mayor Quincy has appointed Mr. Ubert K. Pettingill a member of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor Sedgwick from that Board.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 6, 1899.

UBERT K. PETTINGILL, Esq., 22 School Street, Boston.

DEAR SIR: You are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees, for the term ending April 30, 1902, in place of Prof. William T. Sedgwick, who has resigned, and whose resignation has been accepted to take effect from the above date.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICIAL RETURNS ON STATE ELECTION.

The following shows the official returns of the Board of Election Commissioners of votes cast in the City of Boston for State Senators, by districts; at the State Election, November 7, 1899:

FIRST SUFFOLK DISTRICT—WARD 1.

John Cramb, Democratic Social Nomination Paper	27
Byron Efford, Socialist Labor Party	63
Thomas Lane, Democratic	716
* Charles T. Witt, Republican	1,733
Total	2,539

NOTE.—The balance of this district is composed of Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop.

SECOND SUFFOLK DISTRICT—WARDS 3, 4, 5.

William P. Bryant, Republican	1,607
* Peter F. Tague, Democratic	3,727
Scattering	1
Total	5,335

NOTE.—The balance of this district is composed of Ward 3 of Cambridge.

THIRD SUFFOLK DISTRICT—WARDS 2, 6, 8.

Francis L. Auld, Republican	1,889
* Jeremiah E. Mahoney, Democratic	4,977
John O'Rourke, Democratic Citizen Nomination Paper	608
Scattering	7
Total	7,481

* Elected.

FOURTH SUFFOLK DISTRICT—WARDS 7, 9, 17.

David H. Irving, Republican	2,036
* John A. Keliher, Democratic	4,843
Scattering	2
Total	6,881

FIFTH SUFFOLK DISTRICT—WARDS 10, 12, 18.

Franklin Pierce Barnes, Citizens' Candidate	335
Hubert B. Curley, Democratic	3,253
* Charles H. Innes, Republican	3,310
Total	6,898

SIXTH SUFFOLK DISTRICT—WARDS 13, 14, 15.

* John E. Baldwin, Democratic	4,663
George W. Dryden, Republican	2,268
Scattering	1
Total	6,932

SEVENTH SUFFOLK DISTRICT—WARDS 16, 20, 24.

William J. Hennessey, Democratic	3,308
* William H. Lott, Republican	5,170
Total	8,478

EIGHTH SUFFOLK DISTRICT—WARDS 21, 22, 23.

* Arthur H. Maxwell, Republican	5,003
Edward Seaver, Democratic	3,828
Total	8,831

NINTH SUFFOLK DISTRICT—WARDS 11, 19, 25.

James Dempsey, Democratic	3,563
* Leonard W. Ross, Republican	4,040
Scattering	1
Total	7,604

* Elected.

The following shows the official returns of the Board of Election Commissioners of votes cast in the City of Boston for Representatives in the General Court, by districts, at the State election, November 7, 1899:

FIRST DISTRICT—WARD 1.

* A. Dudley Bagley, Republican	1,728
Thomas A. Niland, Democratic	748
Patrick O'Connor, Democratic	635
* Hugh L. Stalker, Republican	1,581
Total	4,692

SECOND DISTRICT—WARD 2.

Joseph J. Dennison, Republican	394
* James H. Niland, Democratic	1,406
* John J. Douglas, Democratic Citizens' Nomination Paper	1,679
Joseph F. Hickey, Democratic	1,370
William J. Powers, Democratic Social Nomination Paper	106
Bennie M. Schwartz, Republican	274
Total	5,229

THIRD DISTRICT—WARD 3.

Deuty Jerauld, Republican	369
* Jeremiah F. McCarthy, Democratic	1,485
Charles H. Paine, Republican	393
* Charles S. Sullivan, Democratic	1,326
Scattering	1
Total	3,574

FOURTH DISTRICT—WARD 4.

George A. Garland, Republican	589
* Thomas H. Green, Democratic	947
George H. Hayden, Republican	520
* William E. Mahoney, Democratic	956
Total	3,012

* Elected.

FIFTH DISTRICT—WARD 5.

Edward A. Carter, Republican	525
* Arthur Harrington, Democratic	1,223
* Martin P. Higgins, Democratic	1,230
Alfred S. Holman, Republican	457
Scattering	1
Total	3,436

SIXTH DISTRICT—WARD 6.

Cyrus H. Babb, Republican	380
* Samuel H. Borofsky, Democratic	1,465
* Michael J. Donovan, Democratic	1,568
Daniel J. Kane, Democratic Citizens' Nomination Paper, Republican	1,184
Total	4,597

SEVENTH DISTRICT—WARD 7.

William A. H. Crowley, Democratic Independent Nomination Paper	574
* John L. Donovan, Democratic	827
David O. Felt, Republican	548
* William T. A. Fitzgerald, Democratic	750
Richard Middleton, Republican	277
James Robertson, Republican Independent Nomination Paper	73
Total	3,049

EIGHTH DISTRICT—WARD 8.

* Edward J. Donovan, Democratic	1,499
Wallace F. Flanders, Republican	616
* Francis J. Horgan, Democratic	1,528
Benjamin Ramin, Democratic Social Nomination Paper	201
Jacob Tarplin, Republican	514
Total	4,358

NINTH DISTRICT—WARD 9.

* John J. Gartland, jr., Democratic	1,475
* Richard J. Hayes, Democratic	1,360
Moses J. Konikow, Democratic Social Nomination Paper	115
James F. Morgan, Republican	644
Julius J. Schriffgiesser, Republican	563
Total	4,157

TENTH DISTRICT—WARD 10.

* Freeman O. Emerson, Republican	1,720
* William Colvard Parker, Republican	1,621
Scattering	1
Total	3,342

ELEVENTH DISTRICT—WARD 11.

Robert Sever Hale, Democratic	681
* Charles R. Saunders, Republican	1,768
* George S. Selfridge, Republican	1,559
Scattering	1
Total	4,009

TWELFTH DISTRICT—WARD 12.

* James F. Bliss, Republican	1,153
David B. Chamberlain, Republican Independent Nomination Paper	657
* John H. Colby, Republican	942
John J. Curley, Democratic	764
Hugh J. Quinn, Democratic	730
William Wixted, Democratic Social Nomination Paper	52
Total	4,298

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT—WARD 13.

Henry E. Goulding, Republican	207
* Michael J. Lydon, Democratic	1,791
* Frederick P. Mahoney, Democratic	1,748
Ernest P. Searles, Republican	184
Scattering	2
Total	3,932

* Elected.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT — WARD 14.

Miner H. A. Evans, Republican . . .	884
* David J. Gleason, Democratic . . .	1,731
Robert E. Harrison, Republican . . .	941
* Michael J. Sullivan, Democratic . . .	1,610
Total	5,166

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT — WARD 15.

Thomas F. Bradford, Republican . . .	640
* Daniel V. McIsaac, Democratic . . .	1,481
* William S. McNary, Democratic . . .	1,410
Thomas E. Moran, Republican . . .	571
Total	4,102

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT — WARD 16.

William J. Donovan, Democratic . . .	1,128
Lawrence J. Earle, Democratic . . .	996
* Frederick W. Farwell, Republican . . .	1,305
* Arthur P. Russell, Republican . . .	1,205
Total	4,634

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT — WARD 17.

Charles W. Blanchard, Republican . . .	716
Charles J. Kidney, Republican . . .	1,041
* John P. Lanergan, Democratic . . .	1,541
* John J. Mansfield, Democratic . . .	1,523
Total	4,821

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT — WARD 18.

Charles H. Bryant, Republican . . .	980
* Michael E. Gaddis, Democratic . . .	1,299
Edward F. Tracy, Republican . . .	644
* James A. Watson, Democratic . . .	1,245
Total	4,168

NINETEENTH DISTRICT — WARD 19.

* William L. Mooney, Democratic . . .	2,073
Bellville L. Randall, Republican . . .	634
* John E. Thomson, Democratic . . .	1,918
Neil J. Wallace, Republican . . .	690
Total	5,315

TWENTIETH DISTRICT — WARD 20.

James J. Byrne, Democratic Social Nomination Paper . . .	102
William L. Cahalan, Democratic . . .	990
Daniel J. Daly, Democratic . . .	1,020
* Frank A. Foster, Republican . . .	1,962
* James Howell, Republican . . .	1,985
Scattering	3
Total	6,062

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT — WARD 21.

Jeremiah Brosnahan, Democratic . . .	1,003
* Melancthon W. Burlen, Republican . . .	1,435
Martin P. F. Curley, Democratic . . .	1,256
* Temple A. Winsloe, Republican . . .	1,472
Scattering	1
Total	5,167

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT — WARD 22.

* John Bleiler, Republican . . .	1,572
* Charles O. Engstrom, Republican . . .	1,607
William F. Prindeville, Democratic . . .	1,196
John Young, jr., Democratic . . .	1,400
Total	5,775

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT — WARD 23.

Roswell S. Barrows, Republican . . .	1,346
Andrew Brauer, Republican . . .	1,335
* Thomas F. I. Curley, Democratic . . .	1,493
* John M. Minton, Democratic . . .	1,732
Scattering	1
Total	5,907

*Elected.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT — WARD 24.

Michael J. Barry, Democratic . . .	1,053
Manus J. Fish, Democratic . . .	990
* Fred C. Gilpatric, Republican . . .	1,672
* Harry B. Whall, Republican . . .	1,638
Total	5,353

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT — WARD 25.

* Austin Bigelow, Republican . . .	1,551
Frank H. Ricker, Democratic . . .	1,095
* William D. Wheeler, Republican . . .	1,333
Total	3,979

*Elected.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following is a summary showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of November, 1899, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 664; total number of mortgages, 608; total amount of mortgages, \$2,962,853.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	136
South Boston	52
East Boston	41
Roxbury	121
Dorchester	194
West Roxbury	50
Brighton	43
Charlestown	27
Total	664

THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment terminated its existence on December the first in accordance with Chapter 449 of the Acts of 1899, whereby Chapter 434 of Acts of 1898, establishing the Board, was repealed.

The bill to establish the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was introduced as Senate bill No. 62, and entitled an Act Relating to the Finances of the City of Boston (see THE CITY RECORD, Vol. I., page 53), was accompanied by a petition from Mayor Quincy, the Merchants' Municipal Committee, and Mr. Samuel B. Capen, President of the Municipal League. The bill was referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, February 4, 1898, which reported favorably on March 15.

The bill reported (see THE CITY RECORD, Vol. I., page 182) provided that the Board should "consist of the Mayor, the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, the President of the Common Council, who shall serve ex-officiis and without additional pay, and two members who shall be elected by the voters of the city at large" — whereas the original bill provided that "the Mayor, the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, the

President of the Common Council, the City Auditor, the Corporation Counsel, the City Engineer and the Chairman of the Board of Statistics Commissioners of the City of Boston shall constitute ex-officiis a Board of Estimate and Apportionment for said city, and shall serve in such capacity without additional pay."

The bill as amended in committee also provided (1) that each elected member of the Board "shall be paid for his services at the rate of \$10 for each meeting at which he is present, but not exceeding the sum of \$750 in any one year," and (2) for filling vacancies caused by the death or resignation of an elected member of the Board.

The bill encountered no opposition worthy of mention, and was enacted by the House on May 10, and by the Senate on May 12 — without a division. On May 13, 1898, it was approved by Governor Wolcott.

For the terms of the bill (Senate Bill No. 76, accompanying the petition of John Bordman, jr.) to abolish the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, see THE CITY RECORD, Vol. II., No. 6, page 75. The matter was referred February 1, to the Committee on Cities, at the request of which it was referred, March 22, to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. This committee recommended, April 28, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, Messrs. Russell and Lomasney, of Boston, and Mr. Weston of Hyde Park, dissenting. House Bill No. 116 was substituted for the original bill, by a vote of 79 to 28 on May 5. The bill was ordered to its third reading by a vote of 118 to 10 in the House, on May 15, and by a vote of 18 to 9 in the Senate, May 18. Having been enacted by the House on May 25 and by the Senate on May 26, the act was approved by Governor Wolcott, June 1, 1899.

The members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment were His Honor Mayor Quincy, David F. Barry, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, and Daniel J. Kiley, President of the Common Council, ex-officiis, and Messrs. J. H. Sullivan and Laurence Minot, elected by the people December 13, 1898, for two years and one year respectively. Mr. Sullivan was elected over Mr. Peter Morrison by a vote of 34,069 to 27,181, and Mr. Minot was elected over Mr. Thomas Russell by a vote of 35,513 to 24,686.

From April 9, the date of the death of Mr. Sullivan, till December 1, 1899, Mr. John P. Dore, Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners, served ex-officio as a member of the Board.

To this Board the Mayor was required to submit "as early as practicable in the month of January" the annual department estimates, and the Board, after considering these estimates, was required to prepare and pass a general maintenance appropriation order

prior to the first day of February. It was also required to prepare and pass, prior to the first day of March, a general loan appropriation order, which could not exceed four-fifths of the estimated borrowing capacity for the year, and the Board was authorized to make additional appropriations from time to time, "containing such appropriations as they may deem the public necessity or convenience may require." All appropriations made by it had to be submitted to the City Council, which could reduce or annul any appropriation, but could not increase it.

Since its organization, on January 11, 1899, the Board held fifty-seven meetings. Of this number, twelve meetings were devoted to consideration of the annual estimates submitted by departments of appropriations necessary for the current financial year, to hearings on the same, and to the preparation of the annual appropriation order, and fifteen meetings were devoted to the annual loan estimates of departments. The remaining thirty meetings were devoted to the consideration of sundry requests received from time to time for loans, appropriations or transfers.

It had been felt by many that the two worst defects in the old system of making appropriations were that practically no opportunity was given to heads of departments or other persons to come before the body making the appropriations, to explain the necessity of the appropriations which they requested, and that the appropriations were not made as early in the year as they should be. These defects the Board of Apportionment tried to correct. It was its policy to give every head of a department, or other person making a request for an appropriation or loan, an opportunity to be heard before passing upon the request. Before making up the annual appropriation order six meetings were devoted exclusively to hearing heads of departments on their requests for maintenance appropriations, every head of a department being invited to appear before the Board and explain the nature of his estimates. Prior to making up the annual loan order ten meetings were devoted exclusively to hearing heads of departments and members of the City Council on requests made by them for loan appropriations. At almost every meeting one or more persons were heard by the Board on requests for appropriations or transfers.

Altogether, the Board granted hearings to about 125 heads of departments and other persons, and of the heads of departments many were heard by the Board three or four times on different matters, and some as many as six and seven times.

In spite of the time required for these hearings and for the consideration of the requests after the hearings had been given, the annual appropriation and loan orders

were prepared and passed by the Board earlier than had been found to be possible under the old system, the annual appropriation order having been passed this year on January 28, as against April 11 in 1898, March 25 in 1897, March 7 in 1896, and April 2 in 1895, and the annual loan order having been passed this year on February 27, as against June 30 in 1898, June 18 in 1897, July 3 in 1896, July 9 in 1895, July 12 in 1894, and July 10 in 1893.

The Board labored under the difficulty of not having as much money available for loan appropriations as has been available in past years, the borrowing capacity for the present year (excluding the \$200,000 appropriated by the Legislature for Malden bridge) having been \$1,595,080.26, whereas in 1894, for instance, it was \$2,976,852, and in 1893, \$3,910,618.

Of the \$1,595,080.26 available for loan appropriations this year, the Board appropriated all but \$2,280.26, for the following purposes:

BATH DEPARTMENT.

Convenience station, at or near Park street, additional . . .	\$5,000 00
Convenience station, Roxbury crossing . .	2,000 00
Commonwealth Park, gymnasium, additional . . .	8,000 00
Gymnasium, Ward 9 . .	15,000 00
Gymnasium, Paris street, East Boston, new bathing facilities . . .	5,000 00
Public Landing, Dorchester bay . . .	1,000 00
Gymnasium, Elmwood street, ward-room . .	2,000 00
Summer baths, permanent improvements . . .	10,000 00
Gymnasium, Ward 9, furnishing . . .	2,500 00
Electric lighting plant, Dover-street bath-house . . .	1,300 00
	<u>\$51,800 00</u>

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Filing cases, etc.	\$3,500 00
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CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

Filing cabinets and safe	\$1,700 00
Mount Hope Cemetery, improvement of entrance . . .	1,500 00
Mount Hope Cemetery, greenhouses . . .	5,000 00
	<u>\$8,200 00</u>

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

House of Reformation, reconstruction of work damaged by storm	\$8,000 00
House of Reformation, improvement of graveyard . . .	500 00
Rainsford Island, electric lighting plant . .	4,000 00
Rainsford Island, reconstructing buildings, etc.	14,500 00
	<u>\$27,000 00</u>

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT.

Metallic file cases	\$2,000 00
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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Faneuil Hall, reconstruction, additional	\$24,500 00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Veterinary hospital, additional	\$5,600 00
Placing fire-alarm wires underground . . .	5,000 00
	<u>\$10,600 00</u>

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Telephone cable, Long Island to Gallup's Island	\$2,400 00
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HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Hospital buildings, improvements . . .	\$20,000 00
Ann White Vose building, equipment and furnishing	22,000 00
Ambulance station and equipment, South Boston . . .	10,000 00
New buildings, additional	14,500 00
	<u>\$66,500 00</u>

INSANE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Electric plant	\$16,500 00
Additional land	24,000 00
Remodelling "A" building	3,000 00
	<u>\$43,500 00</u>

MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

Purchase and improvement of Mechanics' Hall organ . . .	\$2,000 00
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PARK DEPARTMENT.

Christopher Gibson playground, construction	\$7,000 00
Billings field, construction	4,000 00
North Brighton playground, construction	7,000 00
Mystic playground, construction	1,500 00
Neponset playground, construction	5,000 00
Fellows-street playground, construction	1,000 00
Land for playgrounds, executions, etc.	12,000 00
Rogers park, drainage	2,000 00
Playground, Billings field, additional . . .	27,060 98
	<u>\$66,560 98</u>

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Almshouse, Long Island, new powerhouse and equipment	\$70,000 00
Almshouse, Long Island, barn, improvements in . . .	3,000 00
Telephone cable, Moon Island to Long Island	4,000 00
Barn, Long Island, additional	2,487 84
Hospital, Long Island, additional	6,643 76
	<u>\$86,131 60</u>

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Deer Island, hospital for contagious diseases	\$15,000 00
Deer Island, electric lighting plant, extension of	5,500 00
Steamer "John Howard," reconstruction	9,800 00
	<u>\$30,300 00</u>

PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Working capital	\$10,000 00
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PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Elevator, Old Court House	\$5,000 00
New elevator, City Hall	3,200 00
Ward-room, Ward 2, improvements in	1,500 00
Ward-room, Ward 17, improvement of lot,	1,500 00
Ward-room and gymnasium, Ward 8	30,000 00
Repair Division, working capital	25,000 00
Electrical Construction Division, working capital	25,000 00
Fire Department, building and site, South Boston, additional	600 86
	<u>\$91,800 86</u>

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

Fence around storage lot, and store-houses	\$4,000 00
Fence around square bounded by Old Heath, New Heath and Parker streets,	1,000 00
Independence square, improvements in	2,700 00
	<u>\$7,700 00</u>

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Grammar school-house, East Boston (fourteen-room building)	\$95,000 00
Primary school-house site, Warren District, Charlestown, additional	10,000 00
Primary school-house, Roxbury (six-room building)	40,000 00
Grammar school-house, South Boston (fourteen-room building)	100,000 00
Primary school-house, Brighton (twelve-room building)	70,000 00
Grammar school-house, Dorchester (fourteen-room building)	100,000 00
Primary school-house, Ward 20, site	5,000 00
Completing and furnishing school buildings now in course of construction, exclusive of high schools	55,000 00
New grammar school-house, Tileston District, Dorchester, site for	10,000 00
New primary school-house, Sherwin District, Roxbury, site for	15,000 00
	<u>\$500,000 00</u>

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Harrison avenue, between Kneeland and Bennet streets, asphaltting	\$6,000 00
Milton street, Ward 8, asphaltting	1,200 00
Talbot avenue, completion of	50,000 00
Retaining wall, Marcella and Centre streets	2,500 00
Atlantic avenue, Dewey square to Oliver street, paving	38,000 00
Federal street, Dewey square to Milk street, paving	18,000 00
Devonshire street, Milk street to Water street, asphaltting	3,800 00
Kingston street, from Bedford street to Beach street, paving	11,000 00
Genesee and Oswego streets, asphaltting	8,000 00
Leverett street, Minot street to Craigie's bridge, paving	15,000 00
Congress street, Atlantic avenue to bridge, paving	19,000 00
Princeton street, East Boston, construction	10,000 00
Prescott street, East Boston, construction	5,000 00
Blackstone street, Hanover street across North street, paving	10,000 00
Chelsea bridge, widening of, north draw	30,000 00
Charles street, Friend street to Allen street, asphaltting	9,600 00
Congress-street bridge, reconstruction	10,000 00
Street improvements, general	75,000 00
Harrison avenue, asphaltting	1,000 00
Devonshire street, State to Water, repaving	6,500 00
Gold-street bridge, additional	216 66
	<u>\$329,816 66</u>

STREET LAYING-OUT DEPARTMENT.

Centre street, Ward 24, additional	\$1,896 99
Widening and extending, additional	3,092 91
Rutherford avenue, widening, in accordance with Chapter 275 of the Acts of 1898	200,000 00
	<u>\$204,989 90</u>

WIRE DEPARTMENT.

Placing wires under ground	\$23,500 00
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The Board has also passed the following loans, which, under the provisions of law, are not considered as coming within the debt limit of the city:

Sewerage works	\$1,000,000
Extension of mains	435,000
Plotting new sections of land	55,000
Total	<u>\$1,490,000</u>

The Board having been abolished, all requests for appropriations will hereafter be referred to the Committee on Finance of the City Council, and will be passed by the City Council on its recommendation; the Mayor being able to veto any item in the appropriations thus made, and the City Council having the right to pass the item over his veto by a two-thirds vote.

PROPOSED MONUMENT TO BRITISH SOLDIERS.

At a meeting of the Board of Cemetery Trustees, held on Friday, December 1, 1899, it was voted to issue the following statement concerning the petition of the Victorian Club (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 44, page 730) for the erection of a monument to British soldiers who fell in the battle of Bunker Hill:

When this Department received a communication and petition from His Honor the Mayor, in respect to this monument, we acted upon the same with the understanding that a monument was to be erected over the remains of certain British soldiers who fell in the battle of Bunker Hill, and were buried in the Central Burying-ground on the Common, and that the location of that monument was to be absolutely fixed by those interested in the erection of the same over the remains of such soldiers.

We believe that the remains of such dead as are buried in soil belonging to the City of Boston, if fit and proper to remain in such soil, are in propriety entitled to a monument in the nature of a marker, which shall show to those interested where such bodies lie.

To this extent we, as a Department, are obliged to go in the administration of the powers conferred upon us.

At the present time the City of Boston provides burial-places for all sorts and conditions of men. If we provide them burial-places, we surely have no right to say the remains may be interred but over the ground no marker shall be placed. It is not for us to say whether the person interred was fit to merit such attention or not. That is a matter beyond our control and belonging directly to the relatives or friends of those interested in such an interment.

A while ago, on the petition of certain historical societies, we allowed bronze tablets fixed on boulders to be placed in memory of Otis and Adams, in the Granary Burying-ground, but the final location of such monuments was not determined until we were absolutely satisfied that the remains of those illustrious men were in the tombs over which such monuments were to be placed, and the sanction of the people owning those tombs was given. Not only was documentary proof required, but in both instances the tombs were opened and such evidence as existed examined to the satisfaction of the Department.

We presume that the petitioners in the instance at present before us can adduce satisfactory evidence as to the location of the remains over which they have asked to place a monument and proper ownership of the land in which such interments are.

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WOMEN.

WARD.	PRECINCTS.									Total.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1 . .	84	115	132	105	92	11	25	32	15	611
2 . .	15	20	17	18	12	28	10	4	...	124
3 . .	109	56	56	13	25	17	...	...	...	276
4 . .	32	78	85	50	15	19	...	...	...	279
5 . .	56	49	9	22	25	26	...	...	...	187
6 . .	7	15	12	16	16	17	4	3	...	90
7 . .	16	28	31	20	32	18	...	...	...	145
8 . .	1	25	53	20	10	30	...	...	...	139
9 . .	11	19	3	13	74	80	11	...	...	211
10 . .	20	50	54	66	28	63	105	50	40	476
11 . .	92	24	126	122	103	90	87	95	61	800
12 . .	126	130	72	82	57	45	38	...	...	550
13 . .	7	12	8	22	18	27	21	6	...	121
14 . .	45	12	48	74	112	81	62	37	...	471
15 . .	20	22	46	82	65	102	72	44	...	453
16 . .	46	36	52	83	73	120	36	...	...	446
17 . .	7	15	83	96	22	5	27	45	44	344
18 . .	27	32	44	51	17	69	...	...	...	240
19 . .	19	37	8	38	37	42	40	9	...	230
20 . .	111	146	103	50	97	123	145	101	...	876
21 . .	88	62	48	132	96	145	71	149	99	890
22 . .	72	24	21	77	27	69	112	44	...	446
23 . .	72	11	18	32	89	97	104	96	28	547
24 . .	60	64	121	67	91	73	168	116	68	828
25 . .	86	107	135	29	68	106	74	...	...	605
Grand Total										10,385

TEMPORARY PLATFORM AT WARREN BRIDGE.

The following communication to His Honor the Mayor, granting permission to construct a temporary pile platform to be annexed to the Warren bridge, has been received from the War Department at Washington:

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Washington, December 1, 1899.

MY DEAR SIR: In response to your application of the tenth instant I have the honor to transmit herewith, for retention, an instrument granting the City of Boston, Massachusetts, permission to construct a temporary pile platform to be annexed to the Warren bridge across Charles river at Boston, in accordance with License No. 2,200 from the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, subject to the conditions set forth in the said War Department instrument, and as shown on plans attached thereto.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor of Boston, Mass.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 7.30 P.M., on Tuesday, November 28, 1899.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Bennett, Huggan and Strange.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by Mr. James A. McDonald, the senior member present.

The rules were suspended, and Mr. George W. Anderson was declared President pro tempore.

It was ordered, under a suspension of the rules, that the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

The appointments and confirmations were approved.

The following orders took their second reading, and were successively passed:

(1.) That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 210. Add the following to the section as a separate paragraph:

Pupils in the grammar and primary schools who have not been absent or tardy during any month may, in the discretion of the master of the district, at the last school session in said month, be dismissed thirty minutes before the regular closing time.

(2.) That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 341. Strike out the last sentence in the section, so that the section will read as follows:

Section 341. The several school districts having been so grouped together as to make the labors of the officers as nearly equal as possible, each truant officer shall be assigned to one of these groups, and shall be held responsible under these regulations, and such regulations as the Committee on Truant Officers may from time to time prescribe, for the judicious and faithful discharge of the duties of his office. The Committee on Truant Officers shall appoint one of the officers, subject to the approval of the Board, as chief of the truant force.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and passed.

(1.) That Allen & Greenough's "Ovid," published by Ginn & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the high schools.

(2.) That "Elementary studies in Chemistry," by Joseph Torrey, jr., published by Henry Holt & Co., be authorized for use as a text-book in the high schools.

(3.) That Mary F. McMorrow, assistant, grammar school, Mary Hemenway District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from April 8, 1899.

(4.) That there be paid to Thomas J. Gill, janitor of the Hugh O'Brien School, the sum of \$50 for the care of three extra rooms during the term 1898-99.

(5.) That there be paid to Albert P. Young, janitor of the Aberdeen School, the sum of \$25.50 for extra labor performed at said school during the year ending May 31, 1899.

(6.) That the salary of the janitor of the Martin School be fixed at the rate of \$1,284 per annum, to date from November 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(7.) That there be paid to James Mitchell, janitor of the Shurtleff School, the sum of \$50 for cutting grass and care of lawn at said school during the year 1899.

(8.) That there be paid to Mary A. Daly, janitress of the Cook School, the sum of \$1 for removing water from the cellar of said school.

(9.) That the salary of the assistant janitor of the Parkman School, South Boston, be fixed at the rate of \$300 per annum, to date from September 13, 1899.

(10.) That Katherine K. Marlow, assistant, Dorchester High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from October 26, 1899.

(11.) That Frank E. Poole, junior master in the English High School, be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, to date from September 13, 1899.

(12.) That Abbie E. Wilson, assistant, grammar school, in the Prince District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from September 13, 1899.

(13.) That Lucia R. Peabody, assistant in the East Boston High School, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her rank, to date from September 14, 1899.

(14.) That Gracia E. Read, assistant in the East Boston High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her rank, to date from September 8, 1899.

(15.) That the salary of the assistant to the teacher of physical culture in the Roxbury High School be fixed at the rate of \$500 per annum, to date from November 1, 1899.

(16.) That there be paid to William L. Bates, sub-master in the George Putnam School, the sum of \$200 in addition to his regular salary for extra services rendered in that school during the absence of the master.

(17.) That there be paid to Theresa Currie the sum of \$50 for extra services as temporary assistant, grammar school, in the Comins District, from September 18 to October 5, 1899, inclusive, and from October 11 to October 25, 1899, inclusive.

(18.) That there be paid to S. Louise Bradshaw the sum of \$150 for services rendered as acting assistant, grammar school, in the Eliot District, from October 24, 1898, to September 20, 1899.

(19.) That the Committee on School-houses are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Company in the sum of \$989.50 for furnishing the Mechanic Arts High School-house; said concern being the lowest bidder.

(20.) That there be paid to Catherine Elms the sum of \$10,000 as payment for her land on Norfolk street, at Dorchester, taken for school purposes, by the City of Boston, October 3, 1899 (taking recorded October 5, 1899), upon the said Catherine Elms giving to the city a deed for said land so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

(21.) That the Committee on School-houses be instructed to expend a sum not exceeding \$4,000 to put the sanitariums of the Weston-street School in proper condition.

The Superintendent presented the resignations of six teachers, which were accepted.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfers for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

(1.) The appointment of one special assistant, which was laid over under the rule; (2) the appointments of three temporary teachers, which were placed on file; (3) the reappointments of three temporary teachers, which were placed on file; (4) the appointments on probation of eight teachers, which were laid over, under the rule; (5) the confirmation of eight teachers, which were laid over under the rule; (6) the transfers of two teachers, which were laid over under the rule. Leave of absence was granted to five teachers.

The appointments of four instructors in the evening schools, presented by the Superintendent, were laid over under the rule.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

(1.) Of two temporary teachers, whose employment was approved, under a suspension of the rules; (2) the reappointments of four teachers, which were laid over, under the rule; (3) the appointment of Wallace C. Boyden of Newton, as head master of the Normal School, to date from December 1, 1899, which was laid over, under the rule.

On the recommendation of the Committee on New Buildings, it was ordered, under suspension of the rules (1) that the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to expend an amount not exceeding \$28 for additional signal gongs required for the Benjamin Dean School-house.

(2.) The Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Simpson Brothers Corporation, in the sum of \$850 for paving the yard of the Webster-avenue Primary School, Brighton.

(3.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee, under Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriations be made:

South Boston High School-house, additional	\$20,000 00
New Dorchester High School-house, additional	20,000 00
West Roxbury High School-house addition, additional	37,433 02

The following appointments of janitors by the Committee on School-houses were approved by the Board: (1) Charles D. Gallagher, Wells School, from October 1, 1899; Wells Evening School, from September 25, 1899; 33 Chambers-street School, from October 30, 1899. (2) Thomas Kinsley, 323 Washington-street School, from November 11, 1899.

It was ordered, under suspension of the rules:

(1.) That the sessions of the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools be suspended on Friday evening, December 1, 1899, and that the salaries of the teachers in these schools be allowed and paid for said evening.

(2.) That the salary of the janitor of the Mayhew School be fixed at the rate of \$1,200 per annum, to date from December 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(3.) That the salary of the attendant in the Thomas N. Hart Kindergarten be fixed

at the rate of fifty cents for each day of actual service, to date from December 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(4.) That 2,000 copies of the Course of Study, Grammar Schools, School Document No. 16, 1891, be printed.

(5.) That 2,000 copies of the Revised Course of Study for Primary Schools be printed as a School Document.

(6.) That the position of Director of Music be, and the same hereby is, created.

(7.) That the salary of the janitor of the Albert Palmer School be fixed at the rate of \$720 per annum, to date from September 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

It was ordered (1) that the Superintendent be requested to take such action as may be necessary to prevent all public school pupils on their way to and from school from riding either in smoking or baggage cars, or on the platforms of steam and electric cars.

(2.) That the gift of six pictures to the Frederic A. Whitney School, by the Bright-helmstone Club be accepted, and that the cordial thanks of the Board be extended to the club for this evidence of their continued interest in the public schools.

(3.) That the portrait of Artemas Swallow, a former master of the Charles Sumner School, presented to that school by the Charles Sumner School Association, be accepted, and that the thanks of this Board be extended to the Association for their generous and welcome gift.

(4.) That the resignation of Thomas G. Rees as sub-master in the Comins District, and his appointment as junior-master in the Mechanic Arts High School, date from September 18, 1899, instead of from September 13, 1899.

(5.) That an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Eliot District, making nine in all.

SHELTER AT ENDS OF CONGRESS STREET AND SUMMER STREET BRIDGES.

The following petition signed by fifty persons was received at the office of the Street Department, Tuesday, November 28, 1899:

We, the undersigned, respectfully call your attention to the urgent need for a shed, or other suitable shelter, at each end of the Congress street and Summer street bridges over Fort Point Channel.

The manufacturing and mercantile houses, located in the South Boston District, employ large numbers of people, a great proportion of whom are women and girls, who are frequently obliged to wait some time at the bridges while the draw is open, often in stormy weather. On several different occasions a number of female employees have been obliged to wait fifteen or twenty minutes in a driving storm, becoming so thoroughly drenched by the time they reached their destination that they were obliged to return home in order to avoid the risk of cold and sickness.

A simple and inexpensive covering is all that is required, and it seems to us that the cost would be slight in comparison to the great benefit gained.

We trust that you will consider this matter favorably and grant our request.

Superintendent Wells, in speaking of the petition, said that the suggestion seemed to

him a most excellent one, and it was strange that some such action had not been taken before.

The City Engineer will prepare a plan at once, and there is but little doubt that some provision for shelter will be made at these bridges; and if the plan is successful, and serves a useful purpose, there is no reason why it should not be extended to the other bridges in the city.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

City Hall, November 29, 1899.

The fifty-seventh and final meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Wednesday, November 29, 1899, at 3 P.M.

Present: All the members.

The records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Dore.

A communication was received from the City Treasurer requesting an additional maintenance appropriation of \$500 to cover expenses in connection with the repayment of sewer charges.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and City Treasurer Alfred T. Turner appeared and was heard, after which the communication was placed on file.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Printing requesting an additional maintenance appropriation, to cover the expense of moving the printing plant to new location.

A hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Superintendent of Printing Thomas A. Whalen appeared and was heard, after which the communication was placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Barry, City Auditor James H. Dodge was requested to appear before the Board, to inform it as to the number of unpaid claims and bills chargeable to the Reserve Fund, now in his possession, and he accordingly appeared and was heard.

The following were received:

(1.) Communication from the Bath Trustees requesting an additional maintenance appropriation of \$3,000, to meet the expense of maintaining the Commonwealth Park gymnasium.

(2.) Communication from the Fire Commissioner requesting an additional maintenance appropriation of \$70,223.

(3.) Communication from the Fire Commissioner requesting an appropriation of \$4,525, being the amount expended in excess of special appropriation for veterinary hospital.

(4.) Communication from the Acting Institutions Registrar requesting an additional maintenance appropriation of \$1,849.16, to meet the salary of the Chief of the Statistical Division of the said Department.

(5.) Communication from the Acting Institutions Registrar requesting an additional appropriation of \$300, to cover the expense of installing a new system of registration.

(6.) Communication from the Chairman of the Trustees of the Public Library,

requesting an additional maintenance appropriation to cover the expense of book-binding.

(7.) Communication from the Superintendent of Markets requesting an additional maintenance appropriation of \$1,311.

Severally placed on file.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Public Buildings requesting an additional maintenance appropriation of \$8,509.77.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, a hearing was given in regard to the matter, and Superintendent of Public Buildings John Drohan appeared and was heard, after which the communication was placed on file.

A communication was received from Mayor Quincy, transmitting a letter from the City Auditor, stating that, subject to his approval and that of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, he had transferred \$82,481.55 from the appropriation for the Reserve Fund to the following appropriations, viz.:

Bath Department	\$2,500 00
City Council, Incidental Expenses	2,031 55
Fire Department	60,000 00
Institutions Registration Department	2,150 00
Market Department	1,300 00
Mayor	2,500 00
Music Department	1,000 00
Printing Department	2,000 00
Public Buildings Department	8,500 00
Treasury Department	500 00

Total \$82,481 55

The communication was placed on file, and Mr. Minot moved the adoption of the following:

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of the following-named amounts from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the following appropriations, viz.:

Bath Department	\$2,500 00
City Council, Incidental Expenses	2,031 55
Fire Department	60,000 00
Institutions Registration Department	2,150 00
Market Department	1,300 00
Mayor	2,500 00
Music Department	1,000 00
Printing Department	1,500 00
Public Buildings Department	8,500 00
Treasury Department	500 00

Total \$81,981 55

The question came on the adoption of the vote, and Mr. Kiley called for a division of the question.

The question first came on the adoption of the item for the Bath Department.

Mr. Kiley moved to strike out the item.

The motion was lost — yea, 1; nays, 4:

Yea — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Nays — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Mr. Kiley moved that the amount in the item be reduced to \$2,000.

The motion was lost — yea, 1; nays, 4:

Yea — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Nays — Messrs. Barry, Dore, Minot, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

The item was adopted as it stood — yeas, 4; nays, 1:

Yeas — Messrs. Barry, Dore, Minot, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

The item for City Council, incidental expenses, was adopted — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The item for the Fire Department was adopted — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The question came on the adoption of the item for the Institutions Registration Department.

Mr. Kiley moved that the amount be reduced to \$1,650.

The motion was lost — yeas, 2; nays, 3:

Yeas — Messrs. Barry and Kiley — 2.

Nays — Messrs. Dore, Minot and Mayor Quincy — 3.

The item was adopted as it stood — yeas, 3; nays, 2:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Minot and Mayor Quincy — 3.

Nays — Messrs. Barry and Kiley — 2.

The question came on the adoption of the item for the Market Department.

Mr. Kiley moved that the amount be reduced to \$1,000.

The motion was carried — yeas, 3; nays, 2:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry and Kiley — 3.

Nays — Mr. Minot and Mayor Quincy — 2.

The question came on the adoption of the item, as amended, and it was adopted — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The question came on the adoption of the item for the appropriation for Mayor.

Mr. Kiley moved to reduce the item to \$2,000.

The motion was lost — yea, 1; nays, 3 (Mayor Quincy not voting):

Yea — Mr. Kiley — 1.

Nays — Messrs. Dore, Barry and Minot — 3.

The item was adopted — yeas, 3; nay, 1 (Mayor Quincy not voting):

Yeas — Messrs. Barry, Dore and Minot — 3.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

The question came on the adoption of the item for the Music Department.

Mr. Kiley moved that the item be stricken out.

The motion was carried — yeas, 3; nays, 2:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry and Kiley — 3.

Nays — Mr. Minot and Mayor Quincy — 2.

The question came on the adoption of the item for the Printing Department.

Mr. Minot moved that the amount be increased to \$2,000.

The motion was carried — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The item was adopted, as amended — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The question came on the adoption of the item for the Public Buildings Department, and it was adopted — yeas, 4 (Mr. Kiley not voting):

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

The question came on the adoption of the item for the Treasury Department, and it was adopted — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley and Mayor Quincy — 5.

Mr. Minot moved that the amount transferred to the Market Department be increased to \$1,300.

The motion was carried — yeas, 4; nay, 1: Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, and Mayor Quincy — 4.

Nay — Mr. Kiley — 1.

The question came on the adoption of the vote offered by Mr. Minot, and which, as amended, stood as follows:

Voted, To approve the transfer by the City Auditor of the following-named amounts from the appropriation for Reserve Fund to the following appropriations, viz.:

Bath Department	\$2,500 00
City Council, Incidental Expenses,	2,031 55
Fire Department	60,000 00
Institutions Registration Department	2,150 00
Market Department	1,300 00
Mayor	2,500 00
Printing Department	2,000 00
Public Buildings Department	8,500 00
Treasury Department	500 00

Total \$81,481 55

The vote was adopted — yeas, 5:

Yeas — Messrs. Dore, Barry, Minot, Kiley, and Mayor Quincy — 5.

The following were received and placed on file:

(1.) Order (passed by the City Council) requesting the Board "to appropriate a sum of money large enough to repave Dover street, with granite blocks, from Dover-street bridge to Tremont street, Ward 9."

(2.) Order (passed by the City Council) authorizing the City Messenger to make arrangements for receiving city election returns in the Common Council Chamber, and requesting the Board "to transfer a sum sufficient to pay for the expenses involved."

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to approve any bills incurred on behalf of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Kiley, it was

Voted, That the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen be appointed a committee of one to secure a suitable place in City Hall for the portrait of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan, formerly a member of this Board.

On motion of Mr. Minot, it was

Voted, That on the expiration of the Board its records and the papers belonging to it be turned over to the custody of the City Clerk.

Adjourned, sine die, on motion of Mr. Kiley, at 5.04 P.M.

LAURENCE MINOT, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

November 22, 1899.

General Order No. 642.

Lieut. John B. Rosatto, Sergt. William J. Sheehan and Patrolmen William J. Rooney, Frank H. Bean and Albert J. Sargent, all of Division 1, and Patrolman Michael T. Barretta, of Division 3, having been commended by Captain Hoffman for tact and energy shown in pursuing and causing the arrest of Luigi Storti, wanted in this city for murder at 57 Charter street on the seventh

instant, it is hereby ordered that the said Lieutenant Rosatto, Sergeant Sheehan and Patrolmen Rooney, Bean, Sargent and Barretta be, and they hereby are, commended in General Orders; and it is further ordered that Capt. Frederic G. Hoffman be included in this commendation for the intelligent manner in which he directed the case.

November 23, 1899.

General Order No. 643.

Reserve Officer Ward E. Neily, of Division 5, having been commended by his captain for prompt action and intelligence shown in rescuing a person from death by suffocation on the evening of the seventh instant, he is hereby commended in General Orders, and granted two days' additional vacation.

November 29, 1899.

General Order No. 644.

General Order No. 634, issued for the direction of police officers on duty at the State election on the seventh of November, current, is by this order continued in full force for the direction of police officers on duty at the municipal election on Tuesday, December twelfth, current.

HOUSES ORDERED VACATED.

The list of houses ordered vacated during November, 1899, by the Board of Health is as follows:

12 Crescent place.
2 Savage court.
37 Edinboro' street.
11 Willard street.
10 Minot street.
60 Maverick street.
1380 Columbus avenue.
1382 Columbus avenue.
1384 Columbus avenue.
192 London street.
107 Leverett street.
87 Lowell street.
176 Bremen street.
3 Green street.
83 Endicott street.
314 Shawmut avenue.
32 Billerica street.
49 Billerica street.
11 Crescent street.
2 Crescent place.
44 Wall street.
97 Spring street.
9 Coleman street.
7 and 9 South Margin street.
98 Meridian street.
72 Brighton street.
Rear of 21 Porter street.
1 Kennard court.
Grove street first right from Washington street.

There were no houses ordered demolished during the month of November.

The Chicago Drainage Canal will have the water turned into it the present month. The total expenditures on the canal to date have been about \$28,000,000 and \$4,000,000 more must yet be expended to complete the work. The canal is about thirty-five miles long.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, December 4, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Sale of School Lot.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 28, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the School Committee surrendering the Paul Gore-street lot, Jamaica Plain, and recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

June 13, 1899.

Ordered, That the Paul Gore-street lot, in Jamaica Plain, be surrendered to the City Council for immediate sale, the said lot being no longer required for school purposes, and that the proceeds of such sale be appropriated for the purpose of adding six additional rooms upon the Wyman School in the Lowell District.

Passed.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be authorized to sell the Paul Gore-street lot, in Jamaica Plain, surrendered by the School Committee on June 13, 1899, as being no longer required for school purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto—Illuminated Sign.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 4, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board at its last meeting granting permission to George M. Potter to project an illuminated sign three feet from the building at 2143 Washington street.

As stated by me in former communications, I am of the opinion that two feet is the utmost limit to which illuminated signs should be allowed to project from buildings, and this limit has been adhered to in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The vote whereby the permit was granted was reconsidered, and the Board refused to

grant permission over the Mayor's veto, the vote being—yeas, 0; nays, 8.

Veto—Garbage Plant Nuisance.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 29, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval the order passed by your Board assuming to direct the Board of Health and the City Solicitor to take legal proceedings against the New England Sanitary Product Company in relation to the business carried on by it, under its contract with the city, at Cow Pasture. An order of this character should clearly be passed by both branches of the City Council before it can have any effect, and such an order passed by a single branch can have no effect except as an expression of its opinion.

But, aside from this objection to the order in the form in which it comes to me, I may as well state that I should not be prepared to approve it at the present time, even if it had been passed by both branches. The report of the Board of Health, to which the order refers, was made several months ago, and, without admitting that the conditions even at that time were such as to constitute a legal nuisance, I am satisfied that they have now very greatly improved, if, indeed, all ground for reasonable complaint has not been substantially removed. At the present time, the residue or tankage which remains after the grease has been extracted is being burned within the building, instead of loaded upon scows and towed away, and I believe this has done away with one source of trouble under certain atmospheric conditions. From the best information which I can obtain I do not believe that this plant is being conducted at the present time "in a manner objectionable to public health and comfort," and I therefore do not believe there is sufficient ground for the legal action proposed.

My general position in regard to the operation of this plant was fully expressed in my message to your Board under date of October 30 (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 44, page 724), and I need not go over the ground again in acting upon this order. I may add that it seems to me that the time immediately preceding a municipal election is the worst that could be selected for pressing a matter of this character, which should be dealt with with entire impartiality, and with due deliberation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Later, the vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered, and the order was passed, the veto of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary, notwithstanding—yeas, 9; nays, 3.

Veto—Location of Telegraph Poles.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, November 29, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval the order passed by your Board rescinding its former order granting permission to the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company to locate thirteen poles on West Cottage street. The location of these telegraph poles on this street was recommended by the Wire Commissioner, in substitution for the poles on Columbia road, which had to be removed, and it hardly seems to me proper to compel the company to take down new poles, erected under authority granted by your Board only last July. I believe, furthermore, that if this location is to be rescinded, some other alternative location should be provided at the same time, in order that there may be no interruption threatened in the through business of this company, for which these poles are used. I have been unable to inspect these poles as located, so as to give due weight to the objections which are urged against them; but it seems to me that no serious harm can result from allowing this matter to be taken up again by the next Board of Aldermen.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Later the vote, whereby the order was passed, was reconsidered; and the order was passed, the veto of his Honor the Mayor to the contrary, notwithstanding—yeas, 9; nays, 3.

North End Relief Station.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 4, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the President of the Board of Trustees of the City Hospital, requesting that the boundaries of the portion of the lot of land transferred to the city by the Boston Transit Commission, under the provisions of Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1897, which was placed under the charge of the Hospital Department, be fixed by you, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order, accomplishing this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL.

December 4, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: In compliance with your request, and and in accordance with the vote of the Honorable City Council, approved by yourself November 29, 1899, I have the honor to state that the portion of land desired by the Trustees of the Hospital for the purpose of constructing a relief and ambulance sta-

tion is as follows: The parcel of land transferred to the City of Boston by the Boston Transit Commission under the provisions of Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1897, bounded as follows: On the west by Canal street; on the south by Haymarket square; on the east by the land of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and on the north by a line parallel to the line on Haymarket square, and 120 feet therefrom.

I transmit herewith a blue print of the land that reverted from the Boston Transit Commission to the City of Boston, and the portion desired by the Trustees is that included in the bright red tracing.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

A. SHUMAN,

President of the Trustees.

Ordered, That the boundaries of the lot of land placed by an order approved November 29, 1899, under the charge of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, to be used for the erection thereon of a relief ambulance station, be fixed and approved as follows: On the west by Canal street, 120 feet; on the south by Haymarket square fifty-nine feet; on the east by the westerly wall of the subway, and on the north by a line parallel to and distant 120 feet from Haymarket square.

Passed. Sent down.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, submitting the following appointments subject to approval and confirmation on the part of the Board, viz.:

(1.) Edmund Billings an Overseer of the Poor in the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1902.

(2.) Joseph Rourke a Measurer of Grain and Inspector of Pressed and Bundled Hay and Straw, for the term ending April 30, 1900. Severally laid over under the law.

City Government Orders.**ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.**

By the City Council.

The following were approved November 29, 1899:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Willard Welsh the sum of \$178.34, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Wentworth street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2501, fol. 56.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles A. Gleason the sum of \$176.70, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on north side of Farrington street, lot 40, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2582, fol. 36.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John E. Gilcreast the sum of \$381.35, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 142-144 Lincoln street for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2583, fol. 120.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John E. Gilcreast the sum of \$282.55, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 148 Lincoln street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2583, fol. 121.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Frederick W. Hassam the sum of \$73, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Savin Hill avenue and Grampian way for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2580, fol. 103.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Frank Brewster the sum of \$107.50, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Willis street for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 100.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward A. McLaughlin the sum of \$111.97, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Keith street (Lot 140) for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 615.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward A. McLaughlin the sum of \$111.77, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Keith street (Lot 139) for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 613.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edgar G. Fisher the sum of \$98.95, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, for the sale of an estate on Spencer street for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2499, fol. 578.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Solomon A. Bolster the sum of \$207.65, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate, 77 Longwood avenue, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 363.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Solomon A. Bolster the sum of \$29.30, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate, 140 Ward street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 593.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Anna Horrigan the sum of \$110.80, being the amount held by the city

under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate, 75 Decatur street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2583, fol. 145.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Norman F. Garland the sum of \$50, being the expense incurred on account of a suit brought against him for his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Herbert I. Nickerson the sum of \$106.13, being the amount of judgment and costs in a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; the said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Joseph O. Hodgkins the sum of \$45.60, being the amount of judgment and costs in a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to George A. Jordan the sum of \$244.18, being the amount of judgment and costs in a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to Aaron D. Weld estate to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Weld street, corner of Church street, Ward 23, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for a stable.

Ordered, That 2,500 extra copies of the message from His Honor the Mayor transmitting the report of the Committee on Penal Aspects of Drunkenness, together with the said report, be printed, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Printing Department.

Ordered, That the salaries of all city and county employees on monthly pay-rolls be allowed and paid on or before Wednesday, November 22, in anticipation of the December draft, and for the month of December on or before Saturday, December 23, in anticipation of the January draft, and the heads of departments are hereby directed to submit pay-rolls to the City Auditor in season to have this order carried into effect.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved November 29, 1899:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Robert Reynolds, sign, 43 Warren street, Ward 18.

Downing & Dodge, illuminated sign, 158 Court street, Ward 6.

J. H. Newbegin, sign, 852 Washington street, Ward 9.

Raphael Nazzaro, illuminated sign, 282 North street, Ward 6.

Chang Toy and Sam Yick, sign, 9½ Cambridge street, Ward 8.

Rosary Chiccolo, barber-pole, 36 Beach street, Ward 7.

Upham's Corner Universalist Church, temporary transparency, Wheelock Hall, Columbia road.

William A. Beckett, illuminated sign, 7 North Anderson street, Ward 8.

William Beeching & Co., sign, 3 John street, Ward 6.

Ira P. Pope, sign, 82 Lincoln street, Ward 7.

Frank Landino, sign, 20 South Margin street, Ward 8.

J. J. Delaney, illuminated sign, 1651 Washington street, Ward 12.

Eckel Herman, pawnbroker's sign, 158 Merrimac street, Ward 8.

George M. Potter, illuminated sign at 2143 Washington street.

Harry Myers, illuminated sign at 106 Court street, Ward 6.

Permits for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.: Bunker Hill Chapter, D.A.R., for the use of Faneuil Hall on the afternoon and evening of January 1, 1900.

Public School Association, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on December 8, at noon.

Orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalk, to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, owner to furnish material, as follows:

M. Scheffreen, 127-133 Moreland street, and 49 Dennis street, Ward 17, of artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

M. Scheffreen, 19-29 Huckins street, Ward 17, of artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Charles R. Marsh, 229 Highland street, Ward 22, of brick, with granite edgestone.

Anna Rome, 14-16 Morris street, Ward 1, of brick, with granite edgestone.

J. D. Steuer, 811 Beacon street, Ward 11, of gravel, with granite edgestone.

Samuel W. Johnson, 149 West Eighth street, Ward 13, of brick, with granite edgestone.

John J. Martin, 178-180 Eighth street, Ward 15, of brick, with granite edgestone.

August Huckins, 17 Huckins street, Ward 17, of brick, with granite edgestone.

Henry M. Leen, 87-89 Bowdoin avenue, Ward 20, of gravel, with granite edgestone.

Walter Baldwin, 10-16 Minden street, Ward 22, of brick.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Mrs. L. J. O'Toole to lay, maintain and use a 1½-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached thereto, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 874 Harrison avenue, Ward 12; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John C. Haynes to lay, maintain and use a 1½-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 333-335 Warren street, Ward 21; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Frank G. Coburn & Co. to stretch, maintain and use guy-ropes over and across Eutaw, Trenton, Brooks and Marion streets, Ward 1, for use in constructing the Chapman

School building; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Cutting, Bardwell & Co. to erect, maintain and use one guy-post, with ropes attached thereto, in and over Congress street, at or near the corner of A street, Ward 13, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Board of Index Commissioners for the County of Suffolk is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$8,000 in the preparation of new consolidated and classified descriptive indices to Suffolk Deeds, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Charles P. Johnson the sum of \$233.33, being a payment for services as court officer, pro tempore, at the Municipal Court of the City of Boston for the District of West Roxbury, from February 14 to June 1, 1881; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice, by advertising the same as required by law, that meetings of the male citizens of this city, qualified to vote for city officers, will be held in the several polling places heretofore designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday the twelfth day of December next, for the election of a Mayor to serve for two years; also a Street Commissioner to serve for three years; also thirteen Aldermen, one in each Aldermanic District, except in the fourth and ninth Aldermanic Districts, in each of which last named districts two will be chosen — all to serve for one year; also eight members of the School Committee to serve for three years; and for three members of the Common Council to serve for one year; also to give in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to each of the three following questions:

"Shall Chapter 398 of the Acts of the year 1899, entitled 'An Act to authorize the replacing of street-car tracks on Boylston and Tremont streets, in the City of Boston,' be accepted?"

"Shall Chapter 344 of the Acts of the year 1899, entitled 'An Act to make eight hours a day's work for city and town employees' be accepted?"

"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city?"

The City Clerk is also directed to give notice, as aforesaid, that meetings of the female citizens of this city, qualified to vote for School Committee, will be held on the same day and in the same places, to give in their votes for eight members of the School Committee to serve for three years.

The polls at said meetings will be opened at 6 o'clock A.M. and closed at 4 o'clock P.M.

The following were approved December 1, 1899:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Adams street,

beginning at Neponset avenue and connecting with company's tracks on said avenue, thence on said Adams street to a point at or near Minot street, there connecting with other tracks asked for by said company; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated October 6, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location and shall agree in writing to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is hereby further granted to the said company to establish and maintain the overhead trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed by, or that may hereafter be conferred on, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. & P. M. Ahern to move a wooden building, pitch roof, thirty feet in length, by forty-eight in width, by thirty-four feet in height, from Orchard place, corner of Boston street, across Boston street and along Clapp street to 11 Clapp street, Ward 16, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Tutuila, the Samoan island which falls to the United States in the recent arrangement completed between Germany and England, has an area of fifty-four square miles and a population of 4,000.

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building a temporary bridge around Malden bridge over the Mystic river were opened at the office of the City Engineer on November 13, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Benjamin Young	\$28,867
William J. Lawler	29,292
George Hayes & Co.	29,950
W. H. Ellis & Co.	32,543

The contract was awarded to Benjamin Young.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Metropolitan Water Board.

The contract for stripping 650,000 cubic yards of surface soil from 313 acres in the Wachusett Reservoir, proposals for which were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Water Board on November 17, 1899 (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 47, page 761) has been awarded to Long & Little, the next to the lowest bidder, on their bid of \$238,500.60.

School Committee.

The contract for furnishing the Mechanic Arts High School, proposals for which were opened by the Committee on School-houses on October 25, 1899 (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 47, page 761), has been awarded to the Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Company on its bid of \$989.50.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at the office of the Trustees in City Hall on Friday, December 1, 1899, at 12.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Brackett, Morse, Fallon, Hersey and Atteaux.

The question of the erection of a monument to the British officers and soldiers who fell at Bunker Hill, in the Central Burial-ground, Boston Common, was discussed, and it was

Voted, To send a statement of the Department's position in the matter to all the daily papers. (For statement see page 777.)

Voted, That the Chairman have authority to settle with the contractors of the chapel now building at Mt. Hope Cemetery, for extra limestone used in the construction of said chapel.

Voted, That there be paid to the Chelmsford Foundry Company the sum of \$1,500 for labor and material on account of fence at Evergreen Cemetery.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, November 10, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, De Normandie, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Communication from the Mayor, dated November 4; the Acting Librarian's report.

Service changes: Harry F. Mayer, grade D, issue department, resigned November 4; C. Thomas Hogan, employed to fill the vacancy, grade E, \$3.50 per week, November 7.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to general appropriation, \$8,783.49; to trust funds \$554.75; to "Broadway Extension, Improvements" appropriation, \$70.62.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$303.20; to trust funds, \$464.92; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$18.24; miscellaneous articles, \$429.74; also a list of books in the Samoan language to the amount of £15 8s. 6d.

Voted, To accept as a gift from Mr. Ames, the box taken from the corner-stone of the old library building.

Friday, November 17, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, De Normandie, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: The Acting Librarian's report.

The Acting Librarian was authorized to expend \$25 a month for a period of one year, for the preservation of manuscripts belonging to the Library.

One application for a special privilege card was granted.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$439.22; to trust funds, \$268.97; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$31.63; to Station "P," \$38.62; miscellaneous articles, \$287.87.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Park Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners.

November 20, 1899.

The Board took two parcels of land in Roslindale belonging to Edward Orchard and Richard Hewitson, and to the heirs or devisees of John Pearce, for a playground, containing 157,887 square feet.

November 27, 1899.

Voted, That the elevations above seventy feet in height, shown on a plan of building proposed to be erected on the Fenway, for the Boston Medical Library Association, be approved.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, November 6, 1899.

The sixty-second regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square, on Monday, November 6.

Voted, That in accordance with the recommendation of the visiting medical staff, Dr. J. W. Judd be appointed to the position of house-officer in the Long Island Hospital, his salary to date from January 1, 1900.

Voted, That in accordance with the recommendation of the visiting medical staff, Dr. H. A. Lothrop be appointed to the position of second assistant surgeon on the visiting staff of the Long Island Hospital.

Voted, That the Board has received with much satisfaction the proposition from the visiting medical staff that a weekly visit of the visiting surgeons to the Long Island Hospital is contemplated, and that, in view of the strengthening the staff, it is hoped that an arrangement for such weekly visits may be made.

The Superintendent of Long Island gave an interesting report in regard to the fire-service and fire-drill at Long Island. A regular fire-drill has been held every Saturday at 11 A.M., and through its agency the condition of the hose and hydrants is ascertained, and the officers and inmates are prepared for any emergency. On the occasion of the last drill, the alarm was given from the barn, and in thirty seconds an inside stream was playing; in a minute and a half the hose was run to the roof, and in six minutes the "all-out" signal was given.

The Superintendent reported the illness of Dr. A. A. Taft, first medical officer at Long Island; also an injury sustained by Mr. Moynahan, farmer, while unloading slate at the wharf.

The Superintendent of Long Island and Mr. Gilman, of the Registration Department, reported as to the case of John J. Malley.

The question of general policy in regard to payment for patients desiring to be admitted to the Ruland Hospital for Consumptives was referred to the Finance Committee.

Voted, That Mr. David Jacobs be employed as assistant clerk in the Long Island Institution, at a salary of \$20 per month.

Voted, That in order to increase the efficiency of the nursing service by requiring less arduous duties of the nurses and probationers, three housemaids be engaged for service in the Long Island Hospital.

The Superintendent of Long Island reported that the steamer "John Howard" will shortly be laid off for repairs incident to the placing of a new boiler. The hiring of a boat for temporary service was authorized.

A letter from Mr. Cottle, of the Electrical Division, concerning the need of repair to the telephone poles, was referred to the Superintendent of Long Island, with power.

A letter from Surgeon-General Sternberg was read, stating that payment for the treatment of sick soldiers of the United States Army at Long Island from September 13 to December 30, 1899 (in all 2,225 days), will be made. The bill for \$2,225 has been approved and sent to the Auditor for the War Department, with a recommendation for audit and settlement. No reduction has been made.

The following appointments, with the monthly salaries stated, were confirmed:

William Barry, assistant farmer, \$25; Bridget Murphy, cook, \$25; Emma Grandstadt, cook, \$25; Maggie Riley, salary increased to \$20; Cassie McNeil, housemaid, \$15; Agnes J. Rogers, probationer, \$10; Theresa Carr, probationer, \$10; Mary Shafner, probationer, \$10.

The following statement in regard to admissions was received:

Admitted in October, 1898	108
Admitted in October, 1899	72
Decrease	36

On October 22, 1898, fifteen persons were admitted to Long Island, among whom were eight men, each of whom had been there more than ten times. During the whole month of October, 1899, there have been but three persons admitted who have had more than ten admissions. (Two of these were elderly women, the third a man of forty-two, who had injured his knee at work and was temporarily disabled.)

The following report from the Committee on Medical Department was read:

The Committee recommends to the Board that a head nurse and senior nurse (or two senior nurses) should be assigned to each wing of the Hospital, that one or the other may be always on duty.

The superintendent of nurses reported on the work of seven nurses, graduates of the Long Island Training School. With one exception all are doing hospital work, while the seventh is doing private nursing secured through a doctor in her native town.

Voted, That the recommendation of the Committee in regard to the assignment of nurses to each wing of the Hospital be accepted and adopted.

The question of employing a matron to care for the men's building was discussed, and it was

Voted, That the Superintendent of Long Island be empowered to employ a matron for the institution at a salary of \$25 per month.

Circular No. 66 from His Honor the Mayor was read and placed on file.

The Superintendent reported on the visit of the Lord Mayor of Dublin and Mr. Redmond to the Long Island Institutions.

The census for Long Island on November 6, 1899, is as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	78	141	219
Children	7	7	14
Women's building	-	185	185
Men's building	200	-	200
Totals	285	333	618
October 28, 1899	275	332	607

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Friday, November 3.

Awards were made of \$200 to Frederick S. Eldredge for damages occasioned by the laying out of Angell street, at West Roxbury, and of \$523.25 to Sumner Osgood for damages occasioned by the relocation of Spring street.

Orders were passed laying out Wordsworth street at East Boston, relocating Washington street at West Roxbury, and to build a sewer in Chesterfield street.

Monday, November 6.

Awards were made of \$700 to the heirs of John Wall for damages occasioned by the laying out of Homes avenue; of \$889 to the devisees under the will of George W. Tucker for damages occasioned by the relocation of Spring street; and of \$500 to the Curtis & Pope Lumber Company for damages occasioned by a taking made for the relocation of Stony brook.

Orders were received from the Common Council in regard to the laying out of Carleton street, and the extension of Alexander street.

It was voted to authorize changes on Board of Survey plans N 82, 83, Plat 9.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to extend Winthrop street; and orders were passed laying out an extension of Bird street, relocating Rutherford avenue, laying out Railroad, Dixfield and Templeton streets, and relocating Templeton street.

Tuesday, November 7.

Public hearings were given in the matters of relocating Hamilton street, and laying out Walworth street.

Awards were made of \$4,500 to Nancy J. Grose for damages occasioned by the laying out of Leeds street, and of \$494 to Jane Breen for damages occasioned by the relocation of Francis street; and it was voted to agree with Catherine Elms upon the sum of \$10,000 as payment for her estate on Norfolk street, taken for school purposes.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Walton street.

A taking was made for the relocation of Stony brook, near the Jamaica Plain station.

Wednesday, November 8.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the relocation of Morton street, at Dorchester and West Roxbury.

A taking was made for a conduit for Matapan brook, at Mattapan station.

A petition was received for the widening on Beech street, at West Roxbury.

Thursday, November 9.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built on Claybourne, Washington, Park, Burrell, Rill, Coleridge and Pond streets.

Friday, November 10.

Awards were made of \$1,000 to Mary E. Sullivan for damages occasioned by the laying out of West Selden street; of \$75 to Clara G. Smith for damages occasioned by the relocation of Amory street; and of \$6,800 to William Berwin, for damages occasioned by the relocation of Boston street.

A sewer was ordered to be built in John A. Andrew street; and an order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Rockville street, with the name of Rexford street.

A petition was received for a sewer in Orient avenue.

Tuesday, November 14.

On advice of the Law Department, awards were voted of \$20,600.60 to Arthur Timmins for damages occasioned by an extension of

Chester street, and of \$3,523.50 to Cora F. Sawyer for damages occasioned by the laying out of an extension of Park street.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Public Alley No. 704; for a sewer in Newland street, and for the laying out of Faneuil street.

Wednesday, November 15.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out Blackwell street, at Dorchester.

Awards were made of \$125 to Samuel T. Cobb, jr. for damages occasioned by the laying out of Elizabeth street, and of \$100 to David Glavin for damages occasioned by the laying out of Burt street.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Moreland street.

Orders were passed laying out Aberdeen street, Pontiac street and Normandy street, and relocating Hancock street.

Awards were made of \$10,000 to G. H. L. Sharpe for damages occasioned by the laying out of Barry street; and of \$1,350 to L. W. Saltonstall and others for damages occasioned by the laying out of Barry street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending December 2, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.8
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	20.3
Number of deaths:	
Males	107
Females	99
Total	206
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	207
Decrease	1

Of the 206 decedents, 199 were white and 7 colored; 122 were born in the United States, 81 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 48 were of American parentage, 139 of foreign parentage, and the parentage of 19 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	91	8
Scarlatina	44	1
Typhoid fever	9	4
Measles	47	1
Totals	191	14

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	20
Pneumonia	38
Heart disease	26
Bronchitis	11
Marasmus	5
Violent causes	13
Total from principal causes	113
Total from infectious diseases	14
Total from other causes	79
Total from all causes	206
Deaths of children under 1 year	34
Deaths of children under 5 years	59
Deaths of persons over 60 years	47
Deaths in public institutions	48

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, December 1, 1899.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 in the Old Court House, at 11 o'clock A.M., of Friday, December 8, 1899, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plan numbered Ee 1, made by the Board of Survey, and filed January 3, 1894, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is in that part of Boston, formerly Dorchester, and is bounded, approximately, by the Dorchester park, Dorchester avenue and Richmond street.

JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
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JOHN P. DORE,
JOHN H. DUANE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
Street Commissioners.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

December 1, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 327 Columbus avenue, Ward 10, one bay window of the following description: To project from second story over Columbus avenue, ten feet above the street. Dimensions: Ten feet high, four feet six inches wide and eighteen inches over line of street.

ROSE ANDREWS HALE.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

December 4, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the eighteenth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto, may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Transcript and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 18, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on southerly corner of Huntington avenue and Kempton street, Ward 19, one bay window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over the corner of Huntington avenue and Kempton street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, seven feet wide and two feet six inches over line of street.

B. J. CONNOLLY, Dale Street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 27, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the eleventh day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

November 18, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building on northerly corner of Huntington avenue and Kempton street, Ward 19, one bay window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over the corner of Huntington avenue and Kempton street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, seven feet wide, and two feet six inches over line of street.

B. J. CONNOLLY, Dale street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

November 27, 1899.

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Passed.
A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.
Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

December 6, 1899.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Battery street be relocated as a highway, from Commercial street to the North Ferry, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-first day of December, 1899, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT.

CITY ELECTION.

City Clerk's Office, November 29, 1899.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1888, and any amendments thereof, notice is hereby given that meetings of the male citizens of this city, qualified to vote for city officers, will be held in the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of December next, and all such citizens will, on said date, in the several precincts in which they are entitled to vote, give in their votes for one able and discreet person to be Mayor for the term of two years; also for one able and discreet man to serve as a Street Commissioner for the term of three years; also for eight persons to be members of the School Committee to serve for the term of three years; also for one Alderman in each Aldermanic District for the ensuing year, except that in the Fourth and Ninth Aldermanic Districts two shall be elected in each of said districts, and each of said Aldermen shall be a qualified voter of the district in which he is elected; also for three able and discreet men, qualified voters of the ward in which they are voted for, to be members of the Common Council for the ensuing year.

They will also give in their votes "YES" or "NO" in answer to each of the three following questions:

"Shall Chapter 398 of the Acts of the year 1899, entitled 'An Act to authorize the replacing of street-car tracks on Boylston and Tremont Streets in the City of Boston'—be accepted?"

"Shall Chapter 344 of the Acts of the year 1899, entitled 'An Act to make eight hours a day's work for city and town employees'—be accepted?"

"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city?"

Notice is also hereby given to such female citizens of this city as are qualified to vote for the purpose to assemble at the same time and places, and give in their votes for eight persons to be members of the School Committee to serve for the term of three years.

The polls at said meetings will be opened at 6 o'clock A.M. and closed at 4 o'clock P.M.

Said Chapter 398 of the Acts of 1899 is as follows: An Act to Authorize the Replacing of Street-car Tracks on Boylston and Tremont streets in the City of Boston.

Section 1. The West End Street Railway Company, and the Boston Elevated Railway Company as its agent, are hereby authorized to replace upon that part of Tremont street between Boylston street and Scollay square, and upon that part of Boylston street between Park square and Tremont street, the surface tracks which were removed in accordance with the order of the Boston Transit Commission under the provisions of Section thirty-five of Chapter five hundred and forty-eight of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and to use the said tracks for the running of street cars. Said tracks shall be replaced upon such locations upon said streets as the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston upon petition of the West End Street Railway Company or its duly authorized attorney shall determine; and said Board of Aldermen may grant to the West End Street Railway Company locations for suitable connections with any tracks now owned or operated by it, or by its lessee, in said Boylston and Tremont streets, or in any street or streets adjacent thereto. Said locations may be revoked by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston in the same manner as said Board is now permitted by law to revoke other locations of the West End Street Railway in said city.

Section 2. So much of Section thirty-five of said Chapter five hundred and forty-eight as directs or authorizes the Boston Transit Commission to order the removal of tracks of the West End Street Railway Company from the streets, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act shall not take effect until the companies named in Section one shall file with the Auditor of the City of Boston an agreement under seal, to the effect that, for the purpose of determining the amount of compensation to be paid by said companies to said city under the contract dated December seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, between the City of Boston, acting by the Boston Transit Commission, and the West End Street Railway Company, any cars running over the locations hereby authorized which ought to have been run through the subway, in the proper use thereof under said contract, or which are in substitution for any cars which ought to have been so run, if the locations hereby provided for had not been granted, shall be considered as cars running through the subway under said contract; the number thereof, if any, to be determined by the Board of Railroad Commissioners, upon application of either party to said contract. But nothing herein shall be construed to affect the provisions of the contract between the Boston Elevated Railway Company and the City of Boston, dated December fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven; and this act shall not take effect, except for the purpose of filing the agreement above described, unless it shall be accepted by a majority of the voters of said city voting thereon at the municipal election in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Said Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1899 is as follows: An Act to Make Eight Hours a Day's Work for City and Town Employees.

Advertisements.

Section 1. Eight hours shall constitute a day's work for all laborers, workmen and mechanics now employed, or who may hereafter be employed, by or on behalf of any city or town in this Commonwealth.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act shall not take effect in any city or town until accepted by a majority of the voters voting thereon at an annual election. Such vote shall be taken by ballot. When so accepted this act shall take effect from the date of such acceptance.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDINANCES OF 1899, CHAPTER 3.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

RELATING TO TREES.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 47 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting a new section, to be Section 105 of said Chapter, and by renumbering Section 105 so as to be Section 106; said new section to be as follows:

"Section 105. No person shall attach any wire to a tree belonging to the city, or in any street, except by bending wire around a part of the tree, over blocks painted substantially the color of the tree, and so placed as to protect the tree from injury."

In Board of Aldermen, October 23, 1899.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

DAVID F. BARRY, Chairman.

In Common Council, November 2, 1899.

Concurred.

DANIEL J. KILEY, President.

Approved, November 4, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, December 4, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track on Commonwealth avenue in the Brighton District, so-called, beginning at and connecting with your petitioner's tracks at a point near the junction of said Commonwealth and Brighton avenues, thence extending westerly on said Commonwealth avenue to and connecting with the company's tracks on Chestnut Hill avenue, with all necessary curves, cross-overs and connections, and also curves connecting with your petitioner's tracks on Harvard avenue all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated November 27, 1899, and filed herewith.

Also for leave to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said Commonwealth avenue and connections, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the poles, wires, appliances, and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

This petition is filed at the request of the Street Department of said city as providing a better location for tracks on said avenue than that heretofore granted.

West End Street Railway Company,

By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney,

By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

December 4, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Brighton Item and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, December 4, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. Locations to be as shown on the map, or plan to be filed. A plan of locations granted is filed, dated November 28, 1899.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police-signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Parker street, from Cambridge street, Ward 4 (five poles).

Catawba street, from Sherman street, Ward 21 (four poles).

Sherman street, between Dale and Catawba streets, Ward 21 (three poles).

Dale street, corner of Sherman street, Ward 21 (one pole).

East Concord street, between St. James street and Washington street, Ward 12 (two poles).

McClellan street, from Blue Hill avenue, Ward 20 (eight poles).

Newport street, between Crescent avenue and Harbor View street, Ward 20 (five poles).

Stoughton street, between Everett avenue and Columbia road, Ward 20 (five poles).

To cover the location of the poles turned over to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts by the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company.

Also to remove two poles from East Concord street, between St. James street and Washington street, Ward 12.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

December 4, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Dorchester Beacon, THE CITY RECORD, Boston Journal, Boston Traveler, Charlestown Enterprise and Roxbury Gazette.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

NOTICE.

Boston, December 4, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned respectfully petition your Honorable Board for permission to lay tracks and to run cars and a locomotive thereon, on Gladstone street, Leyden street and Chelsea avenue, and Bennington street from Wordsworth street to the Revere town line, also in Saratoga street from Ford street to Bennington street, for the purpose of grading said Bennington street, according to the plans and directions of the Superintendent of Streets.

JONES & MEEHAN.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

December 4, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, East Boston Free Press and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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611 WASHINGTON STREET.

The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 1899, voted to confirm the appointment by His Honor the Mayor of Joseph Rourke to be a Measurer of Grain and an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term ending April 30, 1900.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to heads of departments has been issued by His Honor the Mayor:

Circular No. 69.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 13, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: Your attention is called to the provisions of Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1899, entitled "An act to make eight hours a day's work for city and town employees,"

which was accepted by a majority of the voters at the city election held yesterday. This act has, therefore, taken effect, and you are directed to fix the length of a day's work for "laborers, workmen and mechanics" at eight hours.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

The full text of Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1899, above referred to, may be found in the advertisement of the City Clerk, printed in No. 49 of THE CITY RECORD, page 788.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

The thirty-second annual report of the expenses and operation of the Engineering Department for the year ending January 31, 1899, has recently been submitted to His Honor Mayor Quincy. The report constitutes Document 12—1899, and from it the following abstract is made:

The duties of the City Engineer include the designing and superintending of the construction of new bridges, retaining walls, city wharves, and such other public engineering works as the City Council may authorize; the making of such surveys, plans, estimates, statements and descriptions, and taking such levels as the city government or any of its departments or committees may require; the custody of all surveys and plans relating to the laying-out, locating anew, altering, widening or discontinuing of streets; and the new engineering construction for all departments of the city. He must be consulted on all work where the advice of a civil engineer would be of service.

The Architectural Division of the Public Buildings Department was detached from that Department January 13, 1898, and placed under the Engineering Department. The work of this Division is that of a consulting or expert force.

The following is a statement of engineering expenses from February 1, 1898, to January 31, 1899:

Amount of Department appropriation for 1898-1899	\$75,000 00
Revenue	11 25
Transferred from surplus revenue,	4,829 60

Amount expended for 1898-99 . \$79,840 85

The Department has also had charge of the following mentioned work, on which the expenditures during the year have been, viz.:

Abolition of grade crossings:

Congress street	\$276,150 71
Dorchester avenue	6,337 20
South Union Station	58,840 13
Faneuil Hall Reconstruction	6,401 75

Total \$347,729 79

The annual inspection of all highway and foot bridges has been made, together with special examinations when notified by the Superintendent of Streets of the progress of repairs.

The management of all the bridges and draws between Cambridge and Boston, by the Acts of 1898, Chapter 467, is vested in a board of two commissioners, which now has charge of eight bridges, one-half the cost of maintenance being paid by each of these cities.

The following is a recapitulation of the bridges in Boston:

Number wholly supported by Boston . . .	65
Number of which Boston supports that part within its limits	14
Number of which Boston pays a part of the cost of maintenance	15
Number supported by railroad corporations	31

Total 125

Of the above total, twenty-seven bridges are over navigable waters, each of which is provided with a draw.

The report contains a brief account of each bridge in the city, with its condition and needs.

SURVEYING DIVISION.

The work of the Surveying Division has been of about the same volume as for the year 1897. Surveys in connection with sewerage works, ordered by the Street Commissioners, acting under Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, have continued through the year. Twenty plans have been made, showing surveys of the amount of land taken for sewer purposes for a total length of one and one-fifth miles, covering forty-one estates. Sewer plans have also been completed, showing proposed changes in brooks, streams, etc., for care of surface water, covering a distance of nearly seven miles, and showing land taken from 129 estates.

The survey of territory bounded by the Charles river, Beacon, Mt. Vernon, Temple, Lynde and Leverett streets, in connection with the preparation of plans showing the location of water-pipes, which was begun in July, 1897, has been completed.

Changes in the boundary lines between Boston and Newton, near Commonwealth

avenue and near Nonantum street; Boston and Cambridge, from Harvard bridge, and the West Boston bridge, through the Charles river; and Boston and Hyde Park, near Ashland street, authorized by the Legislature of 1898, have been made.

By order of the Street Commissioners, who were authorized by the Legislature to lay out as public alleys all passageways less than twenty-five feet in width, plans of fifty-eight public alleys, representing a length of 23,000 feet, have been prepared.

The Division has also furnished the frontages of all estates abutting on public streets within a radius of four miles from City Hall to be used in connection with the assessing the cost of street watering on abutters. The frontages of over 50,000 estates, representing a total length of 525 miles, were thus obtained.

Plans and surveys have also been made for the widening of Charlestown street in connection with the erection of the new Charlestown bridge; for the taking of various land for school purposes and for other public uses, including bath-house lots, gymnasium lot and an engine-house lot. Surveys of the various cemeteries are also in progress.

Plans and profiles representing a total length of 31.38 miles, showing 2,128 buildings, property-owners' names, established grades, areas of land taken, etc., have been completed for the Street Laying-out Department and for the Paving Division.

Estimates for the construction of eighteen streets have been submitted to the Street Commissioners. There are now filed with the Division 381 plans, showing proposed development of territory in outlying districts.

There have been made during the year 1,315 blue prints.

During 1898 the Surveying Division measured 76,991 feet of edgestone and 127,991 square yards of various kinds of paving.

ARCHITECT DIVISION.

The service of this Division has been in greater request during the year than in preceding years.

The duties of the Division are to furnish to the different departments information on all matters pertaining to the construction, alteration or equipment of buildings, and to prepare plans and superintend the work of construction. It also prepares the working plans for work performed by the Repairs Division of the Public Buildings Department and has general superintendence of the same.

The charge against other departments has in no case exceeded $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the cost of the work, whereas the regular architectural commission for much of this work would be 10 per cent., and in no case less than 5 per cent. The total cost of the Division for the year has been \$11,913.16, of which \$2,825.96 has been charged off to other departments, making its net cost to the Engineering Department \$9,087.20.

Plans and contracts for some twenty-seven buildings and alterations have been approved by the Division. Thirty-one reports on various matters have been submitted and thirty-three sketch plans of various architectural problems have been made.

The work performed and superintended for the various city departments by this

division during the year has cost \$288,622.42.

The City Engineer's reports to the Water Department and the Street Department are embodied in the general report, together with a report of miscellaneous work and construction during 1898.

The appendices are seven in number, and show the widths of openings for vessels in all bridges provided with draws; a table of accident and other plans made for the Law Department; a table of surveys, plans and profiles made by the Surveying Division; list of streets where lot frontages have been obtained for sewer assessments; property schedule of the Department; elevations referred to Boston city base and a list of the annual reports of the Department since 1867.

SHELTERS ON BRIDGES.

Two weeks ago Superintendent Wells of the Street Department received a petition signed by business houses having large numbers of employees, many of whom were women and girls, asking that shelters be provided on Congress-street and Summer-street bridges, as in the event of the draw sometimes remaining open for several minutes in cold and stormy weather persons waiting suffered from exposure. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 49, page 780.)

The suggestion received the approval of the Superintendent, and after conference with the City Engineer, the Architect's Division was requested to prepare a sketch in accordance with ideas suggested by the Superintendent. The uprights are of iron, the roof of heavy glass, the sides protected with windows, and the whole affair will be quite ornamental as well as useful. The estimate for building this kind of a shelter is \$1,000.

It is the purpose of the Superintendent to erect on the Congress-street bridge a much simpler and less expensive shelter, as this can be arranged for at once and as the bridge is an old one and will probably be rebuilt within a short time.

It is probable that similar arrangements will be made for the new Charlestown bridge, where, owing to the height of the bridge, the exposure in the cold and stormy weather for the minutes which it is necessary for the crowds to wait for the opening and closing of the draw is very considerable.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on January 9, 10 and 11, 1900, an examination will be held in this and other cities in the United States where it has a Board of Examiners for the position of architectural and structural steel draftsman.

All instruments used in this examination must be furnished by the applicants. The minimum age limitation for entrance to this examination is twenty years; no maximum.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to the position of architectural and structural steel draftsman in the bureau of yards and docks, Navy Department, in the yards and docks department at Boston, Mass., and at League Island, Pa., the first two at a salary of \$4. per diem each and the last named at a salary of \$4.50 per diem.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., or E. E. Stebbins, Secretary Board of Civil Service Examiners, Room 141, Post Office building, Boston, Mass., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington.

The Department has stated that it desires for these positions men who are proficient in structural steel work as applied to architectural construction.

NEW HEAD HOUSE, SOUTH FERRY.

To inquiries made at the office of the Superintendent of Streets as to the cause of delay in building the new head house at the South Ferry, East Boston side, Superintendent Wells states that in planning for the new structure, it was found necessary to go outside of the present City of Boston premises and secure additional land. The plans, as first drawn, it was found took in property which could not be secured at any reasonable price. The plans were then changed, and it was thought that the arrangements to secure a certain parcel belonging to the Boston and Maine Railroad would be satisfactorily effected. Pending the formal transfer of the land, bids for the construction of the head-house were called for, and the contract would have been awarded some weeks ago but for the fact that the Board of Directors of the Boston and Maine refused to agree to the proposition. Since then a slight change in the property line has been made, which in no way affects the plans of the city, but which is considered of some importance to the railroad, and there is every reason to believe that an agreement will be reached at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. The contract will then be formally awarded and work immediately commenced, so that it now looks as if this long waited for and much needed improvement would be realized.

The plans for the new head-house provide for a most attractive as well as convenient and comfortable structure.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Wednesday, December 13, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Appointment of Constable.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 13, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Richard H. Eustis a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of John J. Sullivan, whose resignation from the position of Constable was accepted on November 28, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

Appointments of Pauper Institutions Trustee and Institutions Registrar.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 6, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby notified, in order that it may become a matter of record, that I have this day appointed Mr. Ubert K. Pettingill a member of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees, to take the place of Professor William T. Sedgwick, who has resigned, and whose resignation has been accepted, to take effect to-day.

You are also notified that I have this day appointed Prof. William T. Sedgwick, Institutions Registrar for the term ending April 30, 1900, to serve, in accordance with his own desire, without pay. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 49, pages 773 and 774.)

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Salary for the Examiner of Claims.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 13, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith, and I recommend to your favorable consideration, a communication received from the Board of Police, recommending the passage of an order increasing the salary of William H. Dyer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

December 13, 1899.

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

SIRS: The Board of Police on this date has passed the enclosed vote, increasing the salary of William H. Dyer, who has been detailed for twenty-two years to examine evidence relative to claims against the city. The Board feel that his industry, intelligence and experience are deserving of the increase, and ask your concurrence in the said action.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT F. CLARK, Chairman.

Voted, That the salary of William H. Dyer, captain, detailed to examine the evidence in claim cases against the City of Boston be increased from two thousand (2,000) dollars per year to twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars per year, to commence on Friday, December 15, 1899.

Passed. Sent down.

Widening of Rutherford Avenue.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 4, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

In reply to the order adopted by your body relative to the widening of Rutherford avenue, Ward 5, I have to state that I have approved the plans for the widening of this avenue, and that the order of the Street Commissioners for such widening was passed November 6 of this year, and is now before me; the only reason why I have been unable to approve this order has been because the land damages alone, as estimated by the Street Commissioners, amount to more than the total amount appropriated, and the signing of the order by me would therefore result in incurring a liability without a sufficient appropriation to meet it, which is forbidden by law. The appropriation for widening this avenue is only \$200,000, while the estimated land damages alone amount to \$265,000, and the estimated cost of construction amounts to \$35,000 additional. As this expenditure must be met by loan appropriation within the debt limit, there is no way of adding to the appropriation until the beginning of the next calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Assigned to the next meeting.

Snow Dump at Warren Bridge.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 13, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a letter from the Superintendent of Streets in relation to providing a snow dump at Warren bridge. As this is a matter of pressing importance, I recommend the passage of the accompany-

ing order, providing the sum of \$2,200, which is all of the remaining borrowing capacity for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, December 8, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I would respectfully request that action be taken by the City Council to provide a sufficient appropriation for the building of a snow dump at Warren bridge. Plans have been drawn, and I am prepared to call for bids for a structure which will permit the dumping of snow outside the roadway and sidewalk lines.

The saving in time will be very considerable, and the scarcity of suitable dumps makes this a very important item in the handling of large masses of snow.

I think an appropriation of, say, \$3,500, would be sufficient.

The War Department and the Harbor and Land Commissioners have already given their consent to the building of this addition to the present bridge structure.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend the sum of twenty-two hundred (2,200) dollars in building a snow dump at Warren bridge, and that to meet this appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto — Storm Doors at Store of Samuel Ward Company.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 8, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval a vote passed by your Board granting permission to the Samuel Ward Company to place storm doors, swinging outward, at 49 Franklin street, Ward 7.

I very much doubt whether the city can legally grant permission to use a portion of a public street in the manner proposed; but, entirely apart from this question, the danger to the public because of the liability of these doors to be suddenly and unexpectedly swung open over the sidewalk, seems to me a sufficient reason for withholding my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Proceeds from Care of Sick Soldiers at Long Island.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 13, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees

requesting that the sum of \$2,225, which the city expects to receive from the War Department for the care of sick soldiers at Long Island, be credited to the appropriation for their Department. Inasmuch as this amount represents actual expenditures by the Trustees for a purpose entirely outside of those for which their Department appropriation was made, and inasmuch as there is no margin in their appropriation to provide for such extra expenditures, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order. A similar order reimbursing the Hospital Department for the amounts expended by it in caring for soldiers at the City Hospital has already been passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

28 Court Square, December 11, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor of Boston.

DEAR SIR: I would respectfully call your attention to the bill for the care of United States soldiers, who were sent to the Long Island Hospital for treatment during the period from September 13 to December 30, 1898. The total amount of the bill is \$2,225. This amount has been approved by the Surgeon-general of the United States Army and forwarded by him to the Auditor for the War Department, Washington, D.C., and it will doubtless shortly be paid to the City of Boston. Under the circumstances, as this amount was actually expended by the Pauper Institutions Trustees, it would seem that this sum should be passed to the credit of the Long Island Institutions, and I would request that such action be taken by the City Council.

I subjoin an extract from the Annual Report of the Pauper Institutions Trustees for the year 1898:

"Sixty-one United States soldiers, almost all of them members of the regular army, were sent to Long Island for care and treatment, notice having previously been given that they might be expected, and it is gratifying to know that, though many of the soldiers were seriously ill at the time they were sent to Long Island (thirteen of them having typhoid fever and many others suffering from malarial fever) not a single death occurred."

The care and treatment of the soldiers entailed unusual expenses, for which this charge of \$2,225 was made. The Pauper Institutions Department would be glad to have this matter acted upon as soon as possible, in order that the account may be closed.

Very truly yours,

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sums received by the city from the Government of the United States for the care of soldiers at Long Island be credited to the appropriation for Pauper Institutions Department, Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island.

Passed. Sent down.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, December 7, 1899, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley in the chair, and a quorum present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Parkway Connection.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 7, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reply to your order requesting the Board to prepare a plan of a boulevard or parkway connecting the Dorchester District with the proposed parkway in Atlantic, in the City of Quincy.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have received the order of the City Council requesting this Board to prepare a plan of a boulevard or parkway connecting the Dorchester District with the proposed parkway or boulevard in Atlantic in the City of Quincy, to be laid out by the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners, and the same will receive our careful consideration.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Sent down.

Playground for Games.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 7, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, in reply to your order requesting them to put the Columbus-avenue playground in order for football and other games.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

December 4, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have received the order of the Common Council requesting us to put the property lately acquired for a playground on Columbus avenue in order for football and other games.

As this Board had no money which we could apply to this purpose, we asked the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, August 14, for the sum of \$500, and since then we have again renewed our request, but without avail.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved December 4, 1899:

Ordered, That the Board of Police, be and hereby is, authorized and directed to allow and pay to Mary E. Cunningham, widow of the late Patrolman Frank Cunningham, deceased April 27, 1899, an annuity of three hundred (300) dollars per annum, as provided, by Section 2 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1887.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved December 4, 1899:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, be authorized to issue a permit to William H. J. Stone, to construct, maintain, and use an area, twenty-five inches square, with an opening twelve inches in diameter and iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Corinth street, at the corner of Poplar street, Ward 23; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to M. J. McKenna to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening five feet by three and one-half feet, with wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate, 99-101 Washington street, corner Austin street, Ward 5; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The following were approved December 5, 1899:

Permit to the Republican City Committee for the use of Faneuil Hall on December 11, at noon.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Daniel J. Byrne, campaign transparency, Boylston street, Ward 22.

Simon Davidson, illuminated sign, 18 Temple place, Ward 7.

Harry Parker, illuminated sign, 26 Bromfield street, Ward 7.

Charles A. Heintz, sign, 10 East Springfield street, Ward 12.

Pitts, Kimball Co., two Christmas trees, front of second story of store, 609-615 Washington street, Ward 7.

T. F. McCarthy, illuminated sign, 603 Washington street, Ward 7.

Pierce J. Grace, illuminated sign, Columbia Theatre.

William S. Mulligan, illuminated sign, 669 Atlantic avenue, Ward 7.

B. Sommer & Co., illuminated sign, 44 Winter street, Ward 7.

Rupert W. Parker, illuminated sign, 1641 Washington street, Ward 12.

G. W. Watts, jr., two barber poles, 87½ Joy street, Ward 11.

Henry Gediman, campaign transparency, 50 Leverett street, Ward 8.

Dominic La Grotto, two barber poles and a sign, 46 Staniford street, Ward 8.

G. H. Worcester & Co., illuminated sign at 27 Exchange street, Ward 6.

Permit to erect a bay-window, viz.:

Florence E. Creed, one bay-window from building 197-199 Dorchester street, corner West Seventh street, Ward 15.

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates, said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestone, the owners to furnish said materials, viz.:

Mary Doherty, 28-30 Rand street, Ward 16; of brick.

George Wheatland, 813-815 Beacon street, Ward 11; of artificial stone.

Mrs. A. V. Moore, 3 Schuyler street, Ward 21; of brick.

Roger Regan, 27 Bellflower street, Ward 16; of brick.

Charles J. Bower, 1, 2, 3, 4 Covington street, Ward 15; of brick.

Felix Smith, 11-17 Wabeno street, Ward 21; of brick.

George H. Gibby, 52, 52A, 54, 54A West Eagle street, Ward 1; of brick.

Patrick Neylon, 23 Bellflower street, Ward 16; of brick.

Atherton Brown, corner of Atlantic avenue and Summer street, Ward 7; of artificial stone.

A. C. Burrage, 325-327 Newbury street, Ward 11; of brick.

H. W. Cunningham, 47-59 Sargent street, Ward 16; of brick.

On petition of Catherine Curran, Annie M. Curran, Catherine J. Curran and Michael M. Curran that the Board of Aldermen estimate and determine the damages to them, caused by the taking on August 28, 1899, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, of their land on Beacham street, Charlestown, as in said petition is more fully set forth, on which land there is a mortgage owned by Helen I. Eldridge, it now appearing that due notice has been given to the said railway company and to said mortgagee of the pendency of said petition, it is, after due consideration, hereby

Ordered, That the damages sustained by the owners of said estate and by said mortgagee, as aforesaid, be estimated and determined at the sum of \$1 each.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to G. W. Berry, jr., the sum of \$3.75 in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs October 31, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That coasting be allowed, during the present winter, under such restrictions as the Board of Police may deem proper to impose, in the following-named streets:

City Proper—Branch, Allen, Brighton, Spring, Poplar, North Grove, North Russell, Billerica, Cooper, Pitts, Norman, North Margin, Hull, Charter, Sheafe, Myrtle, and North Bennet streets, Chambers street, between Poplar and Spring streets, and Albany street, from Way street to Dover street.

East Boston—Princeton, Jeffries, Cottage, Sumner, Monmouth, and Trenton streets.

South Boston—East Third street, between I and M streets; East Third street, between N and P streets; East Fourth

street, between G and Atlantic streets; East Fifth street, between I and K streets, West Fifth street, between Dorchester and E streets; West Sixth street, between Dorchester and E streets; East Seventh street, between G and H streets; East Broadway, between N and O streets; F street, between West Third and West First streets; M street, between East Third and East First streets; Silver street, between C and Dorchester streets, Linden and Pacific streets.

Roxbury—Phillips, Walden, Holborn, Wait, Langdon, Clarence, Shirley, Ambrose, Magnolia, Seaver, Bainbridge, Hazelwood, Belden, Hillside, Gay Head, Haskins, Kenilworth, Laurel, Dewey, Norfolk, Fairland, Wyoming, Gaston, St. Alphonsus and Linwood streets, Elm Hill, Westminster and Woodward avenues, Hartford and Brookford streets, crossing Howard avenue, Moreland street east of Blue Hill avenue and Highland street, between Hawthorn and Centre streets.

West Roxbury—Egleston, Oakdale, Kirtledge, Newbern, Rockview, Fairfield, Walnut Hill, Birch, Walk Hill, Rockwood, Ridge, Florence and Cornwall streets, Peter Parley road, Chestnut, Anawan and Metropolitan avenues, Paul Gore street, between Chestnut avenue and Lamartine street, Spring Park avenue, between Enfield street and Chestnut avenue.

Brighton—Newton, Union, Foster, Everett, Hobart, Saunders, Leicester, Murdock, Pomeroy and Dustin streets.

Charlestown—High, Walker, Cordis, Pleasant, Adams, Soley, Bunker Hill, Baldwin, Eden, Lexington, Monument, Mead, Oak, Auburn and Pearl streets.

Dorchester—Westville, Pope's Hill, Richfield, Train, Park, Magnolia, Maxwell, Dix, Morton, Sumner and Wales streets, Cushing, Lawrence and Sawyer avenues, West Cottage street, between Blue Hill avenue and Dudley street; and Woodland avenue and Denny street crossing Savin Hill avenue.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Connors Brothers to erect, maintain, and use a guy-post, with ropes attached, on the easterly side of E street, between Broadway and Fourth street, Ward 13; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. P. Nawn to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with ropes attached, as follows: One in Battery street, at or near the corner of Commercial street; one on Battery street, at or near the North Ferry; and one on Commercial street, at or near the Union wharf, Ward 6; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John S. Jacobs & Son to construct, maintain, and use an area, with sidewalk light and granite covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 12 Charter street, Ward 6; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899 according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by H. G. Hunter, dated November 11, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:

Street.	Number of Poles.
Neponset avenue	5
Taylor street	6
Rice street	2
Franklin street	5
Walnut street	1
Fulton street	4
Tenean street	31
Freeport street	64
Auckland street	15
Bay street	8
Spring street	4
Sydney street	30
Crescent avenue	12
Buttonwood street	17
Locust street	7
Washington avenue	19
Wendell street	3
Preble street	10
Vinton street	9
Dorchester street	11
Middle street	1
Tuckerman street	1
West Ninth street	14
D street	9
West Seventh street	8
C street	21
West Second street	16
West Third street	2
Granite street	18
West First street	2
Mt. Washington avenue	8

All of said poles to be forty-five feet high and sixteen inches in diameter.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898; the work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:

Congress street, Ward 13, one pole, fifty feet high, fifteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, ten feet. Date of plan, November 20, 1889.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from Congress street one pole shown by a red dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan

deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1889; said pole to be located as follows:

South street, Ward 23, one pole, thirty-five feet high, twelve inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from South street one pole, shown by a blue dot marked "relocate," on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated October 30, 1899; said pole to be located as follows:

Maverick street, Ward 2, one pole, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

And permission is further granted to said company to remove from Maverick street one pole, shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a black dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, marked Vol. 1, page 87; said pole to be located as follows:

Western avenue, Ward 25, one pole, forty feet high, fourteen inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, eight feet.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from Western avenue one pole shown by a black dot marked "removed" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

The following was approved December 7:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Cornelius Keefe, jr., to place, maintain and use an iron cover over the present area in the sidewalk in front of estate 8 Cambridge street, Ward 6; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, October 16, 1899.

The following table shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending October 14, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	5	1	
2...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	
6...	-	4	-	1	1	-	1	6	7	17	
7...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	34	
8...	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	6	12	
9...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	3	14	
11...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	9	37	
12...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	15	
13...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	
14...	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	
16...	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	5	2	
17...	9	1	4	-	4	-	-	-	5	2	
18...	5	2	4	4	1	-	-	3	4	13	
19...	10	1	-	-	8	-	-	1	5	18	
20...	8	1	3	-	-	2	2	3	7	43	
21...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	8	
22...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	4	
23...	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	9	
24...	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	17	
25...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	10	
T'ls..	39	18	13	5	20	4	6	34	117	273	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, November 27, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office during the week ending November 25, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	105
Number of discharges of mortgages	17
Number of assignments of mortgages	4
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of attachments	1
Number of bills of sale	2
Number of assignments of wages	36
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	1
Number of married women's certificates	10

JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, November 27, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending November 25, as follows:

William J. O'Connell, of Engine 44, has been granted a veteran's certificate for seven years' service in this Department.

The appointments of F. H. Nolan and Edgar Abbott, to be auxiliary members of the protective department, have been approved.

John A. Fox has been appointed architect for the new Engine-house 22 on Warren avenue.

F. H. Nickerson has been appointed as a hose and harness repairer in this Department at a salary of \$1.50 per day.

George H. Hine, William H. Harkins and John F. Murphy have been appointed permanent substitutes.

W. P. Costello, of Engine 21, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on Dudley street, November 21.

Charles W. Harris, of Engine 17, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway team on Dorchester avenue, November 22.

J. H. Reed, driver of the manure wagon, has been fined two weeks' pay for being under the influence of liquor.

Ladderman T. J. Cavanagh, of Ladder Company 7, has been fined one week's pay for careless driving while responding to Box 361, November 14.

There have been purchased of L. H. Brockway one horse at \$147.50, of Welch & Hall two horses at \$137.50 each, and of A. W. Davis one horse for \$200.

Orders have been drawn for new wheels for Engines 6, 15 and 26, and to rebuild Engines 1 and 13.

The following transfers have been made: Frank J. Lynch, Engine 34 to Engine 29; Peter J. Sheridan, Engine 4 to Engine 34; George A. Newhall, Engine 41 to Chemical Company 6; Thomas E. Kiley, Chemical 12 to Ladder 11; William P. Costello, Engine 21 to Chemical 10; John B. Hennessey, Chemical 10 to Engine 21.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, December 2, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

H. L. De Bussigny, 138 Norway street, Ward 10, twelve horses; hearing December 14, at 11 o'clock. Harvey R. Ruggles, 160 Bigelow street, Ward 25, two cows; hearing December 7, at 11 o'clock. Otis Gately, Tenean street, Ward 24, four horses; hearing December 7, at 11 o'clock. J. H. Long Machine Co., L street, Ward 14, three horses; hearing December 14, at 11 o'clock. Hannah McBride, 113 Centre street, Ward 20, one horse; hearing December 14, at 11 o'clock. S. B. Hamblin & Sons, Wright street, Ward 23, ten horses; hearing December 14, at 11 o'clock.

The petition of William A. Stetson for the occupancy of a stable on Commonwealth avenue, Ward 25, was granted. The petition of Albert J. Robinson for the occupancy of a stable on Farquhar street, Ward 23, for two horses, was refused.

The following articles of food have been condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the month of November, 1899:

Immature veal, 661 pounds; tainted poultry, 12,953 pounds; fifty pair of grouse; two barrels of pears; five barrels of apples.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the month ending November 30, 1899.

Steers	1,070
New England cows	740
New England bulls	140
New York cows	72
Sheep	1,663
Calves	1,412

Total 5,097

During the month 11,418 pounds of diseased meat have been condemned.

The following is a report of work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during November, 1899:

Number of samples of milk examined:	
From wagons	736
From stores	379
Brought in by citizens	11
	1,126
Number of samples of vinegar examined,	101
Number of samples of butter and oleomargarine examined	361

Total samples examined 1,588

Number of cases pending in Municipal Court, November 1	4
Number of cases entered during November:	

For milk not of standard quality	18
For skimmed milk below standard	2

Total cases 24

Convictions	12
Pending December 1	12

Total 24

Appealed to Superior Court	5
Amount paid in fines	\$600

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending December 2, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	43	31	74
Negative	98	51	149
No growth	1	—	1
Totals	142	82	224

Typhoid diagnoses: Thirteen cases; four cases positive, eight negative and one case atypical.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, November 20, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending November 18, 1899:

	Doer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	120	26
Females	16	6
Total	136	32
Offences:		
Against the person	6	2
Against property	15	19
Against public order and decency	117	11
Total	*138	32
Discharges:		
Males	122	11
Females	30	1
Total	152	12

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence	128	11
Permit of Commissioner,	6	—
Payment of fine	17	—
Pardon by Governor	—	1
Died	1	—
Total	152	12

Population:

November 11, 1899	1,210	497
Committed since November 11, 1899	136	32
Total	1,346	529
Discharged since November 11, 1899	152	12
November 18, 1899	1,194	517

* Two committed with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, October 31, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending October 28, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	398
Defects reported	29
Defects corrected	25
Notices of new work received	82
Feet of dead wire removed	5,000
Feet of dead wire retained	225
Fixtures removed	24
Poles set	31

Proposed pole locations on Boston street, near Edward Everett square, for the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company and on Park street for the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, have been approved.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	266
Notices of new work received	164

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected, and at two of them changes were insisted upon in the interest of safety.

An investigation has been made of a slight fire which occurred at the store of Messrs. Jordan, Marsh & Co., 450-472 Washington street, at about 5.25 P.M., October 21. A short circuit at a socket on an electric fixture ignited crepe paper flowers, etc., with which the fixture was decorated.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	4
Building connections	17
Pole connections	5

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	20
Building connections	24
Lamp connections	14
Pole connections	3
Repairs	2
Cable drawings	25

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following general orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

December 2, 1899.

General Order No. 645.

It is the painful duty of the Board of Police to officially notify the Department of the death of Capt. Martin L. White, of Division 15, at his home, Savin street, Roxbury, at 10.45 o'clock, P.M., Friday, the first instant.

Capt. Martin L. White was born in Marblehead, Mass., August 2, 1837, appointed a patrolman on the police force June 23, 1865, a sergeant August 13, 1868, a lieutenant March 17, 1873 and a captain August 21, 1878.

As a mark of respect to his memory, in recognition of his patriotic services to his country during the War of the Rebellion, and his long and faithful service in the Department, the Board hereby directs that Station 15 be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that a suitable detail be made to represent the Department at his funeral.

December 2, 1899.

General Order No. 646.

Patrolman Levi W. Burr, of Division 5, having been commended by his captain for courage and prompt action shown in stopping a runaway horse on the seventh of November, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders and granted two days' additional vacation.

December 6, 1899.

General Order No. 647.

I. The following-named reserve police officers, having served the probationary term of six months or more, and having passed a satisfactory examination to make them eligible for appointment in the permanent force, are hereby appointed patrolmen in the police force of the City of Boston, and assigned for duty at the several police divisions where they now are, viz.:

Alexander Lindsay, Division 2; Herbert Paul, Division 4; James J. McBrien, Division 4; Cornelius J. Reardon, Division 5; Ward E. Neily, Division 5; Charles A. Bowers, Division 10; Albert R. Foster, Liquor License Detail.

They will report at the clerk's office, headquarters, at 10 o'clock, A.M. Friday, the eighth instant, to be sworn.

II. Reserve Officer Charles A. Bowers, of Division 10, having been commended by his captain for diligence and prompt action in arresting Charles G. West, who had feloniously assaulted two persons at 695 Parker street on the morning of November 29, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders and granted two days' additional vacation.

III. In the matter of the complaint made by George P. Bartlett against Patrolman James R. Glass and Richard F. Quirk, both of Division 4, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the Board orders the complaint to be dismissed.

IV. In the matter of the complaint made by John H. Corcoran against Patrolman Herbert H. Fay, of Division 10, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the Board orders the complaint to be dismissed.

V. In the matter of the complaint made by George W. Halliday against Patrolman George B. Colby, of Division 16, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the Board orders the complaint to be dismissed, the complainant having failed to appear.

VI. In the matter of the complaint made by Charles L. Marren against Patrolman Herbert I. Nickerson, of Division 16, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, in assaulting the complainant with his club on the night of October 13, current, the Board finds the said Patrolman Nickerson guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of ten days' pay.

VII. Section I. of this order will take effect on Friday, the eighth instant.

December 7, 1899.

General Order No. 648.

I. Patrolman Daniel F. Shea, of Division 13, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for seven years, being an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion, and having requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898, it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Daniel F. Shea be retired from active service in the Police Department, placed upon a pension-roll and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement; said retirement to take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock P.M., Friday the fifteenth instant.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Joseph H. Metcalf of Division 15, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the Board orders the complaint to be dismissed.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending December 9, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.9
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898, .	10.7
Number of deaths:	
Males	107
Females	100
Total	207
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	201
Increase	6

Of the 207 decedents, 204 were white and 3 colored; 131 were born in the United States, 73 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 43 were of American parentage, 140 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 24 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	63	3
Scarlatina	41	4
Typhoid fever	17	3
Measles	41	—
Totals	162	10

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	36
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	17
Bronchitis	9
Marasmus	5
Violent causes	9
Total from principal causes	104
Total from infectious diseases	10
Total from other causes	93
Total from all causes	207
Deaths of children under 1 year	43
Deaths of children under 5 years	64
Deaths of persons over 60 years	47
Deaths in public institutions	53

STREET-CLEANING AND SANITARY SERVICE IN EAST BOSTON.

The arrangements for establishing the direct street-cleaning and sanitary service for East Boston are nearly completed, so that the present contract system in the Sanitary Division, and the sending of the Charlestown force of the Street-cleaning Division, which is the present custom, will be discontinued.

Sometime since the city yard, which comprised the district yards of the Sewer and Paving Divisions, was sold, and arrangements made to move to the wharf property owned by the city in another section of East Boston. Plans had been prepared for the new building; but Superintendent Wells, in order to forward the matter, and to put the new arrangement in force during the construction of the new building, has utilized the old buildings which were on the wharf property, and at a small expenditure has fitted them up so that there is now ample temporary accommodation, both stable and office, for the four divisions. The Paving and Sewer Divisions are already in occupation. The Sanitary and Street-cleaning have gotten their new equipment together, and it is expected that within a few days the new service will be put in force. New carts have been built, horses purchased, and hereafter East Boston may expect as good service as that received in any section of the city.

The proceeds of the sale of the property formerly occupied by the Street Department will, with a slight additional appropriation, be sufficient to provide for the new building.

The new building will be a model of its kind and better adapted to the needs of the Department than any similar building in the city. The stable accommodations will be of the very latest, with sanitary stalls, etc., and the offices will be properly and conveniently arranged.

Mr. Herbert Putnam, formerly Librarian of the Boston Public Library, was on December 12, 1899, confirmed by the Senate to be Librarian of Congress.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, December 18, 1899, at 3 P.M.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The School Committee of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing the school furniture for the Francis Parkman School-house, Walk Hill street, West Roxbury, and furnishing a bond in the sum of \$500 for faithfully doing the work.

Specifications of the work to be done may be seen and the proposal to be used may be obtained at the office of the School-house Agent, No. 30, Old Court House, in said city. The bidder must fill out and sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee before 4.30 o'clock P.M. of December 19, 1899, with a certified check, payable to the City of Boston for \$100, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city.

THOMAS F. STRANGE,

Chairman of the Committee on School-houses of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, December 9, 1899.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for constructing and regulating a macadam road in Custer street, between Woodman street and Arnold Arboretum, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of December 15, 1899, his bid and a certified check for \$300, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

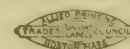
The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive proposals for furnishing and installing a plumbing system in the East Boston High School, and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$5,000 for faithfully doing the work. The office copy of the plans and specifications may be seen at the office of John Lyman Faxon, 7 Exchange place, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M. of December 22, 1899, with a certified check for \$1,000, payable to the City of Boston, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.



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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF HON. JONATHAN V. FLETCHER.

The death of Hon. Jonathan V. Fletcher, President of the Faneuil Hall National Bank and one of Boston's best known business men, occurred at his home in Belmont on Monday, December 18, 1899.

Mr. Fletcher was born at Westford, Mass., February 28, 1812. For about twenty years, beginning in 1838, he resided in Charlestown, being connected with the city government for six years, first as a member of the Common Council in 1851 and 1852 and as a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1854, 1855, 1856 and 1857.

In 1858 Mr. Fletcher moved to Belmont, where he had since resided. For several years he was one of the selectmen of the town, and represented the district in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1885 and 1886, and in the Senate during 1887 and 1888.

Mr. Fletcher was one of the oldest marketmen of Boston, having been established in

the provision business since 1837. He was one of the earliest occupants of Faneuil Hall market, and was a member of the Boston Chamber of Commerce and the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange, being a director of the first-named organization during the first year of its existence.

MAYOR'S CIRCULARS.

The following circulars to heads of departments have been issued by His Honor the Mayor and the Acting Mayor respectively:

Circular No. 70.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 14, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: Please furnish to me as soon as possible such statements, figures and recommendations relative to your department as may seem proper for transmission to Hon. Thomas N. Hart, Mayor-elect, for consideration or use by him in the preparation of his inaugural address.

Please include in such statement the number of persons now employed by your department, with a general classification of such employees.

Yours very truly,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Circular No. 71.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 15, 1899.

TO THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS:

GENTLEMEN: As the Mayor, Josiah Quincy, has left the city to be gone until Monday, I request, as Acting Mayor, that no man be discharged or suspended in any of the departments before his return.

Respectfully,

DAVID F. BARRY, Acting Mayor.

REPORT OF ALDERMANIC COMMITTEE ON PRISONS.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, on Monday, the eighteenth instant, Alderman Day, Chairman of the Committee to inspect the prisons in the County of Suffolk, presented the following report, which was

accepted, and ordered to be printed as a public document:

The special committee of the Board of Aldermen appointed to visit and inspect the prisons in the County of Suffolk, having made the inspection required by the statutes of the Commonwealth, respectfully submit their second semi-annual report:

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

The jail was visited by the committee on Tuesday, December 5. A thorough inspection of the main building containing the cells, kitchen and laundry was made. The inmates were questioned as to the food, cleanliness of cells, bedding, etc., and the report from each one questioned was that the best of care and good, wholesome food, and cleanliness prevailed. The committee renew the recommendation made in their last report, and also made by former committees, for an appropriation sufficient to erect a new building for women exclusively, a part of this building to contain a modern laundry. There should be provided for the jail a place to treat the sick. At the present time they have to be cared for in cells, which is in the minds of the committee inhuman. If a new building was erected for women, the part now occupied by them could be made over into a hospital. A brick wall should be built at once, in place of the wooden fence separating the jail from the property facing on Cambridge street.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION, SOUTH BOSTON.

This institution was paid a visit by the committee on Tuesday, December 5. So many times have the committee recommended the erection of a new institution that they fear a further reiteration would be of no avail. It is without question inhuman to place human beings in a prison building such as exists here. The Commissioner and Master do all that is possible under the circumstances, but cannot provide a new and modern constructed "cell building" unless the government provides an appropriation, which, in the opinion of the committee, should be granted. The condition of the prisoners showed good care on the part of the management, the calisthenic drill and hourly exercise marching around the yard, having a good effect on the physical condition of the men. The school, under its competent instructors, has proved a valuable adjunct to the institution.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION, DEER ISLAND.

The committee visited this institution, Wednesday, December 6.

This place the committee feel free to say is the model one controlled by our city. Cleanliness, good order and discipline prevail in every department. Many of the unfortunates, broken down in health, are sentenced here, so a greater proportion need medical care than those sentenced to other institutions. The good care and attention given to the sick is manifest by the reply made by each one, when asked as to their treatment by the officials in charge. The committee recommend an appropriation sufficient to build a new wharf, the present one being in an unsafe condition. A new boiler and dynamo should be installed at once, and all of the buildings could then be lighted by electricity. A new prison or cell building for women has been favored by past committees, and we renew it at this time.

HOUSE OF REFORMATION, RAINSFORD ISLAND.

The committee visited this institution the same day it visited Deer Island.

This was the first introduction of the committee to the new superintendent, Mr. Seavey, who immediately impressed the committee that he was the "right man" in the "right place," and that the Trustees of the Children's Institutions had secured a head for this place that would make the institution what it should be, a place for reformation of boys. The committee appreciate the fact that the place itself is unfitted for the work the Trustees are trying to accomplish, and believe that a place on the mainland, with buildings built on the "cottage" plan, to be far more preferable. The work of farming could be carried on together with other outdoor work, which cannot be done at the present place. The work of repairing the building burnt is progressing so that in about three weeks time the boys at present cared for at Deer Island will return to this place.

The committee hesitate in making any recommendation for the expenditure of money at this institution, believing it should be abandoned and a new place secured.

PARENTAL SCHOOL, WEST ROXBURY.

Thursday, December 7, the committee called at this institution for their semi-annual inspection, and found, as they did at their last visit, an overcrowded and unsatisfactory condition of things. In the first place, the buildings used as dormitories contain more beds than should be allowed under the law, or rules of the Board of Health.

The committee do not blame the management for this condition of things, for if the court sentences these boys—(from the size and ages of some of them, it would be better to sentence the parent for not keeping them at school)—the city must provide for their keeping.

Since our first visit, there have been two one-story buildings erected for school classrooms, a valuable addition for a short while. What the truant school needs and should have to make it satisfactory, and the committee recommend the incoming administration to give it their attention, is a new building for dormitory purposes, a new administration building, a new building for manual

training studies, a new barn, the grading of the grounds, and, the most important of all, a proper protection against fire, to consist of a new main-pipe service and fire-hose.

REMARKS.

The committee have not changed their opinion, as expressed in their last report, relative to the efficiency of the one-head salaried official, as compared to the board of seven trustees.

The work assigned to this committee under Chapter 220 of the Public Statutes is very important, and its recommendations should receive more consideration in the future than they have in the past. The City of Boston is praised all over the world for its institutions; let us not forget that, although these we speak of contain the unfortunate classes, they should be accorded some consideration when disposing of our appropriations.

The heads of the different institutions visited received the committee with courtesy, and every opportunity was freely given for proper inspection.

The committee wish to express their thanks to Commissioner of Penal Institutions Marshall, Deputy Sheriff Bradley, Messrs. O'Hare and Bruen, Dr. Putnam and Miss Bailey of the Children's Trustees; Colonel Whiton, Master of the House of Correction, South Boston; James R. Gerrish, Esq., Master of the House of Correction, Deer Island; Sumner D. Seavey, Esq., Superintendent, Rainsford Island; and B. C. Day, Esq., Superintendent, Parental School, for their assistance to the committee.

Annexed will be found the reports of the superintendents of the various institutions, giving in detail the information called for under the statutes.

FREDERICK W. DAY,
Chairman.

FRANKLIN L. CODMAN,
JAMES H. DOYLE,
EDWARD W. PRESHO,
MICHAEL W. BRICK.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on January 9 and 10, 1900, an examination will be held in this and other cities in the United States, where it has a board of examiners for the position of designer, supervising architect's office, Treasury Department.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination certification will be made to the position of designer in the supervising architect's office, Treasury Department, now vacant, at a salary of \$2,300 per annum.

Persons who desire to compete should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., or E. E. Stebbins, Secretary Board of Civil Service Examiners, Room 141 Post Office building, Boston, Mass., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375). Form 304 should be properly executed and forwarded to the Commission.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Boston, December 2, 1899.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, on Saturday, December 2, 1899, at 12 M.

Present: All the members.

The Commission examined sketch drawings of the proposed new bridge, prepared by Mr. E. M. Wheelwright, and considered the estimates made by the Chief Engineer for building bridges such as those shown in the various drawings.

Adjourned, on motion of Commissioner Leavitt, subject to the call of the Chairman.

Boston, December 13, 1899.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, on Wednesday, December 13, 1899, at 4 P.M.

Present: All the members.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the colored elevation of the design of the proposed Cambridge bridge, prepared by E. M. Wheelwright, architect, and signed by Wheelwright & Haven, under date of November 27, 1899, be adopted and approved, and be signed by the members of the Commission, and that the engineer's plan and elevation prepared in conformity therewith, dated November 27, 1899, and signed by William Jackson, Chief Engineer, be adopted and approved, and be signed by the members of the Commission accordingly, for transmission to the Secretary of War for his approval.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That the Chief Engineer be authorized to prepare plans, specifications and contracts for masonry work in accordance with the plan and elevation of the proposed bridge approved to-day, and to advertise for bids for doing such work upon the approval of the plan and elevation by the Secretary of War.

On motion of Commissioner Quincy, it was

Voted, That Commissioners Leavitt and Champlin be appointed a committee of two to consider the question of a sculptured group on top of the central pier.

Adjourned, on motion of Commissioner Champlin, at 5 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1899.

The following is a statement by the Board of Health of deaths for the month of November, 1899, with an enumeration of the principal causes:

Population estimated at	541,827
Death rate for the month, per 1,000 inhabitants	19.35
Death rate for corresponding month, 1898	19.83
Number of deaths:	
Males	457
Females	417
	874

Condition:	
Married	264
Single	462
Widows	107
Widowers	35
Unknown	6

Color:	
White	849
Colored	25

Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	179
Under 2 years	222
Under 5 years	263

Deaths by diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	3
Under 2 years	4
Under 5 years	4
All ages	6

Nativity:	
United States	556
Ireland	162
England	19
Scotland	4
Germany	16
British America	75
Italy	10
Russia	9
Other countries	11
Unknown	12

Parentage:	
American	207
Irish	282
English	18
Scotch	13
German	24
British American	61
Italian	25
Russian	19
Other countries	67
Mixed	76
Unknown	82

Still-births during the month	56
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Causes of Death.

I. ZYMOTICS.

Alcoholism	3
Croup	4
Carbuncle	2
Cholera infantum	4
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	6
Diarrhoea	2
Diphtheria	35
Erysipelas	2
Measles	3
Puerperal fever	1
Pyæmia	1
Scarlatina	3
Syphilis (congenital)	3
Syphilis	1
Septicæmia	5
Typhoid fever	18
Whooping-cough	3

II. CONSTITUTIONAL.

Cancer	43
Hydrocephalus and tubercular meningitis	14
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mesenterica	25
Phthisis pulmonalis	84
Other Constitutional diseases	19

III. LOCAL.

Apoplexy	26
Bright's disease	8
Bronchitis	43
Heart disease	103
Meningitis	19
Nephritis	24
Pleurisy	3
Pneumonia	122
Other Local diseases	104

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Cyanosis	2
Inanition	11
Old age	14
Premature birth	26
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	3
Other Developmental diseases	19

V. VIOLENT.

Accidental	45
Homicidal	3
Suicidal	11
Other Violent causes	2
Unknown causes	5

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, October 23, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending October 21, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	1
2...	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7
3...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
4...	-	2	-	1	-	1	2	-	4	8
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
6...	-	7	-	-	4	-	10	-	3	49
7...	1	4	-	2	-	-	5	-	9	60
8...	-	5	2	-	-	-	4	1	9	17
9...	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	10	15
10...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	32
11...	2	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	15	45
12...	4	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	13	14
13...	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	3
14...	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	9
15...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	2
16...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	8
17...	-	1	-	-	8	4	1	-	1	3
18...	4	1	-	-	4	2	1	-	5	7
19...	-	1	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	21
20...	8	3	-	-	-	13	5	-	10	30
21...	-	1	4	-	-	1	3	-	5	17
22...	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	6
23...	1	1	-	-	-	7	4	-	8	12
24...	2	4	1	-	-	1	5	-	2	25
25...	-	1	-	-	-	2	5	-	4	5
T'ls.	27	42	9	3	19	35	59	1	121	400

JOHN. S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

POSTMASTER OF BOSTON.

The Senate on December 14, 1899, confirmed the nomination of Mr. George A. Hibbard to be Postmaster of Boston, to succeed Col. Henry A. Thomas, who recently resigned on account of continued illness, and whose duties for some time past having been performed by Assistant-Postmaster Henderson.

IMMIGRATION DURING NOVEMBER.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the month ending November 30, 1899:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
Dutch and Flemish	2	2	-
English	186	99	87
Finnish	121	74	47
German	6	6	-
Hebrew	36	26	10
Irish	219	106	113
Polish	8	5	3
Scandinavian	229	90	139
Scotch	18	11	7
Welsh	12	8	4
Total	837	427	410
Tourists or passengers en route	86	-	-
Total immigration for November, 1899	923	-	-

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS.—STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division—

Maine	12
New Hampshire	11
Massachusetts	605
Rhode Island	34
Connecticut	1
New York	57
New Jersey	1
Pennsylvania	5

Total 726

South Atlantic Division—

Maryland	1
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Total 1

North Central Division—

Ohio	2
Indiana	2
Illinois	40
Michigan	39
Minnesota	13
Iowa	1
North Dakota	1
South Dakota	1
Kansas	1

Total 100

Western Division—

Montana	4
Wyoming	1
Colorado	1
Utah	2
Washington	1
California	1

Total 10

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division	726
South Atlantic Division	1
North Central Division	100
Western Division	10
Total	837

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held on Tuesday, December 12, 1899, in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 7.30 P.M., the President in the chair.

Present: the members except Messrs. Aldrich, Fleischer, McDonald and Strange.

Mr. Kenney offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

The appointments, confirmations and transfers were approved.

The election of head-master of the Normal School was assigned for two weeks by a vote of 12 yeas to 6 nays; absent or not voting, 5.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read, and successively passed:

(1.) That the Committee on School-houses are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Hyde, for mason and other work at the Frothingham School, Charlestown, in the sum of \$214.50 for additional excavating, brick and boiler-work, plastering, painting, etc., required.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of G. A. Cahill, for erecting the new primary school-house, Forest Hills, in the sum of \$1,637.50 for erecting wall and fence at rear of lot, and providing temporary wooden steps.

(3.) That the committee on the Horace Mann School be authorized to expend the sum of \$150 during the current school year for providing instruction in typesetting and printing to the pupils of said school.

(4.) That there be paid to Michael J. Crowley the sum of \$43 per month, for services rendered as janitor of the Wait School, during the months of October and November, 1899.

(5.) That there be paid to Mary A. Walsh the sum of \$186.33 for services as temporary janitor of the Benjamin Dean School, from September 5 to December 1, 1899.

(6.) That the salary of the Director of Music be established at the rate of \$3,000 per annum.

(7.) That Ruphine A. Morris, principal of the Longfellow Kindergarten, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from November 14, 1899.

The Chair read the following:

(1.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, December 5, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Street Commissioners have to inform you that they have agreed with William Clafin upon the sum of \$19,048.45, as payment for his estate (containing 20,051 square feet) on Parker street, at Roxbury, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, October 13, 1899 (taking recorded October 17, 1899), upon the said Clafin giving

to the city a deed for said estate so taken satisfactory to the Law Department.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

(2.) STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, December 12, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Board of Street Commissioners desire to inform you that they have this day voted to amend the vote sent you in their letter of December 5, about payment to William Clafin for his estate, taken, for school purposes, on Parker street, by adding to the sum of \$19,048.45 mentioned in such letter as payment for said estate, the amount of the taxes upon the estate for 1899.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

On the recommendation of the Committee on the Third Division, to whom was referred, November 14, the transfer of Gardner P. Balch, sub-master in Eliot District, to the same position in the Robert G. Shaw District, was approved, to date from December 18, 1899.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments and confirmations, for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

(1.) The appointments of four special assistants, which were laid over under the rule; (2) the appointments of two temporary teachers, which were placed on file; (3) the re-appointment of one temporary teacher, which was laid over under the rule; (4) the appointment of one teacher on probation, which was approved under suspension of the rule; (5) the confirmations of three teachers, which were laid over under the rule; (6) the appointments of two teachers in evening elementary schools, which were approved under a suspension of the rules.

Leave of absence, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, was granted to eight teachers.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto:

(1.) of one temporary teacher, approved under suspension of the rules; (2) of two teachers on probation, which appointments were approved under suspension of the rules; (3) of three teachers on probation, which appointments were laid over under the rule.

The Superintendent presented for approval the appointment of James M. McLaughlin, Boston, as Director of Music, to date from January 2, 1900, which was laid over under the rule.

It was ordered that the Committee on New Buildings be permitted to present their annual report in print.

On the recommendation of the Committee on School-houses, the resignation of one janitor was accepted, and the appointments of five janitors were approved.

The Committee on High Schools presented the following report:

The Committee on High Schools, in view of the repeated applications which have been made to them to admit girls to the

Mechanic Arts High School, desire to report to the Board their reasons for believing that such a course is not advisable. The limitations of the building offer a formidable obstacle to the admission of girls. There are no rooms which can be devoted to the special courses which should be substituted for that part of the present shop-work which it is clearly impracticable for girls to take up. The lockers and toilet-rooms are adapted to the exclusive use of boys, and it is impossible to provide suitable accommodations for any considerable number of girls. Moreover, it is highly probable that the school will not be able to accommodate all of the boys who will apply for admission next September. Your committee therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to admit girls to the Mechanic Arts High School.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, it was ordered (1) that there be paid to Patrick F. Higgins the sum of \$4.40 for extra services rendered as janitor of the Hyde School since September 1, 1899.

(2.) That the masters of the several schools and districts be requested to hold commemorative exercises on Thursday, December 14, 1889, from 11 to 12 o'clock, said day being the one-hundredth anniversary of the death of George Washington, and that the afternoon session of the schools be suspended.

(3.) That a second sub-master be allowed in the Christopher Gibson School.

It was ordered that the American system of music, which is already upon the authorized list, be placed and taught in the primary schools.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following general order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

December 8, 1899.

General Order No. 649.

The following-named reserve police officers, having served the probationary term of six months or more, and having passed a satisfactory examination to make them eligible for appointment in the permanent force, are hereby appointed patrolmen in the police force of the City of Boston, and assigned for duty at the several police divisions where they now are, viz.:

Weller C. French, Division 1; Charles M. Tighe, Division 2; Peter H. Rogers, Division 5; Athanasius McGillivray, Division 6; William F. Hutchinson, Division 9; Charles A. Culhane, Division 15; William P. O'Brien, Division 16; William H. Pelton, Division 10.

They will report at the clerk's office, headquarters, at 10 o'clock A.M. Saturday, the ninth instant, to be sworn.

According to the Bureau of Statistics, Treasury Department, \$100,000,000 a year appears to be the present market offered to the people of the United States by Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines, provided we are able to supply the normal demand in those islands for foreign products.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, December 18, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding. Absent — Alderman Codman.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Appointments by the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 18, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Francis Gargan a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1900.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

Dinner Hour for Park Employees.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 18, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reply to your order requesting them to allow the men in their employ a full hour for dinner.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

December 11, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting you to instruct this Board to allow the men in our employ a full hour for dinner. As we wrote you a year ago, the practice is almost universal, at this time of the year, in park work, of working half of the dinner hour and stopping work half an hour earlier when full time cannot be made otherwise on account of darkness setting in before the regular hour for stopping work. We have heard no complaint from the men.

Buildings with cook stoves are provided near the work of the gangs, and boys are furnished to look after the warming of the dinner pails of the men, so that no time is lost after the noon hour arrives. We think the men are satisfied with the present arrangement, and that they would certainly prefer it to working and being paid for half an hour less each day.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Sale of Ferry-boat "Ben Franklin."

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 14, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting

that authority be given to sell the ferry-boat "Ben Franklin," which is now so old that it is no longer used by the Department, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

December 12, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I respectfully request that authority be given to sell the ferry-boat "Ben Franklin." This boat has been in continuous service for about twenty-seven years, having been built in 1871. As it now stands, the boat is practically of little service, the new boat taking her place, and the item for dockage is considerable. The sooner the Department can dispose of her, therefore, the greater the saving.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, with the approval of the Mayor, be authorized to sell the ferry-boat "Ben Franklin" at public auction, the said ferry-boat being now so old that it is unable to perform the work required in the ferry service of the city.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Playground for Skating.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 18, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reply to your order requesting them to flood for skating purposes the playground at Columbus avenue.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

December 11, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The Board has received the order of the City Council, that we be requested to flood for skating purposes the playground at Columbus avenue.

The Board would be glad to accede to the request but has no money which it can apply to this purpose.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Sent down.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its meeting on Monday, the eighteenth instant, the Board of Aldermen voted to adjourn till Wednesday, December 27, 1899, at 3 P.M.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED — REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved December 11, 1899:

Ordered, That driving at a greater rate of speed than allowed by ordinance be permitted during the present winter, on Chelsea street, East Boston, between Maverick square and Prescott street.

The following was approved December 13, 1899:

Ordered, That the sum \$24,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated for the purchase of the equity in the lot of land situated on Morton street, and in the lot of land situated on Austin street, West Roxbury, adjoining the Austin Farm, and both belonging to George W. Seaverns, and also for the purchase of the equity in the lot of land on the corner of Walk Hill and Harvard streets, adjoining the Pierce Farm, and belonging in part to James J. Costello and in part to John F. Callahan; that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose; and that the Insane Hospital Trustees expend said appropriation for said purpose.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved December 14, 1899:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Joseph Costa, sign at 129 West Canton street, Ward 12.

B. Barnett, sign at 3 Custom House street, Ward 7.

James M. Henderson, two signs at 11 Elm street, Ward 6.

George M. Brennan, a transparency temporarily at 154 Broadway, Ward 13.

Henry Joski, a sign at 1510 Dorchester avenue.

Joe Irato, sign at 27 Staniford street, Ward 8.

Thomas J. McLean, illuminated sign at 12 Avery street, Ward 7.

Daniel J. Hogan, sign at 8 Ruggles street, Ward 18.

James T. Maguire, illuminated sign at 338 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Permit to St. Mary's Association of the North End for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of December 28.

Permit to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to attach its wire to trees, as follows:

Four trees on Lawrence avenue, Roxbury; three trees on Rockville park, Roxbury; five trees on London street, East Boston.

Order authorizing the payment of State aid to soldiers and sailors and their families for the month of December.

Ordered, That the Boston and Maine Railroad Company be hereby authorized to sell at public auction on or before January 1, 1900, and after publication of the time and place of the sale according to law, the

articles left and remaining unclaimed at the passenger station of said company in the City of Boston.

ENACTED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following orders were presented to the Mayor December 5, 1899, and were not returned by him within ten days thereafter:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove a partially dead tree standing in front of estate 11 Savin Hill avenue, Ward 20, said tree being in a dangerous condition.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree at the corner of Bowdoin and Hamilton streets in front of the estate of James O. Jordan, Dorchester.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a sufficient number of lamps on Kerwin street, Ward 20, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place a public gas lamp on passageway in rear of 116 Havre street, East Boston.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place a public gas lamp on Frankfort street, East Boston.

Order authorizing permit to F. L. Ames estate to project a canopy over gallery entrance to theatre on Boylston street, Ward 7.

Order authorizing permit to Boston Auction Company to project a permanent awning in front of building 46-52 Clinton street and 38 Commercial street, Ward 6.

Order authorizing permit to Reuben Nye, executor, to project a permanent awning over the entrance to the Castle Square Theatre.

Order authorizing a permit to John S. Jacobs & Son to construct an area under sidewalk, at 12 Clinton street, Ward 6.

FREE VACCINATION IN EAST BOSTON.

The Board of Health has sent to the principals of the schools in East Boston the following letter with regard to residents of that section of the city being vaccinated:

DEAR SIR: Will you kindly cause the following to be read in each of the several school-rooms in your charge, and to say that the Board of Health regards the immediate vaccination of the residents of East Boston to be of great importance:

Free vaccination will be given to residents of this district every evening, including Sunday and Christmas, December 20 to 27, from 7 to 9 o'clock, at the Emerson, Plummer, Chapman and Lyman School-houses.

The Board of Health,
SAMUEL H. DURGIN, Chairman.

Board Meetings.

Library Department.

Friday, November 24, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, DeNormandie, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Communication from the Board of Aldermen, dated November 17; the Acting Librarian's report.

The Acting Librarian was authorized to employ extra assistance in the issue department and special libraries as needed, at ten cents an hour; also one assistant for two hours a week at fifty cents an hour.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$314.93; to trust funds, \$233.05; Fellowes Athenæum, \$9.63; Station "P," \$6; miscellaneous articles, \$176.72.

Friday, December 1, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Bowditch, DeNormandie, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Circular No. 67 from the Mayor; the Acting Librarian's report; the Auditor's monthly exhibit for the month of November.

Employed: Matthew Muckensturm, shelf department, grade D, \$5 per week, beginning December 1, 1899.

Salaries fixed as follows: Executive department, Fernald Hutchins, grade D, Special, \$8, December 2; branch division, Richard Brown, grade D, \$6, December 5.

Ordered, That the price of the French fiction list be reduced from ten to five cents; and the history, biography and travel catalogue from twenty-five to ten cents.

Ordered, That the Charlestown Branch Library be kept open for reading and reference from 8 to 9 P.M. from December 4, 1899, to May 31, 1900, inclusive, every weekday except holidays.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$383.58; to trust funds, \$160.23; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$31.33; to Station "P," \$15.08; miscellaneous articles, \$579.55.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held December 6, 1899.

Present: Mr. Sproules (Chairman pro tempore), Mr. Mullen, Miss Rogers, Miss O'Brien, Mr. Kerrigan, Dr. Plummer, Mrs. Quinn and Dr. Stuart.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasury for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending November 10, 1899, the same having been read in full.

Circular No. 66 from His Honor the Mayor with regard to election days was referred to the Secretary to carry out its requirements.

Circular No. 67 from His Honor the Mayor with regard to contracts was read and placed on file.

Circular No. 68 from His Honor the Mayor calling for estimates of receipts and expenditures for the coming fiscal year was referred to the Chairman and Secretary to prepare figures to be presented to this Board at a special meeting to be held two weeks from to-day.

A copy of amendments to the Civil Service rules by the Civil Service Commissioners was received and placed on file.

A bill received from the City of Medford for aid rendered George F. Small and family was referred to the Secretary.

A communication received by the Chairman pro tempore from the Institutions Registration Department suggesting a conference with regard to a proposed new system of registration, was read and it was

Voted, That Mr. Koren be invited to meet the Board at a special meeting to be held two weeks from to-day to explain the new system.

The report for the Lodge for Wayfarers and the wood-yard was read by Mr. Kerrigan. The same was accepted and placed on file.

The report of the Temporary Home was read by Miss Rogers. The same was accepted and placed on file.

The Committee on Building reported the need of extra expense in keeping the building clean, and was given full powers.

The Medical Committee reported that Dr. Sprague had made sixteen visits in November, and the bill for \$16 was approved.

The Committee on Burials reported that two bodies were delivered for dissection in November in accordance with Chapter 479, Acts of 1898.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, November 20, 1899.

The sixty-third regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square, on Monday, November 20.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse came before the Board and reported that the inmates of the almshouse are in good health; no one is ill in bed.

The appointment of P. J. Kenney, as ward tender, to fill vacancy, was approved, at \$20 per month.

The question of providing a piano for the use of the inmates at Long Island was discussed, and a letter from Miss O'Reilly, Secretary of the Guild of St. Elizabeth, was read, stating that the members of the Guild were prepared to give a monthly concert at Long Island, for the benefit of the inmates of women's building. The question of procuring a piano was referred to the Secretary of the Board, with power.

The acceptance of Dr. H. A. Lothrop, to be second assistant surgeon of the visiting

medical staff of the Long Island Hospital, was read.

The question concerning the need of 300 feet of fire-hose for use on the steamer "John Howard" was referred to the Finance Committee with power.

The Superintendent reported that he has engaged two housemaids for the Hospital on Long Island, at a salary of \$12 per month each.

The Superintendent recommends that certain changes in the heating of the Hospital be made. The question was referred to the Finance Committee, with power.

A letter from the United States Treasury Department was read, in reference to payment for sick soldiers; referred to the Chairman.

The question of passes was discussed and referred to the Chairman, as Acting Institutions Registrar, to confer with the Penal Institutions Commissioner.

Voted, On recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the Superintendent of Long Island be authorized, after conference with the Chairman of the Finance Committee, to procure hose for the salt-water service, and to lay a floor in the dining-room of the men's building.

Voted, That on the recommendation of the examining physicians in Boston for the Rutland Hospital, and with the approval of the Committee on Registration and Special Cases, patients may be deemed suitable for admission to the Hospital, and their board shall be charged to the pauper expense account.

The report of Hospital Committee was read.

Voted, That the recommendations of the Committee be accepted and adopted.

The question of payment for minors, possibly chargeable to the Children's Department, was referred, with power, to the Committee on Registration and Special Cases.

The Chairman of the Board, the full Board being present, then announced that he found it impossible, owing to the pressure of other duties, to continue the work of the Board, and he therefore, with much regret, had tendered his resignation to the Mayor on October 30, asking that it should take effect on December 1. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 49, page 773.) The members of the Board expressed their regret that the Chairman had found such a step unavoidable, and assured him of their appreciation of his valuable services.

The question of an increase of salary for the Agent of the Board was discussed, and it was voted, on motion, that his salary be increased to the rate of \$1,500 per annum, to date from November 15, 1899.

The census for Long Island on November 18, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	77	142	219
Children	10	7	17
Women's building	—	186	186
Men's building	206	—	206
Totals	293	331	624

28 Court Square, December 4, 1899.

The sixty-fourth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28

Court square, on Monday, December 4, the full Board being present.

The records of previous meeting were read and approved.

Professor Sedgwick stated that, on his own request, the Mayor had extended his term of service to include December 4.

The report of the Committee on Registration and Special Cases was read. Its chief recommendation was as follows:

Voted, To recommend to the Board that, in view of the opinion of this committee that certain cases now in the Almshouse at Long Island may be chargeable to the Board of Children's Trustees, that the Board be invited to confer with the Pauper Institutions Trustees, by committee or otherwise.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse came before the Board and stated that the inmates of the Almshouse had enjoyed a pleasant and successful Thanksgiving. The possibility of increasing the number of inmates at this Almshouse was discussed. One hundred and twenty-five persons, 100 of whom should be women, could be comfortably accommodated, and the Superintendent recommended this increase.

A letter from Mr. Howard, Chief of the Architectural Department was read, recommending proper supports for feed water heater in the power-house, the expense to be \$47.

Voted, That this recommendation be adopted and the expense incurred.

Voted, That additional expense for erecting engine calls be incurred and that the Finance Committee have authority to act in this matter.

Circulars Nos. 67 and 68 from His Honor the Mayor were read and placed on file.

Voted, That an outlay of \$500 be authorized for the completion of the drainage system necessitated by the new power-house at Long Island. An allowance of \$100 on the contract of Woodbury & Leighton, for drains omitted, will probably cover a portion of this expense.

An expense of \$66 for enlarging drains in the store-room at Long Island was also allowed.

A report of a meeting between the Committee on Medical Department and Dietary and two representatives of the visiting medical staff was submitted, together with two letters from Dr. Taylor of the staff. The following vote of the Committee was approved:

Voted, To recommend to the Board that when new nurses are received into the Training School at Long Island the secretary of the visiting staff shall speak with them as to the scope and opportunities of the school.

Voted, That Dr. William Madison Gay be appointed to the position of house-officer at the Long Island Hospital, at a salary of \$100 per annum, to date from January 1.

Voted, That the Board proceed to the nomination and election of a Chairman for the balance of the year ending April 30, 1900.

An informal ballot was taken, resulting in the choice of Mrs. Alice N. Lincoln. A formal ballot was then taken and Mrs. Lincoln was elected Chairman of the Board. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 49, pages 773 and 774.)

Mr. William L. Rutan tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Finance Committee, but on the request of the Trustees

consented to continue to serve until the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Walter Hunnewell was elected to the position of Secretary of the Board pro tempore.

The full Board being present, the following vote was passed:

The Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees offers a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman as a slight expression of their gratitude for his faithful and efficient service as Chairman of the Board, and of their recognition of his kindness and zeal in furthering the work and interests of the Pauper Institutions.

The census for Long Island on December 2, 1899, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	78	133	211
Children	10	7	17
Women's building	—	186	186
Men's building	207	—	207
Totals	295	326	621

ALICE N. LINCOLN, Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of the meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Thursday, November 16.

Petitions were received for a catch-basin in Knox street, and for a sewer in Corbet street.

It was voted to pay Mary M. O'Higgins \$250 for damages occasioned her estate by the relocation of South street.

An order was passed laying out Shepton street.

Monday, November 20.

An award of \$1,874.25 was made to T. J. and A. M. Finneran for damages occasioned their estate by the laying out of Wensley street.

An order was passed relocating Gibson street, and an order of notice of the Board's intention to lay out Craven street.

Tuesday, November 21.

A public hearing was given on the matter of laying out an extension of Winthrop street.

Orders were passed for a catch-basin in Norfolk street and for a sewer in Don street; Hamilton street was ordered relocated, and orders of notice of the Board's intention to lay out Betts street and to relocate Geneva avenue were passed.

Wednesday, November 22.

On advice of the Law Department it was voted to pay M. P. Brooks \$388.05 for damages occasioned her estate by a taking made for the relocation of Tenen creek, and to M. P. Brooks and others \$442.80 for land taken for sewer purposes. An award was made to Mary A. Hall of \$250 for damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Public Alley No. 401.

An order was received from the City Council requesting the Board to lay out Thacher road.

Orders were passed laying out Dunford street and Cardington street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1899.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	218	20	238	120	101	17	124	38	32	238	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	53	—	53	24	27	2	12	9	30	53	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	221	46	267	108	149	10	83	65	83	265	2
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	37	1	38	20	2	16	7	3	29	38	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	4	1	5	5	—	—	—	1	2	5	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	19	11	30	12	15	3	25	1	2	30	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	21	36	57	26	31	—	24	7	3	57	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,702	367	3,069	184	2,820	65	1,457	1,155	312	2,821	248
Totals	3,275	482	3,757	499	3,145	113	1,732	1,279	493	3,507	250

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	—	—	5	—	22	—	47	2	46	5	28	6	23	2	15	1	16	1	8	1	4	2	4	—
No. 2.	—	—	16	—	12	—	14	—	5	—	2	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3.	10	—	17	—	44	3	45	10	40	8	28	7	8	5	15	1	8	4	4	2	2	—	—	2
No. 4.	6	—	16	—	6	—	4	1	1	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
No. 6.	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	1	3	1	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	—	1	—	2	—	—	—
No. 7.	—	—	—	—	1	1	6	9	4	8	5	6	1	6	2	3	1	2	—	—	1	1	—	—
No. 8.	17	11	75	7	161	13	344	40	438	43	402	48	382	73	284	48	232	37	163	19	94	10	110	18
Totals	33	11	129	7	248	18	463	63	537	65	469	70	422	89	320	56	260	44	176	24	103	15	115	20

NOTE.—“M,” male, includes boys; “F,” female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	34	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	15	Males	11
Missing persons reported	30	Females	1
Missing persons found	13	Americans	6
Lost children restored	131	Foreigners	6
Sick and injured persons assisted	341	Non-residents	10

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	2,025	6	<i>Brought forward</i>	3,742	12
British Provinces	330	2	Finland	5	—
Ireland	856	2	Denmark	1	—
England	100	1	Holland	1	—
France	8	—	Wales	2	—
Germany	30	—	East Indies	2	—
Italy	87	—	West Indies	—	—
Russia	87	—	Turkey	2	—
China	36	—	South America	—	—
Greece	55	—	Switzerland	—	—
Sweden	55	—	Belgium	2	—
Scotland	48	—	Africa	—	—
Spain	1	1	Hungary	—	—
Norway	10	—	Asia	—	—
Poland	11	—	Mexico	—	—
Austria	3	—	Australia	—	—
Portugal	—	—	Armenia	—	—
Roumania	—	—	Syria	—	—
<i>Carried forward</i>	3,742	12	Totals	3,757	12

Department Communications.

Bath Department.

The following table shows the number of baths taken daily at the East Boston Gymnasium during the month of November, 1899:

NOVEMBER.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1	159	—	301	—	460
2	—	62	—	65	127
3	194	—	—	—	194
4	158	—	204	—	362
5	90	—	28	—	118
6	170	—	—	—	170
7	—	50	—	51	101
8	90	—	249	—	339
9	—	49	—	60	109
10	189	—	—	—	189
11	109	—	309	—	418
12	70	—	45	—	115
13	189	—	—	—	189
14	—	67	—	60	127
15	108	—	111	—	219
16	—	70	—	59	129
17	208	—	—	—	208
18	110	—	360	—	470
19	70	—	24	—	94
20	295	—	—	—	295
21	—	60	—	55	115
22	100	—	220	—	320
23	—	54	—	61	115
24	290	—	—	—	290
25	119	—	356	—	475
26	70	—	20	—	90
27	320	—	—	—	320
28	—	61	—	69	130
29	90	—	169	—	259
30	—	10	—	20	30
Totals	3,198	483	2,396	500	6,577

NOTE.—At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, December 4, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office during the week ending December 2, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	85
Number of discharges of mortgages	10
Number of assignments of mortgages	6
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of bills of sale	6
Number of assignments of wages	23
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of ship liens	2
Number of married women's certificates, 10	

Accident notices have been filed as follows:

By Iola Farnham, Emma F. Howe and Annie Moore, severally, for personal injuries received on October 17, while passengers on the "General Hancock."

By Letitia Nickerson, for personal injuries received on October 17, while a passenger on the "Noddle Island."

By Patrick Madden, personal injuries received in the construction of a sewer.

By O. Carlson, personal injuries caused by tree laying across sidewalk on Walpole street.

By Beatrice C. Roswell, personal injuries caused by defect in plank walk on North Harvard street.

City Hall, December 11, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending December 9, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	105
Number of discharges of mortgages	22
Number of assignments of mortgages	2
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of wages	26
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of married women's certificates	7

Accident notices have been filed as follows:

December 4—Edward Holden, personal injuries caused by unguarded trench on Boylston street. Joseph F. McCarthy, injuries to horse caused by unguarded trench on Boylston street.

December 5—Margaret Wilson, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in Castle street.

December 6—Catherine McCarthy, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk, corner Henley and Chelsea streets.

December 7—Mary L. Cary, personal injuries caused by open and unguarded bulkhead at 220 Friend street.

December 8—Mary O'Hara, personal injuries caused by obstruction on sidewalk at 26 Whitney street, Roxbury. Claire K. Alden, personal injuries caused by defect in highway at Dewey square.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, December 12, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending December 9 as follows:

Fire-alarm Box 443, on the Hoosac Tunnel Docks, has been reconnected in service.

Box 332 has been moved to the corner of Cushing and Sawyer avenues.

Box 562 has been moved to a pole in front of Engine-house 30, Centre street.

New fire-alarm boxes have been located as follows:

Box 323, Mt. Carmel Convent, Mt. Pleasant avenue; Box 325, corner Geneva avenue and Columbia road; Box 378, corner Blue Hill avenue and Esmond street; Box 597, corner La Grange and Mt. Vernon streets.

R. J. West, of Engine Company 13, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a pair of runaway horses on Tremont street, November 26.

William H. Harkins has been transferred from Engine Company 37 to Engine Company 1.

Vincent B. Buckley has been promoted to the rank of engineer, and transferred from Engine Company 12 to the repair shop.

Patrick J. Sullivan has been appointed as an assistant to the veterinary surgeon, at a

salary of \$1.90 per day, seven days per week.

Eight fire-proof shutters have been ordered for the windows of the fire-alarm office, at a cost of \$130.

Five miles of No. 9 covered iron wire has been ordered for the fire-alarm service.

Ordered, That for the present so much of the "fire patrol" as relates to duty on the street be omitted.

One horse has been purchased of Welch & Hall for \$150.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, December 9, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

John B. Fitzpatrick, 12-14 North Russell street, Ward 8, thirty horses; hearing December 21 at 11 o'clock. C. Thompson, 368 Norfolk street, Ward 24, two horses; hearing December 21 at 11 o'clock. Daniel E. Lynch, Gibson street, Ward 24, thirty horses; hearing December 21 at 11 o'clock. City of Boston, 13 National street, Ward 15, three horses; hearing December 21 at 11 o'clock. Michael McDermott, 27 Charles street, Ward 24, two horses; hearing December 21 at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Adelaide L. Morse, 168 Seaver street, Ward 21, three horses. I. B. Hamblin & Sons, Wright street, Ward 23, ten horses. Susan R. Chase, Tucker street, Ward 2, two horses. Thomas F. Dolan, Grover street, Ward 23, two additional horses. Otis Gately, Tenean street, Ward 24, four horses and ten cows.

The following petitions have been rejected:

Louis Smith, 77 Sheridan street, Ward 23, for five additional horses. D. Mulvey, 3847 Washington street, Ward 23, three horses.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses for the week ending December 9, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	31	31	62
Negative	122	69	191
No growth	—	6	6
Totals	153	106	259

Typhoid diagnoses: Ten cases; four cases positive and six cases negative.

Old Court House, December 16, 1899.

The petition of Michael McDermott for the occupancy of a stable on 27 Charles street, Ward 24, for two horses, has been filed at this office; hearing December 21, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

J. G. & B. S. Ferguson, 886 Albany street, Ward 17, 109 horses.

H. L. de Bussigny, 138 Norway street, Ward 10, twelve horses.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending December 16, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	24	33	57
Negative	99	88	187
No growth	4	1	5
Totals	127	122	249

Typhoid examinations: Eleven cases; five cases positive, six negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, November 13, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending November 11, 1899:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications	81	
	—	81
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewks-		
bury	23	
Long Island Almshouse	17	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital		
Deer Island	3	
Boston Insane Hospital	6	
Westboro' Insane Hospi-		
tal	1	
Worcester Insane Hospi-		
tal	5	
Foxboro' Asylum	5	
	—	61
Number of applications re-		
fused	11	
Number of applications with-		
drawn	7	
Cases pending	2	
	—	81
Settlements investigated		85
Settlements reported to the		
Trustees for Children		4

28 Court Square, November 20, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending November 18, 1899:

Cases pending	2	
Number of applications	81	
	—	83
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewks-		
bury	35	
Long Island Almshouse	7	
Charlestown Almshouse	2	
Observation Hospital		
Deer Island	4	
Boston Insane Hospital	5	
Taunton Insane Hospital	8	
Worcester Insane Hospi-		
tal	1	
Foxboro' Asylum	6	
	—	68
Number of applications re-		
fused	5	
Number of applications with-		
drawn	10	
Cases pending	—	83
Settlements investigated		87
Settlements reported to the		
Trustees for Children		6

28 Court square, November 27, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending November 25, 1899:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications	102	
	—	102

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouse	55	
Long Island Almshouse	11	
Charlestown Almshouse	2	
Observation Hospital		
Deer Island	1	
Boston Insane Hospital	5	
Westboro' Insane Hospi-		
tal	1	
Taunton Insane Hospital	2	
Foxboro' Asylum	9	
Bridgewater Insane		
Asylum	1	
Massachusetts Hospital		
for Epileptics	1	
	—	88

Number of applications refused	3	
Number of applications with-		
drawn	11	
Cases pending	—	102

Settlements investigated		109
Settlements reported to the		
Trustees for Children		7

W. T. SEDGWICK, Acting Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, November 27, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending November 25, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	156	9
Females	27	1
Totals	183	10
Offences:		
Against the person	7	3
Against property	24	6
Against public order		
and decency	158	3
Totals	* 189	† 12
Discharges:		
Males	158	13
Females	20	—
Totals	178	13
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	141	8
Permit of Commis-		
sioner	18	—
Payment of fine	18	—
Bailed	1	—
Died	—	1
Transferred to Deer		
Island	—	3
Transferred to State		
Farm	—	1
Totals	178	13
Population:		
November 18, 1899	1,194	517
Committed since No-		
ember 18, 1899	183	10
Totals	1,377	527
Discharged since No-		
ember 18, 1899	178	13
November 25, 1899	1,199	514

* Six committed charged with two offences each.

† Two committed charged with two offences each.

Statistics for the week ending December 2, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	127	8
Females	15	2
Total	142	10

Offences:

Against the person	10	2
Against property	20	5
Against public order and		
decency	115	3
Total	* 145	10

Discharges:

Males	159	16
Females	27	3
Total	186	19

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence	165	15
Permit of Commissioner	4	—
Payment of fine	17	—
Pardon by Governor	—	1
Transferred to Taunton		
Insane Hospital	—	2
Transferred to State		
Farm	—	1
Total	186	19

Population:

November 25, 1899	1,199	514
Committed since Novem-		
ber 25, 1899	142	10
Total	1,341	524

Discharged since Novem-		
ber 25, 1899	186	19
December 2, 1899	1,155	505

* Three committed charged with two offences each.

32 Tremont street, December 11, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending December 9, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	119	5
Females	19	3
Total	138	8
Offences:		
Against the person	6	—
Against property	8	3
Against public order and		
decency	126	6
Total	* 140	9
Discharges:		
Males	138	15
Females	31	10
Total	169	25
How Discharged:		
Expiration of Sentence	142	23
Permit of Commissioner	14	—
Payment of Fine	13	—
Transferred to Concord	—	2
Total	169	25
Population:		
December 2, 1899	1,155	505
Committed since Decem-		
ber 2	138	8
Total	1,293	513
Discharged since Decem-		
ber 2	169	25
December 9, 1899	1,124	488

* Two committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, November 15, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending November 11:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISION.

Inspections made	747
Defects reported	92
Defects corrected	47
Notices of new work received	56
Feet of dead wire removed	9,200
Feet of dead wire retained	450
Fixtures removed	18
Poles set	24

The proposed pole locations by the Boston Electric Light Company at East Boston and the South End were approved.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	596
Notices of new work received	266

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected and at one of them changes were insisted upon in the interests of safety.

The proposed location for the Edison Company, underground service entrance at 291 Devonshire street, was approved.

An investigation has been made of the accident which occurred at about 7.20 A.M. at the L-street station of the Boston Electric Light Company, as a result of which J. E. Antoine and Jacob Theommel, both employees of that company, were quite severely burned about the face and hands.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	10
Building connections	36
Lamp connections	9
Repairs	9

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	50
Building connections	24
Lamp connections	9
Pole connections	8
Repairs	11
Cable drawings	31
Installations of underground transformers,	2

An investigation has been made of burn-out of underground feed-cables of the Boston Elevated Railway Company which occurred November 2, at about 6.45 P.M., in the conduit on Kingston street, between Bedford and Summer streets.

Old Court House, November 28, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending November 25, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISION.

Inspections made	772
Defects reported	91
Defects corrected	46
Notices of new work received	76
Feet of dead wire removed	11,700
Feet of dead wire retained	250
Fixtures removed	29
Poles set	30

Proposed pole locations have been approved in Charlestown, South Boston, Dor-

chester and Roxbury for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The Department employees responded to alarms of fire from Boxes 445, 411, 449 and 42.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	511
Notices of new work received	239

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

Underground service entrances have been located for the Boston Electric Light Company at 36 and 38 Friend street.

Department employees responded to a third alarm of fire from Box 411, November 21, at 10 P.M., at the corner of Sudbury and Portland streets. By order of the Commissioner of Wires the current was cut off from the building.

An investigation has been made at 176 Washington street, where a fire occurred November 24, and also at 59 Branch street, where a fire occurred on the same day, for which an alarm was given from Box 29.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	10
Building connections	39
Pole connections	28
Lamp connections	10
Repairs	5

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	38
Building connections	29
Lamp connections	10
Pole connections	12
Repairs	9
Cable drawings	18

About 5 P.M., November 23, the Edison Company's underground cables at Columbus avenue railroad bridge were damaged. Three cables crossing new portion of the bridge were burned out, probably resulting from ground or short circuit in coupling-box at south abutment wall of bridge where bridge cables connected with street main.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Awards of Contracts.**Street Department.**

Proposals for constructing a macadam road in Custer street, between Woodman street and the Arnold Arboretum, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, December 15, 1899, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Philip Doherty	\$838 60
J. C. Coleman & Son	888 20
Thomas F. Welch	921 50
Thomas A. Dolan	960 40
P. McGovern	983 10
Thomas F. Minton	1,073 50
John F. Cullen	1,074 50
D. Lynch	1,191 00

The contract was awarded to Philip Doherty.

Proposals for furnishing a sewerage pumping engine No. 5, for the pumping station at Calf Pasture, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, December 20, 1899, as follows:

The George F. Blake Company, Cambridge	\$390,000
The Dickson Manufacturing Company, Scranton	267,500
De La Vergne Refrigerator Machine Company, New York	239,546
I. P. Morris Company, Philadelphia	219,400

The contract was awarded to the I. P. Morris Company.

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending December 16, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	24.1
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898,	20.4
Number of deaths:	
Males	128
Females	123
Total	251
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	208
Increase	43

Of the 251 decedents, 242 were white and 9 colored; 169 were born in the United States, 79 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 57 were of American parentage, 165 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 29 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	56	10
Scarlatina	38	3
Typhoid fever	11	1
Measles	46	—
Totals	151	14

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	33
Pneumonia	44
Heart disease	22
Bronchitis	12
Marasmus	5
Violent causes	13

Total from principal causes	129
Total from infectious diseases	14
Total from other causes	108

Total from all causes	251
Deaths of children under 1 year	52
Deaths of children under 5 years	77
Deaths of persons over 60 years	47
Deaths in public institutions	64

Congressman Lawrence, of North Adams, has been appointed a member of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors of the National House of Representatives. This is in accordance with the recommendations of the commercial organizations of Boston interested in the improvement of the harbor.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT—FERRY DIVISION.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Boston, December 20, 1899.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, Room 47, City Hall, Boston, until Wednesday, December 27, 1899, at 12 o'clock noon, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read, for furnishing and delivering in the sheds on the ferry wharves of the City of Boston, 2,000 tons, more or less, of Georges creek Cumberland coal, or its equivalent, 500 tons to be delivered on or before January 12, 1900, and the balance on or before February 1, 1900.

Proposals will state the particular kind and price per ton of 2,240 pounds, delivered as above, including all costs and expenses of weighing by a weigher appointed by the City of Boston, and stevedoring the same to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets. Said proposals must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$500, made payable to the City of Boston, said check to be forfeited to the city in case of failure to appear and sign the contract within five days from the date of award; a bond, with sureties, or a deposit of money or other security satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, should he deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ORDINANCES OF 1899, CHAPTER 3.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

RELATING TO TREES.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 47 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting a new section, to be Section 105 of said chapter, and by renumbering Section 105 so as to be Section 106; said new section to be as follows:

"Section 105. No person shall attach any wire to a tree belonging to the city, or in any street, except by bending wire around a part of the tree, over blocks painted substantially the color of the tree, and so placed as to protect the tree from injury."

In Board of Aldermen, October 23, 1899.

Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

DAVID F. BARRY, Chairman.

In Common Council, November 2, 1899.

Concurred. DANIEL J. KILEY, President.

Approved, November 4, 1899.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

December 16, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 79 Chandler street, Ward 10, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second story over Cazenove street. Dimensions: Nine feet high, five feet wide, and two feet four inches over line of street.

Brooke House Corporation,

By CABOT, EVERETT & MEAD.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

December 18, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, December 13, 1899.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to erect poles for the support of its wires in streets of the city, as follows:

City Proper—Washington street, between Newcomb and Hunneman streets, four poles, sixty feet by twenty inches; sidewalk, thirteen feet. West Newton street, opposite Carlton street, one pole, thirty-five feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, eight feet.

Dorchester—Stoughton street, at Columbia road, one pole, forty-five feet by eighteen inches; sidewalk, ten feet. Dudley street, at Columbia road, one pole, forty-five feet by eighteen inches; sidewalk, eight feet. River street, between Washington street and Blue Hill avenue, fifty-six poles, forty feet by fourteen inches, and three poles, forty-five feet by sixteen inches; sidewalk, eight feet.

South Boston—West Sixth street, between Dorchester street and F street, three poles, thirty-five feet by fourteen inches; sidewalk, eight feet.

Boston Electric Light Company,

By SAMUEL S. SIAS, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

December 13, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Dorchester Beacon, South Boston News, Boston Journal and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

NOTICE.

Boston, December 15, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city, a plan of locations granted is filed, dated December 12, 1899.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Bellevue street, near Columbia road, Ward 20.

Waumbeck street, between Crawford street and Humboldt avenue, Ward 21.

Crawford street, between Waumbeck street and Harold street, Ward 21.

Ruthven street, between Walnut avenue and Humboldt avenue, Ward 21.

Corner of Ruthven street and Walnut avenue, Ward 21.

Humboldt avenue, near Columbus avenue, Ward 21.

Bower street, near Humboldt avenue, Ward 21.

La Grange street, near Pleasant street, Ward 23 (one pole).

Also to remove one pole from Bellevue street, near Columbia road, Ward 20.

Also to remove two poles from Humboldt avenue, near Columbus avenue, Ward 21.

Also to remove one pole from La Grange street, near Pleasant street, Ward 23.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

December 18, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Boston Traveler, Boston Journal, Boston Post, Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Boston, December 11, 1899.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed, dated December 1, 1899.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police-signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Harvard street, near Waterlow street, Ward 20.

Waterlow street, between Harvard street and Elmont street, Ward 20.

Elmont street, between Waterlow street, and Faxon street, Ward 20.

Soley street, near Warren street, Ward 5.

Water street, corner Charles River avenue, Ward 5.

Ocean street, between Ashmont street and Mellen street, Ward 24.

Mellen street, near Ocean street, Ward 24.

Kenwood street, near Allston street, Ward 20 (three poles).

Also to remove one pole from Water street near Charles River avenue, Ward 5.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

December 13, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Charlestown Enterprise, Dorchester Beacon, Boston Globe, THE CITY RECORD, and Boston Traveler.

Passed.

A true copy.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, December 11, 1899.

The undersigned respectfully asks permission to erect, for electric wires, thirty-five poles, fourteen inches square at base and sixty feet high, on Main street, between Haverhill street and City square, Charlestown District, at points marked on plan made by James C. Boyd, civil engineer, dated December, 1899; also to remove four poles on Main street, between Sullivan square and City square, at points marked on said plan.

The above locations and removals are required for the accommodation of the Boston Elevated Railway, in the constructions of its elevated tracks on Main street, Charlestown.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company,

GEORGE B. NEAL, Treasurer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

December 13, 1899.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth of December, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard; said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST, Asst. City Clerk.

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THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF



THE CITY OF BOSTON

Volume II.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1899.

Number 52.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY,

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

THE CITY RECORD is also on sale by the W. B. Clarke Company—Park Street Church stores A and B, Park and Tremont streets.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting held on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh instant voted to confirm the following appointments made by His Honor the Mayor:

Richard H. Eustis, to be a Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of John J. Sullivan, resigned.

Francis Gargan, to be a Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION COM- MISSIONER.

His Honor Mayor Quincy has appointed Mr. Patrick J. Kennedy a member of the Board of Election Commissioners to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Commissioner Corbett in October last. Acting Commissioner Donovan, of the Board of Assessors, who has been temporarily filling the vacancy, has been notified of the permanent appointment.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 21, 1899.

PATRICK J. KENNEDY, ESQ., East Boston.

SIR: You are hereby appointed a member of the Board of Election Commissioners for the term ending April 30, 1902, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Joseph J. Corbett, whose resignation was accepted on October 24, 1899.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 21, 1899.

JOHN H. DONOVAN, ESQ., Acting Election Commissioner.

SIR: You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Mr. Patrick J. Kennedy a member of the Board of Election Commissioners for the term ending April 30, 1902, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Joseph J. Corbett.

Thanking you for the extra service which you have rendered the city by temporarily filling this vacancy since the acceptance of the said resignation on October 24, I am,

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

APPOINTMENT OF WATER COM- MISSIONER.

His Honor Mayor Quincy has appointed Gen. A. P. Martin Water Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Commissioner Murphy and has so notified Acting Commissioner Wells who has been temporarily filling the office.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 23, 1899.

AUGUSTUS P. MARTIN, ESQ., Dorchester.

DEAR SIR: You are hereby appointed Water Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1901, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. John R. Murphy, accepted on October 17, 1899, which vacancy has since that date been temporarily filled by Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 23, 1899.

BENJAMIN W. WELLS, ESQ., Acting Water Commissioner, City Hall, Boston.

SIR: You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Mr. Augustus P. Martin Water Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1901, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. John R. Murphy. Upon his qualification please turn over to him all property, records and papers in charge of the Water Department.

Thanking you for the extra service which you have rendered the city by temporarily filling the vacancy in the office of Water Commissioner since the acceptance of Mr. Murphy's resignation on October 17, 1899, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

DEPOSITS OF THE CITY IN THE GLOBE NATIONAL BANK.

His Honor Mayor Quincy has made the following statement concerning the deposits of the city in the Globe National Bank:

It is certainly unfortunate that the city should have as large an aggregate deposit as \$370,000 in a bank which has suspended payments. The fact that these funds are tied up for the present will not, however, occasion any special inconvenience to the city, as the amount on deposit to the credit of the City Treasurer, which is the only active account subject to daily checks, is less than \$70,000, and we are certainly warranted in expecting that the final loss to the city upon the liquidation of the bank will be small, if, indeed, it is anything.

Under the ordinance limiting the amount of deposits in any bank to 50 per cent. of its capital, the Globe National Bank could have received city deposits to the extent of \$500,000, and in the past its deposit has considerably exceeded the sum of \$370,000.

It is the practice of the Sinking-fund Commissioners, and, on the whole, I believe it to be a proper one, to place the largest deposits of sinking-funds in the banking institutions with which they are personally connected and with which they are supposed to be familiar. The size of the deposits of the city in the Globe National Bank was, of course, chiefly due to the fact that its former President, Mr. Cole, was, unfortunately as it now turns out, Chairman of the Board of Sinking-fund Commissioners of the city.

The Board chooses its own Chairman, but I must accept the responsibility for the appointment of Mr. Cole as a member of the Board. He had served as a member of the special commission to examine into the finances of the city, appointed by Mayor Curtis, in company with Henry Parkman and John D. W. Joy, and was supposed to be one of the best banking men in Boston. The City Treasurer has full authority over his own bank deposits, but is subject to the Sinking-fund Commissioners in respect to sinking-fund deposits, although he also holds these as Treasurer.

When the trouble with the Globe Bank first came out, Mr. Turner consulted with me as to the best course to be pursued, and we agreed upon the policy of gradually reducing the deposits of the city in the bank.

The final suspension of the bank took the City Treasurer and myself entirely by surprise, as he had informed me that he had received from the new President of the bank, Mr. Stevens, the most positive assurance that the deposits of the city were perfectly safe, and that we need not have any apprehension about them.

The city is placed, in such conditions, in a very delicate and embarrassing position. On the one hand, it should protect its own funds from loss, but, on the other hand, the sudden withdrawal of large deposits in a time of financial trouble might easily be the cause of the suspension of a bank which might otherwise weather the storm. It therefore does not seem proper that the city should at once withdraw a large deposit and thereby assume the responsibility of being the direct cause of the closing of a large bank, with consequent loss to a large number of depositors, and perhaps serious indirect injury to the business community.

It did not seem proper to the Treasurer and myself after the Clearing House had gone to the extent of issuing \$3,500,000 of certificates to the Globe Bank, that the city should show lack of confidence in the bank thus assisted by the associated banks of Boston through any sudden withdrawal of large deposits, particularly in view of assurances received by the Treasurer from the responsible head of the institution.

At the time of the final suspension the policy of withdrawing the city deposits as rapidly as it seemed safe to do so from the Globe Bank had been fully decided upon by the City Treasurer, the Sinking-fund Commissioners and myself, but there had not been time to carry out such action gradually. The action of the city in such cases becomes known, and in a time of distrust it has, of course, a sentimental effect far beyond the amount of money directly involved.

If the large funds which the city has to have on hand are not to be withdrawn from circulation and locked up, which is, of course, not to be thought of, and if the money of the city is to be kept in circulation for the benefit of business, and represented only by credits in banks, the city must, to some extent at least, be open to some of the risks which affect the financial and business community generally. The city will be caused no serious inconvenience, and we are certainly warranted in hoping that there will finally be little, if any, loss upon the deposits in the two institutions which have suspended payment.

APPOINTMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN, BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

At the weekly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Boston Public Library, held Friday, December 22, 1899, Mr. James L. Whitney was unanimously chosen Librarian to succeed Mr. Herbert Putnam, who resigned this position in March last to become Librarian of Congress.

Mr. Whitney was born at Northampton, Mass., in 1835, graduating with honor from Yale College in the class of 1856. His library experience began in 1868, when he was appointed Assistant Librarian of the Cincinnati Public Library. He entered the service of the Boston Public Library in 1869, becoming the head of the catalogue department, developing the card catalogue system and supervising numerous special catalogues. He is one of the leading bibliographers in the country.

Mr. Whitney is a member and Treasurer of the American Library Association, and was one of the delegates at the international convention of the American and British Associations in London in 1897. Since Mr. Putnam's resignation Mr. Whitney has been the Acting Librarian of the Public Library.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC OF BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The new office of Director of Music of the Public Schools of Boston, created by the School Committee by an order passed at its meeting December 12, 1899, has been filled by the election of Mr. James M. McLaughlin, who has been an instructor in the schools for a number of years.

Mr. McLaughlin was born in Boston in 1858, and is a graduate of Boston College. He has made a life study of music, and prior to his connection with the Boston schools was Director of Music in the public schools of Waltham. Mr. McLaughlin is also a member of the Board of Music Commissioners of the city.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of imports and exports, together with the foreign entrance and clearance of vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of November, 1899, as compared with the corresponding month of 1898:

	Imports.		Exports.	
November, 1899	\$5,615,893		\$9,139,576	
November, 1898	3,674,994		11,892,470	
	Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
November, 1899	162	179,320	157	146,511
November, 1898	148	178,467	122	150,406
Passengers arrived, November, 1899			1,216	
Passengers arrived, November, 1898			1,106	

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Boston, December 19, 1899.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Tuesday, December 19, at 4 P.M.

Present: Commissioners Quincy and Leavitt.

Commissioner Leavitt was chosen Secretary pro tempore.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That the Chairman of the Commission be authorized to make application to the Harbor and Land Commissioners for a license to build a bridge in accordance with the design adopted by this Commission on December 13.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That the schedule of bills and payrolls presented by the Chief Engineer of the Commission for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, amounting to \$3,592.30, be certified by the Commission for payment by the respective cities.

E. D. LEAVITT, Secretary pro tempore.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, October 30, 1899.

The following table shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending October 28, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	
2...	2	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	2	1	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
4...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	
5...	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	
6...	-	10	-	1	-	-	4	-	12	33	
7...	-	8	-	-	1	-	8	-	7	52	
8...	1	7	-	3	-	-	4	-	6	8	
9...	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	19	
10...	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	11	23	
11...	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	10	37	
12...	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	1	18	
13...	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	4	
14...	2	2	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	4	
15...	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	
16...	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	17	
17...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	18	
18...	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	7	7	
19...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	19	
20...	3	2	-	-	2	4	3	-	4	39	
21...	12	2	1	-	4	6	1	-	11	23	
22...	2	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	8	
23...	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	9	25	
24...	1	4	-	-	3	1	-	-	4	16	
25...	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	8	
T'ls..	27	56	6	4	12	18	49	1	115	400	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Wednesday, December 27, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Alderman Dixon.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Appointment of City Clerk Pro Tempore.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 27, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

There being a vacancy in the office of City Clerk, and the Assistant City Clerk, now serving as Acting City Clerk, being absent on account of sickness, I hereby, under the authority contained in Section 32 of Chapter 448 of the Acts of 1854, and subject to your advice and consent, appoint John M. Galvin City Clerk pro tempore.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the advice and consent of this Board be granted to the appointment by the Mayor of John M. Galvin as City Clerk pro tempore.

The order was passed, and the Chairman directed the City Messenger to notify Mr. Galvin of the Board's action.

Appointment of Election Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 21, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby notified, in order that it may become a matter of record, that I have this day appointed Patrick J. Kennedy Election Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1902, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. Joseph J. Corbett. Since the acceptance of Mr. Corbett's resignation on October 24, 1899, the vacancy has been temporarily filled by Mr. John H. Donovan, a member of the Board of Assessors.

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Appointment of Water Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 23, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby notified, in order that it may become a matter of record, that I have this day appointed Mr. Augustus P. Martin Water Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1901, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. John R. Murphy, whose resignation was accepted on October 17, 1899, since which time the vacancy has

been temporarily filled by Mr. Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Veto—Money for Medical Examiner, North District, Suffolk County.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 23, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval the order passed by your Board allowing a sum of money for the maintenance of an office and expenses thereof for the Medical Examiner of the North District of Suffolk County, for the reason that the Corporation Counsel advises me that there is no authority for the appropriation of money for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, December 21, 1899, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

The following message from His Honor the Mayor was received:

Payment of Ferry Employees.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 7, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting information as to "why the employees of the ferries who are members of the G.A.R. have not been paid for the time lost while attending the encampment at Philadelphia."

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT—FERRY DIVISION.

December 1, 1899.

BENJ. W. WELLS, Esq., Superintendent of Streets.

DEAR SIR: In reference to enclosed order passed by Common Council, I will state that out of 154 men employed in this Division 39 are members of the Grand Army. Each one of the employees receives two weeks' vacation and they are so arranged so as to let the veterans have theirs at the time of the encampment. It was agreed by these men at the time of the arrangement that they would not go to the encampment, but would take their vacation whenever convenient to us. I was away at Norfolk at this time together with six men of our regular force arranging to bring the "Governor Russell" back to Boston, which left the Division a little short of men. These veterans that had had their vacations gave

the foreman very little notice of their intention to go and insisted that vacation or no vacation, whether their services could be dispensed with or not, they intended to go and expected to get their pay while away. As I understood the order to read it was intended for those whose services could be dispensed with, and I so notified them, which they took not the slightest notice of and went to the encampment.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM F. MCCLELLAN,

Deputy Superintendent.

Assigned to the next meeting.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved December 23, 1899:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Selwyn Z. Bowman the sum of \$69.71, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Harrison avenue, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 91.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas Howard and Henry Howard the sum of \$87.65, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 45 Middle street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 35.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas Howard and Henry Howard the sum of \$118.20, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate, 53 Middle street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2583, fol. 113.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas and Henry Howard the sum of \$118.45, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 49 Middle street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 561.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Bridget Flynn the sum of \$55.66 being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Harvard street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2501, fol. 217.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to J. Walter Newhall the sum of \$288.30, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Columbia road, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2583, fol. 164.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Phillips the sum of \$37.76, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 149 Cambridge street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2408, fol. 69.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Phillips the sum of \$14.09 being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 147 Cambridge street for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2408, fol. 68.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John F. Kelly, administrator, the sum of \$70.50 being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Bismarck street for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 52.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John F. Kelly, administrator, the sum of \$68.90, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Messenger street (Lot 143) for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 43.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Matthew M. Morris the sum of \$187.20, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Maywood street, from unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2634, fol. 134.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Elliott G. White the sum of \$254.10, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 13 Dalton street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 386.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Eugenie White the sum of \$31.10, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on east side of Marlowe street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2580, fol. 105.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary M. Dierkes the sum of \$58.50, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Dalmatia street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2580, fol. 235.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward N. Eames the sum of \$39.10, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Cottage terrace (Lot 30) for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2580, fol. 87.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward N. Eames the sum of \$29.10, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Cottage terrace (Lot 31) for unpaid taxes

of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 76.

Ordered, That the City Auditor, in closing the accounts of the financial year ending January 31, 1900, may, with the approval of the Committee on Finance, by vote at a duly called meeting, and with the approval of the Mayor, make transfers from any appropriation to any other appropriation, and with like approvals apply any income and taxes not disposed of.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, with the approval of the Mayor, be authorized to sell the ferry-boat "Ben Franklin" at public auction; the said ferry-boat being now so old that it is unable to perform the work required in the ferry service of the city.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Myron L. Wetherbee, administrator, the sum of \$62.93, being the amount of judgment and costs in a suit brought against Burt L. Wetherbee, late a police officer of the City of Boston, on account of his official acts in that capacity.

Ordered, That the salary of William H. Dyar, captain, detailed to examine the evidence in claim cases against the City of Boston, be increased from \$2,000 per year, to \$2,500 per year, to commence on Friday, December 15, 1899.

Ordered, That the sums received by the city from the Government of the United States for the care of soldiers at Long Island be credited to the appropriation for Pauper Institutions Department, Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following general order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

December 20, 1899.

General Order No. 650.

I. The following promotions, assignments, commendations, transfers and retirement in the Department are hereby ordered:

PROMOTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS.

Lieut. Thomas W. Coleman, of Division 5, is hereby promoted to the rank of captain in the police force and assigned to duty in Division 15.

Sergeant Michael O'Neil, of Division 3, is hereby promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the police force and assigned to duty in Division 14.

Patrolman Henry Hazlett, of Division 2, is hereby promoted to the rank of sergeant in the police force and assigned to duty in Division 9.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

COMMENDATIONS.

II. Reserve Officer Peter J. Norton, of Division 3, having been commended by his captain for diligence and tact shown in arresting a person for arson on the morning of December 11, 1899, he is hereby commended in General Orders, appointed a patrolman in the police force of the City of Boston and assigned to duty in the same division. He will report at the clerk's office, headquarters,

at 10 A.M. Friday, the twenty-second instant, to be sworn.

III. Patrolman William Ready, of Division 2, having been commended by his captain for promptness and courage in stopping a runaway horse on Scollay square on October 9, 1899, he is hereby commended in General Orders and granted two days' additional vacation.

IV. Reserve Officer Almon L. Daniels, of Division 2, having been commended by his captain for prompt action and courage in stopping a runaway horse on Hanover street on December 9, 1899, he is hereby commended in General Orders and granted two days' additional vacation.

V. Patrolman Michael H. Crowley, of Division 5, having been commended by his captain for courage and prompt action in stopping a runaway horse on Harrison avenue on the twelfth instant, he is hereby commended in General Orders and granted two days' additional vacation.

VI. Patrolman Charles A. Dolaher, of Division 6, having been commended by his captain for promptness and diligence shown on the twelfth instant in arresting a person attempting to break and enter a building, he is hereby commended in General Orders and granted two days' additional vacation.

TRANSFERS.

VII. Capt. John J. Hanley, Division 12 to Division 10; Capt. Henry Dawson, Division 10 to Division 12; Lieut. John A. O'Rourke, Division 14 to Division 5; Sergeant James J. Walkins, Division 9 to Division 3; Sergeant Daniel F. Eagan, Division 13 to Division 11; Sergeant Walter E. Bruce, Division 11 to Division 13; Patrolman Charles Carlson, Division 1 to Division 8; Patrolman John H. O'Neil, Division 2 to Division 3; Reserve Officer Asa G. Howland, Division 16 to Division 1; Patrolman Charles L. Howell, Division 4 to Division 11; Patrolman John W. Lothrop, Division 4 to Division 14; Patrolman Harrison H. Wilder, Division 5 to Division 9; Patrolman John B. Witham, Division 5 to Division 16; Patrolman Carl R. Ammelin, Division 8 to Division 1; Patrolman Dennis F. Murphy, Division 9 to Division 5; Patrolman James D. Conboy, Division 10 to Division 2; Patrolman James P. Smith, Division 10 to Division 13; Patrolman Everett E. Chandler, Division 11 to Division 10.

RETIREMENT.

VIII. Patrolman Theodore W. Underwood, of Division 16, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty-two and one-half years, being an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion, and having requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898, it is, therefore, hereby ordered that the said Patrolman Theodore W. Underwood be retired from active service in the Police Department, placed upon the pension-roll and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement, which will take effect at 7.45 o'clock A.M., Friday, the twenty-second instant.

IX. This order will take effect at 7.45 o'clock A.M., Friday, the twenty-second instant.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.
CONSOLIDATED ARREST-SHEET FOR THE MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1899.
RECAPITULATION.
ARRESTS.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.		Total.	On Warrants.	Without Warrants.	Summoned by the Court.	Foreigners.	Non-Residents.	Minors.	Held for Trial.	Discharged.
	M.	F.									
No. 1. Offences against the person	198	16	214	103	94	17	97	29	40	214	—
No. 2. Offences against property committed with violence	37	—	37	15	19	3	7	5	20	37	—
No. 3. Offences against property committed without violence	224	46	270	89	167	14	97	79	74	265	5
No. 4. Malicious offences against property	15	3	18	8	3	7	4	—	8	18	—
No. 5. Forgery and offences against the currency	4	—	4	3	1	—	1	2	—	4	—
No. 6. Offences against the license laws	13	11	24	7	17	—	13	—	1	24	—
No. 7. Offences against chastity, etc.	25	23	48	37	7	4	20	6	8	48	—
No. 8. Offences not included in the foregoing	2,136	264	2,400	132	2,234	34	1,151	868	195	2,202	198
Totals	2,652	363	3,015	394	2,542	79	1,390	989	346	2,812	203

AGE AND SEX OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

OFFENCE.	Under 10.		10 and under 15.		15 and under 20.		20 and under 25.		25 and under 30.		30 and under 35.		35 and under 40.		40 and under 45.		45 and under 50.		50 and under 55.		55 and under 60.		Over 60.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
No. 1.	—	—	8	—	24	3	44	2	36	5	30	1	22	2	14	—	8	—	6	3	2	—	4	—
No. 2.	—	—	13	—	6	—	8	—	5	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 3.	3	—	24	—	36	4	37	10	29	9	32	3	24	4	16	7	11	4	6	3	2	2	4	—
No. 4.	1	—	5	—	2	—	1	1	2	—	1	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. 5.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
No. 6.	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	3	1	3	1	2	3	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	2	1
No. 7.	—	—	5	—	2	—	5	1	3	6	2	5	4	5	3	1	—	2	—	2	—	1	1	—
No. 8.	7	4	55	1	90	5	267	35	371	46	339	41	303	42	235	32	178	23	128	18	76	7	87	10
Totals	11	4	110	1	160	13	363	50	451	69	408	53	356	57	272	40	200	29	142	26	81	9	98	12

NOTE. — "M," male, includes boys; "F," female, includes girls.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Insane persons taken in charge	38	Lodgers at station:	
Witnesses detained	14	Males	5
Missing persons reported	33	Females	1
Missing persons found	13	Americans	3
Lost children restored	80	Foreigners	3
Sick and injured persons assisted	284	Non-residents	6

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS AND LODGERS.

	Prisoners.	Lodgers.		Prisoners.	Lodgers.
United States	1,625	3	Brought forward	2,993	6
British Provinces	263	1	Finland	—	—
Ireland	736	1	Denmark	2	—
England	96	—	Holland	1	—
France	10	—	Wales	4	—
Germany	29	—	East Indies	1	—
Italy	54	—	West Indies	5	—
Russia	65	—	Turkey	1	—
China	24	—	South America	1	—
Greece	11	—	Switzerland	2	—
Sweden	28	—	Belgium	3	—
Scotland	35	—	Africa	1	—
Spain	1	—	Hungary	—	—
Norway	6	1	Asia	—	—
Poland	3	—	Mexico	—	—
Austria	7	—	Australia	—	—
Portugal	—	—	Armenia	—	—
Roumania	—	—	Japan	1	—
Carried forward	2,993	6	Totals	3,015	6

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

December 13, 1899.

The regular meeting of the Trustees was held at the Hospital on December 13, 1899, at 5 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Burnham and Keany; the President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Dr. Keany was elected Secretary pro tempore.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and the President was authorized to draw upon the City Auditor for the amount thereof, \$18,106.40.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of Ann White Vose building, furnishing, amounting to \$2,157.60, be approved; the same to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, furnishing, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to the Poland Laundry Machinery Company the sum of \$3,000, the same being third payment on account of their contract of December 31, 1898, for furnishing and installing laundry machinery in the new laundry building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for New Buildings, new laundry building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Craig, Donovan & Co. the sum of \$300, on account of their contract of May 16, 1899, for furnishing and installing belting, shafting, etc., in the laundry building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for New Buildings, new laundry building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to George G. Baker the sum of \$1,000, on account of his contract of August 30, 1899, for alteration of kitchen; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Wyman Building Fund, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$25, the same being 2 1-2 per cent. commission of \$1,000 paid to George G. Baker, said account to be charged to the appropriation for Wyman Building Fund, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Pierce & Cox the sum of \$342.90 on account of their contract of November 29, 1898, for plumbing at the Ann White Vose building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

(1.) Showing receipts from paying patients for the month of November, to the amount of \$16,655.02. The communication was placed on file.

(2.) In regard to some minor changes in the reconstruction of the old laundry building. The same was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with full powers.

(3.) Submitting drawings and proposals for bronze tablets for the Vose House. The same was referred to the President and Mr. Sprague.

(4.) Submitting a list of house-officers, surgical dressers and clinical clerks who will have completed their term of service on the first or third Monday of January, 1900, according to the position, and asking for instruction as to the issue of diplomas and certificates.

The same was referred to the Medical Committee, who at once reported that they had already inquired into the character of the service rendered, and recommended that diplomas be issued to the following-named house-officers, and it was so voted:

Russell Hall Birge, first surgical; Luther Gordon Paul, second surgical; Stanton Seely Eddy, third surgical; Frederic Russell Cummings, first medical; William West Duckering, second medical; William Eugene Currier, third medical; Philemon Edwards Truesdale, gynæcological; Charles Richardson Cobb Borden, ophthalmic and aural; Albert Moser, pathological.

It was also voted that certificates be issued to surgical dressers and clinical clerk, as follows:

Frederic B. Willard, surgical dresser, first surgical service; William E. Leighton, surgical dresser, second surgical service; Edward F. Gleason, clinical clerk, gynæcological service.

Circular letters Nos. 67 and 68 were received from His Honor Mayor Quincy. The same were read and placed on file.

A communication was received from the City Clerk, transmitting a vote of the City Council, approved by His Honor the Mayor, as follows:

Ordered, That so much as may be needed of the parcel of land transferred to the City of Boston by the Boston Transit Commission, under the provisions of Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1897, and bounded by Haverhill street, Haymarket square, Canal street and Travers street extended, be placed under the charge of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, to be used for the erection thereon of a relief and ambulance station, the boundaries of the lot of land to be used for such purpose to be subsequently approved by the City Council.

The same was ordered to be placed on file.

The Medical Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the senior staff, nominating house officers, reported in favor of the same, as follows:

H. G. Wyer, A.B., third medical; C. B. Fuller, A.B., first medical; A. C. Cummings, B.S., second medical; R. Collins, A.B., second surgical; D. D. Scannell, A.B., first surgical; T. C. Beebe, jr., A.B., third surgical; E. F. Gleason, M.D., gynæcological; J. Taylor, jr., ophthalmic and aural; H. S. Steensland, B.S., M.D., pathological.

It was voted that the report of the Medical Committee be accepted, and that the gentlemen nominated be appointed to the respective positions for terms of service beginning the first Monday of January, 1900.

On the recommendation of the Medical Committee, the suggestion of the staff was also approved, and it was accordingly voted that the names of Dr. J. R. Grimes, Messrs. W. J. McCausland and W. E. Leighton be left in the hands of the Secretary as provisional names, in case of a vacancy by death, resignation or failure of promotion in the medical or surgical house staff during the ensuing six months.

The Medical Committee recommended that the diplomas, promotions and nominations made by Drs. Rowe and McCollom, for the south department, be approved.

A communication was received from the secretary of the senior staff, making recommendations for promotions of house-officers. The communication was referred to the Medical Committee.

The Medical Committee reported upon the communication of the senior staff in regard to medical and surgical statistics, as follows: That the suggestion of the senior staff, in regard to the method of making classified reports of the hospital services, has been in force since January 1, and that no further action is necessary. The report was placed on file.

The Medical Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the senior staff dated May 11, 1898, reported as follows: Since the report of the senior staff additional nurses and orderlies, seven in number—both men and women—have been furnished for the operating rooms, sterilizing rooms and casualty wards; additional instruction has been furnished them by the Superintendent and his assistants, and the superintendent of nurses, and also by the proper committee of the surgical staff in those matters relating to the technique of aseptic surgery, and the Medical Committee have to report that no further action is necessary, according to the best information they have.

The report was accepted and placed on file.

The Medical Committee reported upon the request of the editors of the medical and surgical reports for an appropriation for publishing the eleventh series of the medical and surgical reports. They recommended that the sum of \$400 be appropriated for that purpose, and that later \$100 be added, if the condition of next year's appropriation admits.

In response to circular letter No. 69, from His Honor Mayor Quincy, it was voted that the estimates for the ordinary expenditures of the Hospital Department for the coming fiscal year, be approved as follows:

EXPENSES.

For the Hospital proper:

Supplies	\$139,500
Salaries and labor	107,000
Fuel	26,000
Medical supplies	28,000
Buildings and grounds . . .	13,000
	\$313,500

For the South Department (for infectious diseases):

Supplies	\$31,300
Salaries and labor	30,600
Fuel	9,000
Medical supplies	2,500
Buildings and grounds . . .	1,600
	75,000

For the Convalescent Home 7,500

Total estimate for expenditures . . \$396,000

The Trustees estimate the following as the probable income of the Department for the coming fiscal year:

RECEIPTS.

Receipts from paying patients	\$65,800
Receipts from old material	200

Total estimate of income \$67,000

FRANCIS J. KEANY,

Secretary pro tempore.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street on Thursday, December 14, 1899.

Present: Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Connelly, Goddard and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$10,264.09, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$3,419.76, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The Superintendent read his report, which was accepted and placed on file.

It was voted that Dr. H. A. Roberts be granted a leave of absence for three months without loss of pay.

It was voted that the Chairman be authorized to sign special drafts for \$1,068.73 for the electric light plant, \$3,093.54 for the board of patients at the Danvers Hospital, and for \$58.79 for the double windows.

The Visiting Committee read their report, which was accepted and placed on file.

The question of the employment of additional nurses was referred to the Committee on Service, and it was voted that the alterations in the "B" building be deferred until they had made their report.

The Committee on Supplies reported that the carriage had arrived.

The Chairman made a verbal report in regard to the purchase of land.

The question of the hour of Sunday visiting was referred to the Committee on Visiting with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Circulars Nos. 67 and 68 from His Honor the Mayor were read and placed on file.

A letter was read from the Mayor giving authority to employ attendants, who were not citizens, in case of necessity.

The request for the reduction of the board of Thomas Bowen was read and referred to the Committee on Finance with full powers.

The requests for the transfer of John J. Ryan from Medfield to the Boston Insane Hospital and for Mrs. Rosanna Bogue from Medfield to the Boston Insane Hospital were referred to the Committee on Insane in Other Hospitals with full powers.

Population December 13, 1899:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In house	243	244	487
On visit	4	9	13
Total	247	253	500

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, December 8, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the corporation was held in the Trustees room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Circular No. 68 from the Mayor; the Acting Librarian's report.

The Acting Librarian was authorized to employ extra assistance in the branch division as needed, at a rate not to exceed \$7.50 per week.

Bills allowed, payable by draft on funds on deposit in London: For books, newspapers etc., chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$318.84; chargeable to trust funds, \$474.29.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$342.88; to trust funds, \$269.51; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$27.16; to Station "P," \$32.13; miscellaneous articles, \$2,410.79.

One application for special privilege card was granted.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Department Communications.**Bath Department.**

Following is a summary showing the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of November, 1899, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

Nov.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount received.
1 . . .	310	127	33	97	567	\$7 94
2 . . .	201	78	9	23	311	5 14
3 . . .	307	103	17	33	460	6 94
4 . . .	502	153	233	304	1,192	11 85
5 . . .	651	198	17	59	925	15 58
6* . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 . . .	301	79	27	52	459	7 66
8 . . .	387	96	22	58	563	8 24
9 . . .	403	137	21	63	624	9 60
10 . . .	410	129	21	63	623	10 44
11 . . .	421	98	287	210	1,016	9 97
12 . . .	433	101	31	77	642	10 97
13 . . .	150	59	11	31	251	3 54
14 . . .	205	110	15	43	373	4 90
15 . . .	210	79	14	43	346	5 27
16 . . .	301	103	21	63	488	7 32
17 . . .	374	107	14	38	533	9 31
18 . . .	521	134	214	303	1,172	12 73
19 . . .	653	198	30	55	936	16 07
20 . . .	301	72	19	40	432	6 65
21 . . .	304	63	19	44	430	6 39
22 . . .	322	98	17	51	488	7 10
23 . . .	289	98	19	41	447	6 16
24 . . .	371	199	33	57	660	10 51
25 . . .	503	110	287	399	1,299	11 34
26 . . .	674	127	17	79	897	14 71
27 . . .	229	88	11	43	371	6 04
28 . . .	278	104	17	49	448	6 41
29 . . .	329	119	20	48	516	9 64
30 . . .	378	99	19	61	557	7 98
Totals,	10,718	3,266	1,515	2,527	18,026	\$256 40

* Closed for repairs.

NOTE. — Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

Building Department.

Old Court House, November 6, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings

and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending November 4, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	2
2...	3	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	2	3
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4
4...	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
5...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	2
6...	-	6	-	1	-	2	2	2	9	44
7...	-	7	-	-	-	-	2	3	8	57
8...	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	2
9...	1	2	-	-	1	-	2	1	7	22
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	11
11...	5	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	6	42
12...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	21
13...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
14...	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	5	15
15...	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	5
16...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	9	12
17...	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	4
18...	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7
19...	1	5	-	-	7	-	-	1	5	19
20...	2	5	-	-	-	-	3	-	11	47
21...	4	1	5	-	-	2	-	-	5	21
22...	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	4	6
23...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	12	14
24...	9	2	2	-	-	10	2	10	6	13
25...	8	2	5	-	-	1	-	1	16	27
T'ls.	39	49	16	2	11	19	16	25	144	406

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, December 18, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office during the week ending December 16, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	101
Number of discharges of mortgages	13
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of wages	56
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	8
Number of married women's certificates,	12

Accident notices have been filed as follows:

December 11 — Thomas Brennan, personal injuries, caused by alleged obstruction in Blake street, near Boston street.

December 14 — Ida A. Wakefield, personal injuries, caused by alleged defective coal-hole at 35 Portland street.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, December 23, 1899.

The following application for the occupancy of stables has been filed at this office:

George A. Alden, 294 Ashmont street, Ward 24, one additional horse; hearing December 28, at 11 o'clock.

The following petitions have been granted: H. L. DeBussigny, 138 Norway street, Ward 10, twelve horses; Daniel E. Lynch, Gibson street, Ward 24, thirty horses.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses for the week ending December 23, 1899:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	60	51	111
Negative	97	49	146
No growth	—	1	1
Totals	157	101	258

Typhoid diagnoses: Seventeen cases; two cases positive, fourteen negative and one case atypical.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

INAUGURATION EXERCISES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF 1900.

The exercises in connection with the inauguration of the City Government of 1900 will be observed in the usual manner on Monday, January 1, at 10 o'clock, in the Common Council Chamber, where both branches of the City Council will assemble.

Rev. John Cuckson, Pastor of the Arlington-street Church, will officiate as chaplain, and the oath of office to Mayor-elect Hart will be administered by Chief Justice Holmes of the Supreme Court. The members-elect of the City Council will then qualify for office, after which the Mayor will deliver his inaugural address.

WATER DEPARTMENT CHANGES.

Acting Water Commissioner Wells, in conference with His Honor the Mayor and the City Engineer, has made several important changes in the administration of the Water Department, which will make a total annual saving in expense of \$13,700, as follows:

Reductions in central office force . . .	\$4,600
Abolition of office of special inspector, .	1,600
Abolition of office of General Superintendent	3,000
Abolition of one office of Assistant Superintendent	2,000
Reduction in aggregate pay of four Assistant Superintendents, re-rated as foremen	900
Abolition of position of foreman of on and off service	900
Reduction in salary of Superintendent of Deacon service	700
Total	\$13,700

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Saturday, December 30, 1899, at 11 A.M.

NEW LOCATION OF THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

The proposed use for other purposes of the premises at 611 Washington street, used for the operation of the Municipal Printing Office since its establishment in March, 1897, has made necessary the removal of the office to a new location, which has been secured by leasing the third and fourth floors of the building at the corner of Purchase and Pearl streets.

The new quarters give a somewhat larger floor area than the premises previously occupied by the Department. The combined area of both floors is approximately 13,000 square feet.

The Superintendent's private office, the counting-room, composing-room, proof-rooms and job-press department, are located on the fourth floor of the building, while the third floor is occupied by the large presses.

Entrance to the Superintendent's office and the counting-room is at 144 Purchase street, with another entrance at 154 Pearl street to the work-rooms.

The work of removal to the new quarters, which has been going on for the past week, has been extensive, and has occasioned some delay in the appearance of the current number of THE CITY RECORD.

PETITIONS REGARDING FRANKLIN FUND.

At the meeting of the Common Council, held on the twenty-first instant, petitions were received in aid of, or asking immediate action on, the order relative to the disposal of the Franklin Fund, as follows:

Boston Society for the Advancement of Physical Education.

Baptist Ministers' Conference of Boston and Vicinity.

Twentieth Century Club.

Committee of the Clerical Association of the Episcopal Church.

Board of Management of the People's Institute.

Executive Committee of the Municipal League.

District 12, Associated Charities.

William Lawrence and others.

George A. Gordon and others.

The several petitions were placed on file.

RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR.

Mr. Thomas A. Mullen, Assistant City Solicitor of the city, has resigned to resume private law practice, the resignation to take effect on January 1. Mr. Mullen was formerly Mayor Quincy's Private Secretary and was appointed Assistant City Solicitor October 1, 1898.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending December 23, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.6
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898, .	22.9
Number of deaths:	
Males	107
Females	97
Total	204
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	233
Decrease	29

Of the 204 decedents, 197 were white and 7 colored; 122 were born in the United States, 78 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 35 were of American parentage, 145 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 24 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	83	7
Scarlatina	47	6
Typhoid fever	10	1
Measles	50	—
Totals	190	14

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	14
Pneumonia	38
Heart disease	28
Bronchitis	11
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	11

Total from principal causes	108
Total from infectious diseases	14
Total from other causes	82

Total from all causes	204
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Deaths of children under 1 year	33
Deaths of children under 5 years	55
Deaths of persons over 60 years	43
Deaths in public institutions	61

There were three cases of small-pox reported during the week.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Boston, December 22, 1899

The Board of Health of the City of Boston invites proposals for erecting and completing a morgue building on North Grove street, and furnishing a bond in the sum of \$2,000 for faithfully doing the work. The office copy of the contract and plans for the work may be seen, and the proposal to be used may be obtained, at the office of Maginnis, Walsh & Sullivan, 904 and 905 Tremont building, in said city.

The bidder must fill out and sign the proposal, and leave it at the office of said agent before twelve o'clock noon, of January 4, 1900, with a certified check payable to the city for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city.

SAMUEL H. DURGIN,

Chairman of the Board of Health of the City of Boston.

